

# 5 Unmissable Concerts this Spring

Featuring Internationally Acclaimed Chamber Musicians



## Doric String Quartet

**Friday, April 21 7:30PM - Stonewall Farm, Keene**  
Alex Redington & Ying Xue violins Hélène Clément viola & John Myerscough cello

**Beethoven** String Quartet No.11 in F minor, Op.95 "Serioso"  
**Haydn** String Quartet in D major, Op.50 No.6 "The Frog"  
**Elgar** String Quartet in E minor,, Op.83



## Mozart, Schumann & Dvorak Piano Trios

**Friday, May 12 - 7:30PM - Alyson's Orchard, Walpole**  
**Sunday, May 14 - 4:00PM - Stonewall Farm, Keene**

**Mozart** Piano Trio in G Major, K.564  
**Schumann** Phantasiestücke in A minor, Op.88  
**Dvořák** Piano Trio No.4 in E minor, Op.90 B.166, "Dumky"



## Elgar & Shostakovich Piano Quintets

**Friday, June 9 - 7:30PM - Stonewall Farm, Keene**  
**Sunday, June 11 - 4:00PM - The Park Theatre, Jaffrey**

**Elgar** Piano Quintet in A minor, Op.84  
**Shostakovich** Piano Quintet in G minor, Op.57



April 2023

### Recent Highlights:

- **Hearing the historic instruments by Stradivarius, Amati, Vuillaume & Gigli in local classrooms.**
- **High School Volunteers Group continues to grow**
- **Record attendance at March Concerts**
- **More Young people attending concerts**
- **Children from our schools program are now bringing their parents to our Concerts!**

# 2024 Spring Appeal

In March, Ashuelot Concerts celebrated its third birthday as a nonprofit. Today, we are asking for your support as we continue to build the organization required to sustain and support our program of 17 concerts and up to 40 school performances each year.

Over the next few seasons, we will bring leading chamber groups and musicians from all over the world to the Monadnock Region. We will continue to present concerts at Stonewall Farm, The Park Theatre and Alyson's Orchard featuring the greatest music ever written.

Our audience continues to grow and diversify, and we are adding new schools to our outreach efforts every month. In the background, we are rushing to build the infrastructure and administrative capacity necessary to support and sustain this world-class musical program.

Live classical music is an essential unifying force for our community. At a time when it is all too easy to disagree, live music captivates a diverse group of people in a unique way. Young or old, expert-musician or first-time concert

attendee, regardless of mood, background, color or creed, music creates vibrations that are mirrored in each of our ears. For the duration of the performance, we are united in a shared, physical and fundamentally joyful experience. Afterwards, there is much to celebrate and share with each other.

As a young nonprofit, Ashuelot Concerts remains in need of extra financial support while our reach continues to grow. We have started a very special and unique program here, connecting chamber musicians at the pinnacle of their profession with children who might never otherwise encounter live classical music. We are also bringing a quality cultural experience usually reserved for major metropolitan areas into the stunning natural beauty of our rural region.

Our visiting artists are also enchanted with this program. International Cellist Guy Johnston recently posted on his social media channels, "Today, I have been reminded of the transformative experience music has on children. We have such a responsibility to keep music alive in all corners of the world. I hugely admire what Nick and Louisa have been



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developing here... Music education should be at the heart of the communities we all live in. It helps to lift these children up into a world they don't necessarily know exists."

Music has a profound power to inspire and move us, even when we are least expecting it. So far this season, we have visited dozens of schools and presented eleven concerts in three different venues - performing for thousands of local children and adults. Throughout, we have witnessed profound moments that have taken our breath away:

- A teacher working one-to-one with a student with autism was stunned by the effect the music

had on the children, exclaiming "they were calm and completely captivated for FIFTY MINUTES... FIFTY MINUTES!"

- A teenage student entered the classroom in clear emotional distress, head down, hair over their face, arms crossed. A few minutes later, after the sounds of a Piano Trio had filled the room, the transformation was complete. Their eyes shone, hair was back, hand was up to ask a question and a smile beamed from ear to ear.

- At a small rural school, a nine year old jumped to their feet with both thumbs up above their head, shouting "That was SO COOOOL!" the moment the last note was played.

- A middle-schooler recently shared that they had turned to their friend during our performance and whispered "I hope I don't cry, that is the most beautiful thing I have ever heard"

- A local teacher wrote to us "it was an extraordinary experience being able to watch your talented violinist bring music to life for us. I feel honored to have had a chance to watch you today. Thank you so very much again for coming to our school."

Our concert audiences are also responding with overwhelming enthusiasm. They have reported that they have found the concerts: "practically life-transforming certainly hope-inducing, and just very, very uplifting."

"My goodness, can it ever get better. Superb, spectacular, awesome, stupendous concert. What a treat."

"It felt like I was listening to a conversation between the instruments. I look forward to many more. Thank you so much for bringing this to our community!"

Please help us make live classical music a unique and unifying force for good in our community.

Thank you!



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## Help us raise \$60,000 by June 30

Whether you decide to give a one-time gift, or sign up to support Ashuelot Concerts monthly, every gift, large or small will help sustain and grow our young organization at this critical time.

### One-time gifts:

#### Sponsor a Concert - \$5,000

Sponsor one of our world-class chamber music concerts in the Monadnock Region. Your name will appear in the concert program and on any livestream broadcast and our website.

#### Sponsor an Artist - \$4,000

Help support bringing an International Artist to perform in two concerts & four schools in our series.

#### Enable a Schools Concert- \$2,500

Sponsor one of our performances in a local school. Your name will appear prominently in our concert program and our website. Your financial support will also be acknowledged in press releases in the week of the performance.

#### Sponsor a Piano Move - \$2,000

Help safely move our concert Steinway between our three beautiful venues.

#### Support a Concert Venue- \$1,000

Help with the production of our concerts by supporting the rental of one concert venue.

## Recurring donations

A small, monthly donation can make a big difference to Ashuelot Concerts over the next 12 months:

### \$100 per month

Supports our main concert series and helps us secure artists for future seasons. Help us as we secure artists for 2024 & 2025

### \$75 per month

Helps us continue to provide free tickets for school age children at our concerts. Each concert sees a growing number of high school children attending.

### \$50 per month

Helps us provide live music to one class of children. Join some of our local teachers in supporting Ashuelot Concerts at this level.

### \$25 per month

Helps us maintain our beautiful concert Steinway. Each concert requires at least two tunings and several hours of technical work to keep our piano in perfect condition.

### \$10 per month

Helps support Ashuelot Concerts marketing efforts. Central to our mission is reaching people who would never usually attend a classical music concert.

## Donate Today!

Please consider making a generous one-time donation today in support of our Spring Appeal:

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