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The Mill Valley Chamber Music Society Concert Series Returns For Its 49th Season

*Featuring Internationally Acclaimed Artists From Around The World
November 14 – May 15*

Mill Valley, CA (October 2021) – After an almost two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 shutdown, the [Mill Valley Chamber Music Society](http://www.chambermusicmillvalley.org) (MVCMS) returns for the 49th season of their annual *Chamber Music Concert Series* - Sundays, November 14th through May 15th, 5pm at Mt. Tamalpais United Methodist Church in Mill Valley, CA. Under the Artistic Direction of longtime board member and classical music enthusiast Bill Horne, the Mill Valley Chamber Music Society is thrilled to present an all-new season of world-renowned musicians in an intimate setting at an affordable ticket price. www.chambermusicmillvalley.org

“I’m so delighted that we are back with live performances for our 2021-2022 season,” said Bill Horne. “The Board and I have been working for over a year to create an incredible season of world-class musicians that we are thrilled to present right here in Marin.”

Adds Board President Jane Rogers, “We have missed our patrons a great deal and we’ve all worked so hard to not only present an exciting season, but most importantly a safe environment for our performers and patrons.”

The *Chamber Music Concert Series* consists of five shows in a season and features local and internationally known classical musicians. Each group performs without a conductor, which is something that Bill Horne says makes MVCMS different from other chamber music organizations.

“I think it’s exciting for musicians to play chamber music without a conductor because every musician can interpret the music differently and in their own unique way. This shared experience with your fellow musicians is so important and when it all comes together it is simply incredible.”

Ticket prices are \$40 GA, \$105 for 3 concert subscription (any 3 concerts), or \$145 for the entire season subscription (5 concerts). Youths 18 and under are always free. Subscribers receive a free ticket to the Young Artists’ Concert of the [Marin Music Chest](http://www.marinmusicchest.org). To purchase tickets, visit www.chambermusicmillvalley.org You can also email mvchambermusicsociety@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE: The **Mill Valley Chamber Music Society** [policy](#) requires ticketholders to wear masks during the entire concert and to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Patrons will be asked for proof of vaccination to enter the church. Unvaccinated adults and unvaccinated children 12 and under will not be admitted at this time. Visit the Covid updates page on the [MVCMS website](#) for full details.

2021 – 2022 Mill Valley Chamber Music Society Concert Series Line-up:

MANHATTAN CHAMBER PLAYERS - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021 | 5PM



Adam Golka, piano
Emily Daggett Smith, violin
Luke Fleming, viola
Andrea Casarrubios, cello
Nicholas Cathcart, double bass

“An intensely wrought and burnished performance...Overall, I wished I could put them on repeat.” ~ Strings Magazine

The Manhattan Chamber Players is a chamber music collective of New York-based musicians who share the common aim of performing the greatest works in the chamber repertoire at the highest level. Formed by Founding Artistic Director Luke Fleming, MCP is comprised of an impressive roster of musicians who all come from the tradition of great music making at the Marlboro Music Festival, Steans Institute at Ravinia, Music@Menlo, Yellow Barn and Kneisel Hall Chamber Music Festivals, and Perlman Music Program. They are former students of the Curtis Institute, Juilliard School, Colburn School, New England Conservatory, and Yale School of Music. All the members of the ensemble have impressive independent careers – as soloists, members of professional string quartets, piano trios, or other chamber groups, and even two world-renowned composers who write music for MCP – but they all share a desire to come together and perform the great chamber repertoire as often as they have the opportunity.

Program:

Franz Schubert - Piano Quintet in A major, D. 667, "Trout"

Ralph Vaughan Williams - Piano Quintet in C minor

ILYA YAKUSHEV, PIANO - SUDDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022 | 5PM



“...the big news was the astonishing tripartite debut of pianist Ilya Yakushev, who single-handedly turned the end of the festival into something unforgettable.” ~The San Francisco Chronicle

Russian pianist Ilya Yakushev, with many awards and honors to his credit, continues to astound and mesmerize audiences at major venues on three continents. Winner of the 2005 World Piano Competition which took place in Cincinnati, OH, Yakushev received his first award at age 12 as a prizewinner of the Young Artists Concerto Competition in his native St. Petersburg. Yakushev attended the Rimsky-Korsakov College of Music in St. Petersburg, and later the Mannes College of Music in New York City, where he studied with legendary pianist Vladimir Feltsman. He has performed at some of the world's most illustrious venues, including Glinka Philharmonic Hall in St. Petersburg, Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco, and Carnegie Hall in New York. He has appeared as piano soloist with the St. Petersburg Philharmonic, the Edmonton Symphony, the Cheyenne Symphony, and many others.

