

CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL



SALT BAY
CHAMBERFEST

Wilhelmina Smith, Artistic Director

30th anniversary season

Music
in Blue

AUGUST 6-17, 2024

MUSIC IN BLUE

Congratulations on the 30th anniversary of Salt Bay Chamberfest (SBC)! Together we have created and sustained a place for music-making of the highest level, a place that grasps and connects with other cultures through the arts, and a place where musical innovation is valued and supported.

The 2024 festival theme, **Music in Blue**, intermingles historical and contemporary works that exemplify the influence of blues and jazz on classical chamber music with music inspired by blue landscapes in nature and the visual arts. We look forward to welcoming incredible artists to Damariscotta and are excited to present an SBC-commissioned world premiere work by pianist/composer Conrad Tao inspired by the 100th anniversary of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*.

Against a backdrop of vibrant natural reflections of color—deep blue seas, sapphire rivers, and indigo skies—the coast of Maine is an ideal setting for audiences to engage in a musical exploration of all things **Blue**, and to ring in our 30th anniversary.



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Benefit Concert with Edward Arron & Jeewon Park

Sunday, July 14 • 4 pm

At the home of
George Mason & Susan Weiser Mason

Join us for our annual benefit concert featuring Rachmaninoff's Sonata for Cello and Piano performed by husband-and-wife duo Edward Arron and Jeewon Park. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine, and art in an airy church-turned-art studio home in Damariscotta Mills.



Festival Concert 1

Tuesday, August 6 • 7:30 pm

Lincoln Theater

On the 100th anniversary of the premiere of George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, pianist/composer Conrad Tao presents a newly composed work—co-commissioned by SBC—honoring the original masterpiece's highly theatrical spirit. It is paired with Bartók's dance-infused *Contrasts*.

GERSHWIN *Preludes*

TAO New work

(SBC co-commissioned)

BARTÓK *Contrasts*

GERSHWIN, ARR. TAO

Rhapsody in Blue

Conrad Tao, piano

Geneva Lewis, violin

Gregg August, bass

Derek Bermel, clarinet

Angel Subero, trombone

Javier Diaz, percussion

BRANTLEY GUTIERREZ



Conrad Tao

Festival Concert 2

Friday, August 9 • 7:30 pm

Lincoln Theater

Blue Maine waters are the inspiration for a concert featuring bass virtuoso and composer Xavier Foley and pianist Anne-Marie McDermott. Foley's newly composed works are paired with Schubert's famous "Trout" Quintet.

SCHUBERT/LISZT *Die Forelle*

FOLEY *The Falling Seagull* and *Irish Fantasy*

FOLEY *Key West*

SCHUBERT Piano Quintet in A major, "Trout"

Geneva Lewis, violin

Maiya Papach, viola

Yeesun Kim, cello

Xavier Foley, bass

Anne-Marie McDermott, piano

Xavier Foley



Programs and artists are subject to change.

MARCO BORGREVE

Festival Concert 3

Tuesday, August 13 • 7:30 pm

Lincoln Theater

Brazilian-American composer Clarice Assad's eclectic style finds inspiration in jazz. Drawing a parallel to French Impressionists who were likewise inspired, this program pairs Assad's *Aquamarine*—a work with a vibrant color palette, written for Anne-Marie McDermott—with Ravel's masterful Violin Sonata and Fauré's evocative Piano Quartet No. 2.

RAVEL Violin Sonata No. 2

ASSAD *Aquamarine*

FAURÉ Piano Quartet No. 2 in G minor

Jennifer Frautschi, violin

Maiya Papach, viola

Wilhelmina Smith, cello

Anne-Marie McDermott, piano



MATTEO TRISOLINI

Anne-Marie McDermott

Festival Concert 4

Friday, August 16 • 7:30 pm

Lincoln Theater

Viyay Iyer's new piano concerto, "Handmade Universe," incorporates elements of jazz in a work written for Shai Wosner and the East Coast Chamber Orchestra. Missy Mazzoli's folk-inspired string trio and Mozart's dark and brooding G minor Piano Quartet bring the festival's 30th year to a roaring conclusion.

MAZZOLI *Lies You Can Believe In*

MOZART Piano Quartet No. 1 in G minor

IYER Piano Concerto, "Handmade Universe"*

Jennifer Koh, violin

Melissa Reardon, viola *

Wilhelmina Smith, cello

Shai Wosner, piano *

East Coast Chamber Orchestra *

* Presented in partnership with
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Shai Wosner



Jennifer Koh

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Xavier Foley

SOLO RECITALS AT THE STRAND

\$25 tickets (general) • Free student tickets

Xavier Foley solo bass recital

Thursday, August 8 • 5–6 pm

Strand Theatre, Rockland

Jennifer Koh solo violin recital

Thursday, August 15 • 5–6 pm

Strand Theatre, Rockland



Jennifer Koh

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Pre-Concert Talks

6:30 pm before each Festival Concert

with Mark Mandarano

Open to all ticket holders

EVENT LOCATIONS

Central Lincoln County YMCA

525 Main Street • Damariscotta, ME

Lincoln Theater

2 Theater Street • Damariscotta, ME

Riverside

39 Glidden Street • Newcastle, ME

Skidompha Public Library

184 Main Street • Damariscotta, ME

Strand Theatre

345 Main Street • Rockland, ME

Wabanaki Public Health & Wellness

16 Central Street • Bangor, ME



Jennifer Frautschi

LISA-MARIE MAZZUCCO

FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS



Lecture/Demo with Angel Subero, trombone

Tuesday, August 6 • 3 pm

Skidompha Public Library

Kids & Family Concert

Wednesday, August 7 • 3 pm

Central Lincoln County YMCA

Music on the River Jennifer Frautschi, violin

Sunday, August 11 • 5 pm

Riverside

Wabanaki and SBC Collaboration in Bangor

Thursday, August 15 • 1 pm

Wabanaki Public Health & Wellness

Master Class with Jennifer Koh, violin

Saturday, August 17 • 12 pm

Skidompha Public Library

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TICKET INFORMATION



FESTIVAL CONCERTS

AT LINCOLN THEATER

August 6, 9, 13, 16

Single Tickets: \$45 (general) • \$30 for first-time attendees

Free for students

Subscription for all four concerts: \$165

SOLO RECITALS

AT STRAND THEATRE IN ROCKLAND

August 8 & 15

Single Tickets: \$25 (general) • Free for students

BENEFIT CONCERT

IN DAMARISCOTTA MILLS

July 14 • \$175

Tickets may be purchased online at saltbaychamberfest.org
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FESTIVAL CALENDAR

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Skidompha Public Library

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Sat, Aug 17

12 pm Master Class
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