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PATRIOTIC POPS

with Fenway Brass & Percussion

July 4 | 8 PM | King Park
Free Admission

This concert is generously presented as part of the **BankNewport** Community Concerts Series.

Kick off your Fourth of July festivities with a relaxed open-air concert at King Park! Fenway Quintet, one of the Boston area's most esteemed professional brass quintets, returns with a joyous patriotic program celebrating America's birthday through the iconic sounds that shaped the nation. Bring your family, cozy up, and enjoy the fireworks with a stunning view of the Pell Bridge. Celebrate in style with music, laughter, and the spirit of Independence Day.



OPENING NIGHT

Two Pianos with Alessio Bax and Lucille Chung

July 5 | 8 PM | The Breakers
Tickets starting at \$55

This concert is made possible through the generous support of **Jennie and Steve Huttler & Suzanna and John Laramee.**

BUSONI Duettino concertante nach Mozart, BV B 88
POULENC Concerto for two pianos
SCHUBERT Fantasie in F minor for piano four hands, D. 940
DEBUSSY *La fille aux cheveux de lin* for piano four hands
DEBUSSY *La plus que lente* for piano four hands
PIAZZOLLA 3 Tangos for piano four hands



OPERA NIGHT

An American Tapestry

July 6 | 8 PM | The Breakers
Tickets starting at \$55

This concert is made possible through the generous support of **Jennie and Steve Huttler & Suzanna and John Laramee.**

One of the most beloved evenings during the Newport Classical Music Festival, Opera Night returns with a captivating evening of arias, duets, and ensemble numbers from American English operas including *Porgy and Bess*, *Susannah*, *Moby Dick*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, and more! Narrated by acclaimed pianist Charlie Kim, this journey through operatic classics unfolds against the breathtaking backdrop of The Breakers. Dress in your finest and enjoy an unforgettable evening, complete with a red-carpet photo experience.



MUSICAL LOVE TRIANGLE

Brahms and the Schumanns

July 7 | 4 PM | Newport Art Museum
Tickets starting at \$50

This concert is made possible in part through support from **Marjorie Yashar and Gerry Gibian.**

BRAHMS Vier Klavierstücke, Op. 119

ROBERT SCHUMANN Five Pieces in Folk Style for cello and piano, Op. 102

CLARA SCHUMANN Piano Trio in G minor, Op. 17

In this evocative concert, the Festival Artists will explore the captivating love triangle between Johannes Brahms, Robert Schumann, and Clara Schumann—one of classical music's most complex relationships.



THE WESTERLIES

Brass at Blithewold

July 8 | 11 AM | Blithewold Mansion
Tickets starting at \$50

This concert is made possible through the generous support of **Mike and Michele Klau** in loving memory of **Sue and Jimmy Klau**.

Spend a memorable morning at Blithewold Mansion with New York-based brass quartet The Westerlies, hailed by *The New York Times* as “an arty quartet...mixing ideas from jazz, new classical, and Appalachian folk.” Drawing from American shape-note music—a tradition designed to make singing more accessible—the ensemble presents kaleidoscopic arrangements of traditional hymns alongside new compositions. With concert hall precision and folklike approachability, The Westerlies reimagine the American musical landscape, inviting audiences on a trailblazing journey through past and present.



PIANIST SARA DAVIS BUECHNER RETURNS

July 8 | 7:30 PM | Castle Hill Inn
Tickets starting at \$90

This concert is made possible through the generous support of **Cynthia Sinclair** in loving memory of **Robert Allan Sinclair and Marilyn J. Woloohojian**.

JOHN ALDEN CARPENTER *Diversions*
VERNON DUKE New York Nocturne
DANA SUESSE Jazz Nocturne
DANA SUESSE The Cocktail Suite
RAVEL *Valses Nobles et Sentimentales*
POULENC *Les Soirées de Nazelles*

Indulge in this extraordinary performance while savoring complimentary desserts and coffee during intermission, all set against the stunning backdrop of a Newport summer sunset on the water.



PIANO QUARTETS

July 9 | 11 AM | The Elms
Tickets starting at \$50

This concert is made possible through the generous support of **Robert H. Connell and Michelle Duffy**.

MOZART Piano Quartet in E-flat Major, K. 493
FRIEDRICH KIEL Piano Quartet No. 3 in G Major
BRAHMS Piano Quartet No. 1 in G minor, Op. 25

This program celebrates three monumental composers of the Classical and Romantic eras, tracing the evolution of the piano quartet through their works.



TWELFTH NIGHT performs Handel and Vivaldi

July 9 | 8 PM | The Breakers
Tickets starting at \$50

This concert is made possible through the generous support of **Starkweather & Shepley Insurance**.

