



CHELSEA MUSIC FESTIVAL

Ken-David Masur & Melinda Lee Masur, Artistic Directors

PRESS RELEASE

The Chelsea Music Festival Announces Its 2012 Season Today

June 15-23, 2012

New York – May 17, 2012. The Chelsea Music Festival proudly announces its 2012 program. Bringing together world-class musicians and exciting newcomers to the international stage, CMF 2012 promises a multi-dimensional exploration of the interplay of music, the visual arts and inventive culinary expression. The Festival once again invites artists and audiences of all ages to experience music in established as well as unconventional settings, exploring the dynamism among art forms, genres and cultures, and reflecting the encounter of tradition with the contemporary.

Artistic Directors Ken-David Masur and Melinda Lee Masur unveil a program that follows the contours of this year's French-Japanese Festival theme. CMF 2012 will commemorate the 150th anniversary of French composer Claude Debussy and the Centennial of the U.S. Cherry Blossom Festival, and celebrate the ongoing inspirational exchange between Japanese and French artists that began with the 1889 World Expo in Paris.

Events will include classical, jazz, new music, themed culinary receptions, family and late night events, panel discussions, and free outdoor performances. Among this year's numerous world and New York premieres is the world premiere of *SAGA*, one of several featured pieces written by CMF 2012 Composer-in-Residence **Somei Satoh**.

CMF Artist-in-Residence and Anne Sophie Mutter Foundation violinist **Fanny Clamagirand** is joined by over 80 world-class artists, including star violinist **Augustin Hadelich** who returns for performances throughout the week. Pianist **Hugues Leclère** leads our audience on a marathon performance of all 24 of Debussy's Preludes, interspersed with 22 contemporary compositions in New York premieres, performed at the historic Park Avenue Armory.

Building on CMF 2011's *Liszt Remix*, composer **Doug Balliett** selects vocal music spanning Renaissance to 20th century France and Japan and remixes it with contemporary pop and hip-hop language in a late night *Reverie-Mix* event at the Rubin Museum of Art.

Jazz takes center stage for the Festival Finale at Eyebeam, where the **Adam Birnbaum Trio** re-imagines some of Debussy's most well-known tunes in original jazz arrangements. Many special guest appearances include saxophonist **Jerome Sabbagh** and a Festival favorite, percussionist **Rogerio Boccato**.

The visual arts play a key role in all Festival collaborations. Visual Artist-in-Residence **Makoto Fujimura** creates *Messiaen Enveloped*, a Dillon Gallery event in which projected images and prepared silk interact with a performance of the Messiaen Preludes for piano.

OPEN CAGE: NEW YORK at Eyebeam celebrates John Cage at 100. Japanese-born visual artist **Morgan O'Hara** leads dozens of Festival musicians in this 100-minute, omni-genre tribute to Cage, honoring his influence on a wide range of music and art. The next evening, the Rubin Museum hosts *On Silence*, a work of three collaborative visual artists and two composers to explore the concept of silence. In conjunction with *On Silence*, a special art exhibit featuring over 20 New York artists and curated by Janna Dyk will be on view at the NYCAMS Gallery.

CMF's Family Event has captivated young audiences since the Festival's founding. This year, the program expands to two Saturday morning **Family Events** on June 16 and 23 at NYCAMS Gallery.

CMF is proud to announce **Chef Lance Nitahara** as the CMF 2012 Culinary Artist-in-Residence. He will design post-concert receptions throughout the week with menus inspired by distinctive elements of each Festival event.

CMF 2012 official venue partners are the Rubin Museum of Art, The High Line, Dillon Gallery, Leo Baeck Institute, Eyebeam Art + Technology Center, New York Center for Art and Media Studies (NYCAMS), and the Park Avenue Armory.

TICKET INFORMATION

- Tickets prices range from \$15 - \$65 and can be purchased online at www.chelseamusicfestival.org
- For group sales, please contact info@chelseamusicfestival.org
- Student/ senior tickets: \$10 discount for each event (except for 6/22 Open Cage, and both Family Events); must show student/senior ID at door.
- FREE CMF@Noon outdoor concerts; see the CMF website, Twitter or Facebook for details

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ABOUT THE CHELSEA MUSIC FESTIVAL

Hailed by *The New York Times* as "a gem of a series," the Chelsea Music Festival celebrates great music with the world's leading musicians and exciting newcomers to the international music stage. Inspired by the dynamic Chelsea neighborhood and the intimacy of chamber music, the Festival programming explores the interplay of art forms – in particular the musical, visual and culinary.

