

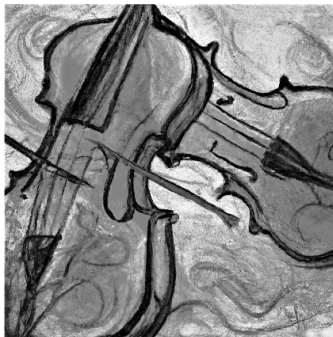
HOP RIVER CHAMBER MUSIC, INC.
359 Route 6, P.O. Box 123, Andover, CT 06232

46th Season

HOP RIVER

CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

July 11, 18 & 25, 2024



First Congregational Church (UCC)
Route 6 & Long Hill Road
Andover, CT

2024 Hop River Chamber Music Series

11 July 2024
7:30 PM

Selections from the
Goldberg Variations

J. S. Bach

Arr. by Dmitry Sitkovetsky

Mary Ellen Briga, violin
Arthur Masi, viola
Jacob Nordlinger, cello

Suite from
l'Histoire du Soldat
Igor Stravinsky

Chris Howard, clarinet
Lu Sun Friedman, violin
Gary Chapman, piano

Clarinet Quintet in A-major
Wolfgang Mozart

Chris Howard, clarinet
Lu Sun Friedman, violin
Mary Ellen Briga, violin
Arthur Masi, viola
Jacob Nordlinger, cello

18 July 2024
7:30 PM

Oboe Quartet in F-major
Wolfgang Mozart

Stephen Wade, oboe
Deborah Tyler, violin
Gretchen Frazier, viola
Tom Hudson, cello

Phantasy Quartet
Benjamin Britten

Stephen Wade, oboe
Deborah Tyler, violin
Gretchen Frazier, viola
Tom Hudson, cello

String Quartet in D-minor
(“Death and the Maiden”)
Franz Schubert

Deborah Tyler, violin
Barbara Vaughan, violin
Gretchen Frazier, viola
Tom Hudson, cello

25 July 2024
7:30 PM

Piano Quartet in E^b-major
Wolfgang Mozart

Mary Ellen Briga, violin
Barbara Vaughan, viola
Fran Bard, cello
Andrew King, piano

Five pieces from
Mikrokosmos
Béla Bartók
Arr. by Tibor Serly

Mary Ellen Briga, violin
Barbara Vaughan, violin
Laurel Thurman, viola
Fran Bard, cello

Piano Quintet in F-minor
César Franck

Barbara Vaughan, violin
Mary Ellen Briga, violin
Laurel Thurman, viola
Fran Bard, cello
Andrew King, piano

For more information,
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The Hop River Times

Official Newsletter of the Hop River Chamber Players

Forty-sixth Season

May 2024

Friends and Music Lovers,

Just as spring is flourishing with an abundance of color, Hop River Chamber Music (HRCM) is enthusiastically planning its 46th summer chamber music series with concerts on Thursday evenings, July 11, 18, and 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Please note: In 2023 our concert venue was changed to Von der Mehden Recital Hall (VdM) on The University of Connecticut campus in Storrs. We anticipated continuing to perform there, but cannot do so this summer because VdM's roof is to be replaced. So in July 2024 our three concerts will instead be performed at the First Congregational Church (UCC) in Andover (CT), where we enjoyed 44 years of performances and after-concert gatherings. We chose to go back because this venue offers air-conditioning, up-close contact with the musicians, and a wonderful Mason Hamlin grand piano. Our intention is to return to Storrs in 2025. You will find additional information at our website,

www.hoprvmusic.com

It is always enjoyable to hear different combinations of Hop River musicians. To open the concert series on July 11, core musicians Mary Ellen Briga and Gary Chapman will be joined by last year's guest musicians—Jacob Nordlinger, Chris Howard, Lu Sun Friedman and Arthur Masi. After selections from Johann Sebastian Bach's Goldberg Variations for harpsichord, arranged for string trio, we will hear Igor Stravinsky's Suite from *L'Histoire du Soldat*, a Faustian fable about a soldier who trades his old violin to the Devil for great wealth, in which the violin symbolizes both the soldier's soul and the Devil's wiles. The concert concludes with Wolfgang Mozart's marvelous Clarinet Quintet.

On July 18, Deborah Tyler, Gretchen Frazier, Tom Hudson, Stephen Wade and Barbara Vaughan will perform quartets for oboe and string trio by Mozart and Benjamin Britten, followed by Franz Schubert's next-to-last string quartet ("Death and the Maiden"), a work deemed "one of the pillars of the chamber music repertoire," composed when Schubert suspected he did not have long to live.

At the last concert on July 25, pianist Andrew King will join our core musicians, Mary Ellen Briga, Barbara Vaughan, Fran Bard, and Laurel Thurman in music for piano and strings by Mozart and César Franck. In between them you will hear five short piano pieces by Béla Bartók, arranged for string quartet.

We do not sell tickets or charge admission to hear these concerts. However, donations at the door are most welcome! Since at least 1995, the suggested donation has been \$10 per adult. To correct for inflation, we now suggest \$20 per adult.

Like other arts organizations in America, HRCM cannot cover expenses with receipts at the door. We depend upon the generosity of donors who value live chamber music and want to insure that it continues to be heard in Eastern Connecticut. Please consider making a financial gift to HRCM, contributing online or using the form below to mail with your check to the Treasurer. Donors whose contributions are received by June 30 will be acknowledged in the program booklet. Hop River Chamber Music, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization, and donations to it are tax deductible. Many thanks!

We look forward to seeing our continuing friends, supporters and new attendees!

Carolyn Lester, President
HRCM Board of Directors

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HOP RIVER CHAMBER MUSIC

2024 Contribution Form

Complete the form—**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!**—and mail with your check to:
Barbara Vaughan, HRCM Treasurer, 772 Warrenville Rd, Mansfield Center, CT 06250

{Contact information will be used *only* to acknowledge contributions or to announce HRCM events}

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Patron	\$50–99
Friend	\$25–49