- VIVALDI** Sinfonia from *L'Olimpiade*, RV. 725
- PISENDEL** Violin Sonata in C minor
- VIVALDI** Concerto for violin
- TELEMANN** Sonata in A minor, *Six sonates*, No. 5, TWV 41:a1
- FASCH** Sonata in D minor for 2 violins, viola & basso continuo, FWV N:d3
- HANDEL** Concerto Grosso, Op. 6: No. 4 in A minor, HWV 322
- VIVALDI** Trio Sonata in D minor, Op. 1, No. 12, *La Follia*

Led by virtuoso violinist Rachell Ellen Wong and harpsichordist David Belkovski, the dynamic ensemble Twelfth Night brings their signature blend of historical performance and dynamic energy to Newport.



WYNONA WANG IN RECITAL

July 10 | 11 AM | The Elms
Tickets starting at \$50

This concert is made possible through the generous support of **Linda and Jack Purdy**.

- SCARLATTI** Sonata in D minor, K213
- SCARLATTI** Sonata in D Major, K29
- ZHANG ZHAO** *KangDing Love Song*
- ZHANG ZHAO** *Pi Huang*
- SCHUBERT** Wanderer Fantasy
- RACHMANINOFF** Piano Sonata No. 1 in D minor, Op. 28

This enchanting performance offers the perfect blend of Wynona's artistry and the mansion's timeless charm and architecture.



THIRD COAST PERCUSSION 20TH ANNIVERSARY

July 10 | 8 PM | The Breakers
Tickets starting at \$45

This concert is made possible through the generous support of the **Bazarsky Family Foundation**.

Marking 20 years of genre-defying, award-winning music, this program from Third Coast Percussion features selections from five albums with four GRAMMY® nominations and one GRAMMY® Award, along with exciting new works commissioned for their 20th anniversary. Join us for a night that pushes the boundaries of percussion and showcases the innovative spirit of one of contemporary music's most celebrated ensembles. Set against the stunning backdrop of The Breakers mansion, this performance offers a unique fusion of genres, history, and sound.



SUNRISE MEDITATIONS

July 11 | 5:15 AM | Rosecliff Terrace
Tickets starting at \$65

This concert is made possible through the generous support of **Laurie Nicoletti**.

TELEMANN Fantasia No. 7 for solo viola
MOZART *Ganz Kleine Nachtmusik*, K. 648
FUCHS Fantasy Étude No. 5 for viola
MARTINU Duo for Violin and Cello
BEETHOVEN String Trio in G Major, Op. 9, No. 1

Set on the terrace of Rosecliff, with its breathtaking views and serene atmosphere, this year's Sunrise Meditations concert offers a unique opportunity to enjoy the music in a peaceful, outdoor setting.



THE GESUALDO SIX

July 11 | 8 PM | The Breakers
Tickets starting at \$50

This concert is made possible through the generous support of **Erica and Vin Di Bona in memory of Jean Di Bona**.

An evening of sublime choral artistry awaits with The Gesualdo Six, an award-winning British vocal ensemble celebrated for its impeccable blend and imaginative programming. The Gesualdo Six bring their talent to Newport with a program inspired by the ancient service of Compline, ushering in the darkness of the night and evoking a contemplative atmosphere. Works include Renaissance polyphony by Palestrina, Tallis, and Gesualdo that contain startling harmonic shifts and expressive word painting. Then there is a turning point; the light returns, birds sing, and flowers bloom once more, with reflections by Veljo Tormis, Franz Schubert, and Gerda Blok-Wilson.



STRINGS IN NATURE

July 12 | 9 AM | Norman Bird Sanctuary
Tickets starting at \$45

HAYDN Quartet in E-flat Major, Op. 33, No. 2, *The Joke*
LOUIS SPOHR Grand Duo for Violin and Viola
SCHUBERT String Trio in B-flat Major, D. 581
STRAUSS Variations on a Bavarian Folk Song

Surrounded by the serene beauty of the Norman Bird Sanctuary, join the Festival Artists for this delightful outdoor morning program of captivating chamber music in harmony with nature.



KAREN SLACK AFRICAN QUEENS

July 12 | 8 PM | The Breakers
Tickets starting at \$50

This concert is made possible through the generous support of **Suzanna and John Laramée in loving memory of Toni D. Green and in honor of her family and friends.**

African Queens is an extraordinary evening of music and storytelling, featuring a powerful selection of new works by some of today's most acclaimed composers, performed by "one of the nation's most celebrated sopranos," Karen Slack. This collaborative song cycle shines a spotlight on seven fierce African queens, whose legacies as rulers and warriors have often been overlooked in the West, with each piece reflecting their beauty, passion, humility, and power. GRAMMY® Award-winning Slack brings her operatic virtuosity to this project, celebrating living composers and elevating voices long underrepresented in classical music.