Chelsea Music Festival Artistic Directors

Ken-David Masur is a Grammy-nominated producer and conductor currently serving as Principal Guest Conductor of the Munich Symphony and Assistant Conductor of the San Diego Symphony. A graduate of Columbia University, he was Assistant Conductor of the Orchestre National in Paris and has led such orchestras as the Dresden Philharmonic, Israel Philharmonic, Russian National Philharmonic and the Orchestre National de Toulouse. **Melinda Lee Masur** is a concert pianist who has performed throughout the U.S., Europe and Asia, including all three stages of Carnegie Hall, at London's Wigmore Hall and South Bank Centre, the Berliner Philharmonie, Ravinia Festival and at the Festival Les Muséiques Basel. She graduated from Harvard University and the Hochschule für Musik und Theater Hannover, Germany and is a Steinway Artist.



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SCHEDULE of 2012 Chelsea Music Festival Performances, Locations and Ticket Prices

June 15, Friday, 7:30pm

FESTIVAL OPENING NIGHT & Themed Culinary Reception – Debussy I: Debussy after the Wave

\$65 / \$55 Senior-Student

Eyebeam Art+Technology Center, 540 West 21st Street

June 16, Saturday

10:30am - Family Event I: Mister Origami Presents: Folding and Unfolding Color, Flavor and Sound!

\$30 (2 adults/2 children) / \$15 Individuals

NYCAMS Gallery, 44 West 28th Street, floor 7

6:30pm - Festival Talks: The Great Wave, Silence & Song - Capturing the Forces of Nature featuring Somei Satoh, Makoto Fujimura, Yumi Kurosawa, Ken-David Masur, Valerie Dillon

FREE

Dillon Gallery, 555 West 25th Street, between 9th and 10th Avenues

7:30pm - Debussy II: Sketches, Prints & Screens

Themed Culinary Reception to Follow

\$60 / \$50 Senior-Student

Dillon Gallery, 555 West 25th Street, between 9th and 10th Avenues

June 17, Sunday

5pm - Debussy III: Messiaen Enveloped

\$40 / \$30 Senior-Student

Dillon Gallery, 555 West 25th Street, between 9th and 10th Avenues

7:30pm - OPEN CAGE: NEW YORK – Celebrating John Cage at 100 Reception to follow
\$25

Eyebeam Art+Technology Center, 540 West 21st Street

June 18, Monday, 7:30pm

On Silence

\$40 / \$30 Senior-Student

The Rubin Museum of Art, 150 West 17th Street, between 6th and 7th Avenues

June 20, Wednesday, 7:30pm

Debussy IV: Creation, Love and Life Everlasting Reception to follow

\$40 / \$30 Senior-Student

Leo Baeck Institute, 15 West 16th Street, between 5th and 6th Avenues

June 21, Thursday, 7:00-10:45pm

Debussy V: Poet of the Avant-Garde – Sounds and Fragrances Swirl through the Evening Air

Themed Culinary Intermission

\$60 / \$50 Senior-Student

Park Avenue Armory, 643 Park Avenue between 66th and 67th Streets

June 22, Friday, 6:00pm-midnight

The Rubin Museum of Art, 150 West 17th Street, between 6th and 7th Avenues

6:00 -10:00pm - **DJ: DCD Collective - FREE**

7:00pm - **Debussy VI: Violin Daybreak - Carte Blanche to CMF 2012 Artist-in-Residence and Anne-Sophie Mutter Foundation violinist Fanny Clamagirand**

\$40 / \$30 Senior-Student; \$50 / \$40 Senior-Student includes 10pm Rêverie-Mix

10:00pm - **Debussy VII: Rêverie-Mix**

\$20 / \$10 if combined with 7pm Violin Daybreak

June 23, Saturday

10:30am - **Family Event II: Monsieur Croche Presents: How to Cakewalk in Color, Song and Sound!**

\$30 (2 adults/2 children) / \$15 Individuals

NYCAMS Gallery, 44 West 28th Street, floor 7

7:30pm - **FESTIVAL FINALE & Themed Culinary Reception - Debussy VIII: Cherry Blossom Road**

\$65 / \$55 Senior-Student

Eyebeam Art+Technology Center, 540 West 21st Street