Program:

Franz Joseph Haydn - Sonata in D major: Hob: XVI/37

Ludwig van Beethoven - Sonata No 17, op. 31, no. 2 in d minor : "Tempest"

Alexandr Scriabin - Nocturne for the Left Hand, op 9, no 2

Sergei Prokofiev - Piano Sonata No, 7, op. 83

HORSZOWSKI TRIO - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022 | 5PM



***BAY AREA MUSIC CONSORTIUM CONCERT**

Now in our fourth season, the Bay Area Music Consortium (BAMC) is a partnership between three distinct organizations dedicated to presenting the finest in chamber music experiences: Berkeley Chamber Performances, Gold Coast Chamber

Players (Lafayette), and Mill Valley Chamber Music Society.

Jesse Mills, violin

Ole Akahoshi, cello

Rieko Aizawa, piano

“The most compelling American group to come on the scene” ~ The New Yorker

Founded in 2011 and based in New York City, the Horszowski Trio has become renowned as one of the pre-eminent piano trio ensembles and has quickly become a vital force in the international chamber music world. Since their debut performance in New York City in 2011, they have toured extensively throughout North America, Europe, the Far East, and India, traversing the extensive oeuvre of traditional piano trio repertoire and introducing audiences to new music that they have commissioned and premiered. The Trio takes its inspiration from the musicianship, integrity, and humanity of the pre-eminent pianist Mieczysław Horszowski (1892–1993). The ensemble’s pianist, Rieko Aizawa, was Horszowski’s last pupil at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia. The concert will focus on ethnic character in piano trios.

Program "Crisis, Creativity, & Culture":
Bedřich Smetana - Piano Trio in G minor, op. 15
Rebecca Clarke - Piano Trio in E-flat minor
Arno Babajanian - Piano Trio in F-sharp minor

QUARTET SAN FRANCISCO - SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022 | 5PM



Jeremy Cohen, violin
Joseph Christianson, violin
Chad Kaltinger, viola
Andrés Vera, cello

“...breezy wit, fine technical finish and a genuine feeling for musical idiom.” ~Washington Post

This local talented string quartet plays standing – not seated, (yes, even the cellist!), and have

garnered three Grammy nominations for their brilliant performances in a variety of styles. This three-time Grammy-nominated quartet will thrill with its virtuosity.

Program:
Tango concert. In celebration of the 100th anniversary of Astor Piazzola, the tango maestro, we are presenting a program including his works, other tango composers, and similar Latin-inspired works.

NEW ESTERHAZY QUARTET - SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022 | 5PM



Lisa Weiss, violin
Kati Kyme, violin
Anthony Martin, viola
Willaim Skeen, violoncello

Founded in 2006 and voted “Best Chamber Ensemble” in 2014/15 by SF Classical Voice, New Esterhazy specializes in the ground-breaking quartets of Franz Josef Haydn. They play on period instruments to reproduce the original unique

sound Haydn intended.

In addition to many years of musical collaboration in Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, American Bach Soloists, and a long list of renowned chamber ensembles, these four Bay Area musicians have enjoyed decades of friendship and shared experience. Their history as both colleagues and friends endows the quartet with an unusual commonality of musical language and gesture and provides a strong foundation for a unique and original ensemble voice. The program will illustrate Haydn’s invention and development of the string quartet through early, middle and late quartets

Program:

Franz Joseph Haydn -

String Quartet, op. 9 no. 4 in D minor, Hob. III:22

String Quartet, op. 20 no. 2 in C major, Hob. III:32

String Quartet, op. 76 no. 1 in G major, Hob. III:75

MARIN MUSIC CHEST YOUNG ARTISTS’ CONCERT - MAY 15, 2022 | 5PM



Subscribers receive a free ticket to the Young Artists’ Concert of the Marin Music Chest with their subscription. The Mill Valley Chamber Music Society supports the goals of the Marin Music Chest and hopes that subscribers will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to hear talented young musicians. Each year the quality of the winners is very impressive making this concert an inspiring event for all who attend. We encourage you to bring your friends and family, the concert is

free to all comers.

The Mill Valley Chamber Music Society, a non-profit, all volunteer organization, was founded in 1973 with the goal of presenting exceptional classical musicians at affordable ticket prices. www.chambermusicmillvalley.org

A dedicated board of directors actively runs the concert series. This outstanding series of artists is presented in five concerts each year. Additionally, Mill Valley Chamber Music Society is dedicated to promoting classical music by outreach programs to Marin County school children, thus educating the next generation to the exquisite pleasures of chamber music. And the Mill Valley Chamber Music Society supports the goals of the Marin Music Chest and hopes that subscribers will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to hear talented young musicians.

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