ZIGGY AND MILES Australian Guitar Duo

July 13 | 3 PM
Redwood Library and Athenaeum
Tickets starting at \$55

This concert is made possible through the generous support of **Karen and Rich Calo.**

Australian brothers and guitarists Ziggy and Miles are two of their country's finest artists, forging an international career. Their performances are known for their deeply considered musicianship, immaculate care, and superlative technique. Set in the intimate surroundings of the Redwood Library and Athenaeum, this concert offers an opportunity to experience world-class music in one of Newport's most iconic venues. Featuring works by French composers Franck and Debussy, this concert promises an afternoon of vibrant and innovative guitar repertoire that will captivate and inspire.



GALVIN CELLO QUARTET performs Beethoven and a World Premiere

July 13 | 8 PM | The Breakers
Tickets starting at \$50

This concert is made possible through the generous support of **Ken Scigulinsky in memory of Tia Scigulinsky - classical music was her special joy.**

- VIVALDI Presto from *The Four Seasons*
- MOZART Sonata in D Major, K. 381
- DEBUSSY *Reverie*
- BEETHOVEN 12 Variations on a Theme from Handel's *Judas Maccabaeus*
- TCHAIKOVSKY Andante Cantabile
- PAGANINI Variations on a Theme by Rossini
- CARLOS GARDEL *Por Una Cabeza*
- MUSSORGSKY Selections from *Pictures at an Exhibition*
- CRIS DERKSEN *First Light*
[World Premiere, Newport Classical Commission]
- ANDRÉ MEHMARI *Forrobodó*

Known for their innovative approach to new music, this concert will feature the world premiere of a piece commissioned by Newport Classical from Indigenous Canadian cellist and composer Cris Derksen, alongside works by Beethoven, Mozart, and Tchaikovsky, blending beloved classics with exciting new compositions.



TALLĀ ROUGE

Works for Two Violas

July 15 | 4 PM | Newport Art Museum
Tickets starting at \$50

Set amongst the stunning pieces at the Newport Art Museum, this one-of-a-kind Cajun-Persian viola duo celebrates the virtuosity of the viola through their charismatic performances. Lauded as the "little viola duo that could" by *Chamber Music America*, Tallā Rouge has performed at Carnegie Hall and Dumbarton Oaks, and won multiple competitions. This concert features works celebrating living composers and reimagining classical favorites, showcasing the duo's ability to take audiences on a "musical journey that travels far and wide across 'genre-defying compositions'." (*Gramophone Magazine*)



AN EVENING WITH BROADWAY STAR JESSICA VOSK

July 15 and July 16 | 8 PM | The Breakers
Tickets starting at \$60

The Tuesday evening performance is made possible through the generous support of **The Marjorie H. and Joseph F. Turley Family Foundation**.

The Wednesday evening performance is made possible through the generous support of **Doug and Kathy O'Brien, Jackie Savoie and Dennis McCool, Judy and Kim Davis, Dave and Dianne Piccoli, Melissa Fairgrieve, & Leslie Hogan**.

Best known for her star turn as Elphaba in *Wicked*—first on tour and then for the show's 15th anniversary on Broadway—Vosk played the iconic green witch for two years. Don't miss this unforgettable evening at The Breakers, where Vosk brings her powerhouse vocals and magnetic stage presence to one of Newport's most stunning venues.



RAVEL @ 150

July 16 | 11 AM | The Elms
Tickets starting at \$50

RAVEL Sonatine for Piano
RAVEL Piano Trio in A minor
RAVEL String Quartet in F Major

Celebrate what would be the 150th birthday of Maurice Ravel, one of France's most influential composers, with a performance from our resident Festival Artists. The program will highlight his emotional depth and distinct style, inviting you to experience Ravel's enduring legacy in a personal and immersive setting within the historic atmosphere of The Elms, honoring a composer whose works continue to resonate across generations.



HARP AND HARMONY

July 17 | 11 AM | The Elms
Tickets starting at \$50

REENA ESMAIL *Saans*

RAVEL Selections from Sonata for
Violin and Cello, M. 73

LISZT *Le Rossignol*

IBERT Trio for Violin, Cello and Harp

ANGÉLICA NEGRÓN *Ave del paraíso*

HENRIETTE RENIÉ Trio

Harpist Emily Levin returns to Newport for a mesmerizing concert at The Elms, joined by violinist Julia Choi (1st violin, Metropolitan Opera Orchestra) and cellist Christine Lamprea (Sphinx Medal of Excellence winner).



PALAVR STRINGS

explores Folk Music Around the World

July 17 | 8 PM | The Breakers
Tickets starting at \$50

This concert is made possible through the generous support of **Ms. Virginia Gambale and Dr. Austin Feeney**.

