



# 2023 Annual Report

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# 2023

2023 offered the opportunity for the New Hampshire Music Festival to refocus, restructure, and renew our *Connections* with our community. As a newly musician-led organization, NHMF presented a condensed three-week 71st Season.

The Musicians of the NHMF put their heads together on a short timeline to curate a season that offered selections of new and standard repertoire and highlighted the musician's love of performing for New Hampshire communities, their summer home since 1952.



## 71st Season at a Glance

**5** Classics  
Concerts

**6** Chamber  
Concerts

**5** Community  
Concerts

**3** Featured  
Soloists

**75** Performing  
Musicians

**1800** Attendees

# Mission

NEW HAMPSHIRE MUSIC FESTIVAL  
ANNUAL REPORT 2023

The New Hampshire Music Festival builds community and enriches lives through the shared experience of exceptional classical music performances and educational outreach. We draw from the best of the past to the edge of the future to champion classical music as a universal language of expression and understanding.

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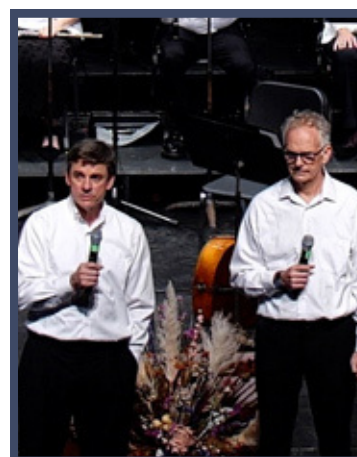
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Sam Higgins, *Stage Manager*





## A Note from our Co-Executive Directors: Joe Higgins & Tido Janssen

After a bumpy start to 2023, the New Hampshire Music Festival is so proud to have successfully presented its 71st Season! A sincere **thank you** to our Festival community for the outpouring of support and eagerness to help since March 2023 when the Musicians of the NHMF took on management responsibilities. Together we took on governance, development, marketing, outreach, programming, operations, communication, and more. Our 71st season would not have been possible without each individual's contributions.



A special thanks to Paul Polivnick, NHMF conductor laureate, who led the orchestra gratis in support of the musicians of the New Hampshire Music Festival. We are also deeply grateful to Brenda and Preston Conklin, Justin Stratton, Ryan Picard, Maureen Horgan, Peter Adams of EVP Marketing, the New Hampshire Council on the Arts, our large community of housing hosts and volunteers, and the many supporters who contributed. Over 250 individual donations helped us reach our fundraising goal for the summer 2023 season in just two months!

This festival is a family of musicians and supporters who value live orchestral and chamber music. We have a long history together with a deep, very unique sense of community. This has been the source of strength for the 71 years of our festival! Thank you for attending this year's concerts and making music a priority. We are honored to contribute to the rich culture of the arts in New Hampshire and add to the beauty of the region. We can't wait for what's to come next season and beyond. See you next year!

Joe Higgins, double bass  
Tido Janssen, cello

### 2023 Annual Meeting

The 2023 annual meeting was held November 16, 2023 at the Pease Public Library in Plymouth, both in-person and virtually. The NHMF Board of Directors officially welcomed nine new members - five musicians and four community members. Voting members of the New Hampshire Music Festival are those who donate \$100+ during the previous calendar year.

# Classics Series

As we reflect on the past season, our Classics Series programming focused on the theme of "Connections," highlighting the interplay between different musical traditions, historical periods, and cultural influences. Beyond musical connections, we also highlighted the connection with our communities in central New Hampshire - performing orchestral programs in Plymouth, Gilford, and Lebanon. Our goal was to deepen our relationships with our audiences both from the concert hall stage and through conversations in the lobby.

We were thrilled to welcome back Paul Polivnick, Conductor Laureate, whose handling of classics, new music, romantic powerhouses, and nostalgic Americana revealed the colors and drama of the music in tandem with the incredible talents of our Festival musicians. We presented three excellent soloists, each of whom added a special touch to the performance - NHMF's Principal Oboist Shawn Welk, trumpeter Susan Rider, and Plymouth-native mezzo soprano Claire McCahan.



## 2023 CLASSICS SERIES

### ENTREES | JULY 13 & 14, 2023

Plymouth State University Silver Center  
Gilford Community Church

### CONNECTIONS | JULY 20 & 21, 2023

Plymouth State University Silver Center  
Lebanon Opera House

### TRADITIONS | JULY 27, 2023

Plymouth State University Silver Center



# Chamber Music Series

The Chamber Music series was held in Smith Recital Hall at the Plymouth State University Silver Center, and was a resounding success. Music curated, prepared, and performed by musicians of the New Hampshire Music Festival took our audiences on a journey of the classical chamber music repertoire from 1720 to 2002 covering the music of Vivaldi, Beethoven, Brahms, Britton, Piazzolla and many others.

# Music in the Mountains

This year's Music in the Mountains series offered performances in diverse locations - Plymouth's Cafe Monte Alto and Gazebo on the Common, Waterville Valley's nature trail and Garden Gazebo at the Rey Cultural Center, Laconia's Taylor Community, and on top of West Rattlesnake Mountain in Holderness. These free community events offered patrons the chance to hear many small ensembles - flutes, harp, violins, cellos, and more! These performances were listened to by approximately 335 people, ranging in age from 2 years to 90 years.





# L.I.N.K.

## *Lonely Instruments in Need of Kids*

In 2023, over a dozen instruments were donated to NHMF including flutes, trombones, violins, saxophones, trumpets, clarinets, a bass, and a guitar. The instruments were fixed and given to budding musicians thanks to Will Gunn, Music Director at Plymouth Regional High School and conductor of the Pemigewasset Choral Society. On behalf of the students and their parents, thank you Will!

The New Hampshire Music Festival's L.I.N.K program offers an opportunity for the public to donate gently used orchestral instruments that are then refurbished and put in the hands of children throughout the state of New Hampshire.



# Financial Statement

January 1 - December 31, 2023

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Contributions	416,015
Grant Income	11,000
Artistic Income	68,325
Merchandise Income	1,236
Income from Endowment	9,761
Billable Expense Income	3,050
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$509,387</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Artistic Expenses	
Classics Orchestra Expenses	77,357
Classics Production Expenses	51,770
Musician Housing	39,903
Run Out Expenses	10,699
<b>Total Artistic Expenses</b>	<b>179,729</b>
General & Admin Expenses	97,979
Development	4,405
Insurance	10,874
Marketing	13,042
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$306,029</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$203,358</b>



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