SIDNEY BOQUIREN *A Prayer for Immigrants*

MAYA FRENCH/JAIME OSHIMA *moth*

PÉTALO SELSER *Deriva*

BONGANI NDODANA-BREEN *Apologia at Umzimvuba*

TRAD Three Balkan Folk Songs

BARTÓK Romanian Folk Dances

KINAN AZMEH Syrian Dances

TRAD Syrian Folk Dances

KAREEM ROUSTOM *hawwāsh*

Palaver Strings, a dynamic musician-led ensemble brings an evening of stirring performances to The Breakers, showcasing their commitment to amplifying underrepresented voices. Praised for their ability to “command a stage on their own terms” (*The Boston Globe*), the ensemble explores folk music from around the world, addressing themes of heritage, belonging, and resilience.



THE HARP AT SUNRISE

July 18 | 5:15 AM | Rosecliff Terrace
Tickets starting at \$65

This concert is made possible through the generous support of **Laurie Nicoletti**.

HANS OTTE *The Book of Sounds*
(trans. Levin)

Experience a serene start to your day with The Harp at Sunrise, a tranquil concert set amongst the peaceful beauty of Rosecliff Terrace. Harpist Emily Levin brings Hans Otte’s *The Book of Sounds* to life, a meditative and evocative work that pairs the delicate tones of the harp with the quiet of the early morning. The intimate performance takes place on the terrace of Rosecliff, with its sweeping, panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean, providing an enchanting backdrop to this reflective musical experience.



AN EVENING WITH PIANIST INON BARNATAN

July 18 | 8 PM | The Breakers
Tickets starting at \$50

This concert is made possible through the generous support of **Roseanne and Dennis Williams**.

BACH Toccata in E minor, BWV. 914
FRANCK Prélude, Chorale et Fugue, FWV. 21
SCHUBERT Sonata in B-flat Major, D. 960

Described as “one of the most admired pianists of his generation” (*New York Times*), Barnatan brings his profound depth and expressive power to one of Newport’s most iconic venues.



FRENCH QUINTETS: REVIVALS

July 19 | 3 PM | Emmanuel Church
Tickets starting at \$35

LOUIS GOUVY Piano Quintet in A Major,
Op. 24
REYNALDO HAHN Piano Quintet in F-sharp
minor, I. Molto agitato e con fuoco
JEAN CRAS Piano Quintet in C Major

Paired with Emmanuel Church’s stunning English Gothic Revival architecture, the Festival Artists present a program of forgotten works highlighting the rich musical tradition of French composers.



ATTACCA QUARTET performs Mendelssohn and a David Lang US Premiere

July 19 | 8 PM | The Breakers
Tickets starting at \$50

DAVID LANG *daisy*
[US Premiere, Newport Classical Co-Commission]
BARTÓK String Quartet No. 4, BB 95, Sz. 91
MENDELSSOHN String Quartet No. 4 in E minor,
Op. 44, No. 2

The Attacca Quartet’s dedication to contemporary music and dynamic performances has solidified their reputation as one of the most versatile and exciting ensembles of their generation.



EMPIRE WILD

July 20 | 11 AM | Colony House
Tickets starting at \$45

After an energetic and memorable Newport debut last season, Empire Wild returns for a performance that pushes musical boundaries with its inventive fusion of genres. Set in the historic Newport Colony House, built in 1739 and rarely open to the public, the ensemble blends pop, folk, jazz, and more. The program includes original songs, dynamic covers, and fresh takes on classical pieces, making for a truly delightful afternoon in one of Newport's oldest landmark venues.



LEILA JOSEFOWICZ plays Beethoven and Debussy

July 20 | 8 PM | The Breakers
Tickets starting at \$50

This concert is made possible through the generous support of **Esmond and Jerome Harmsworth** in honor of **Mary, Viscountess Rothermere**, a staunch friend and supporter of what was then the Newport Music Festival, and a great lover of classical music, who would be so delighted if she could be here today.

BEETHOVEN Violin Sonata No. 10 in G Major, Op. 96
DEBUSSY Sonata
STRAVINSKY Divertimento from *The Fairy's Kiss*

Known for her dynamic performances and commitment to expanding the boundaries of the violin, Josefowicz is joined by acclaimed pianist Alexei Tartakovsky.



CLOSING NIGHT WITH ORPHEUS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND STEFAN JACKIW

July 22 | 8 PM | The Breakers
Tickets starting at \$55

This concert is made possible through the generous support of **Ms. Terry Morgenthaler and Mr. Patrick Kerins**.

ARENISKY Variations on a Theme of Tchaikovsky, Op. 35a
MENDELSSOHN Violin Concerto, Op. 64
TCHAIKOVSKY Serenade for Strings in C Major, Op. 48

The 2025 Newport Classical Music Festival ends on a high note as the incomparable self-conducted Orpheus Chamber Orchestra returns to The Breakers, joined by acclaimed violinist Stefan Jackiw.

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MIRA WILLIAMS.....viola
ALEXANDER HERSH.....cello
WYNONA WANG.....piano

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