



Chelsea Music Festival

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The Chelsea Music Festival Announces 2016 Summer Festival, This Year Celebrating “Gravity 350”

a “gem of a series” - *The New York Times*

“Music, art and good food are an integral part to this inventive new festival” - *The New Yorker*

“... impressive addition to New York’s cultural ecosystem” - *Time Out New York*

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The 2016 Chelsea Music Festival returns for its 7th season to celebrate “Gravity 350” in honor of Newton’s encounter with gravity in 1666. From **June 10-18, 2016** in New York City, world-leading musicians and exciting newcomers in the performing, culinary and visual arts will gather to create events that give audiences a chance to *hear | taste | see*. Combining this triptych of art forms has become the signature of the Chelsea Music Festival. There is something for everyone -- over two dozen events including evening concerts with music ranging from Classical to Jazz, to Late Night events, daytime Open-Air events and Saturday morning Family Events will take place in a wide range of venues throughout the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan. The Festival will present world and New York premieres by composers **Michael Gandolfi**, **Nicolas Namoradze**, **Edmund Finnis**, **J.P. Redmond**, jazz virtuoso and composer **Aaron Diehl**, and Grammy-nominated keyboardist **Scott Healy** with his band.

The 2016 Artists-in-Residence include

- **Dominik Wagner** | Artist-in-Residence
- **Michael Gandolfi** | Composer-in-Residence
- **Lukas Birk** | Visual Artist-in-Residence
- **Chef Timothy McGrath** | Culinary Artist-in-Residence

The Festival has assembled a noteworthy roster of artists featuring double-bassist **Dominik Wagner** from the Anne-Sophie Mutter Foundation, clarinetist **Vera Karner**, as well as Canadian Brass lead trumpet player **Caleb Hudson**. Multi-media artist **Lukas Birk** joins this year as the Visual Artist-in-Residence. Returning artists include violinist **Fanny Clamagirand**, organist **Stephen Tharp**, **The Lee Trio** and **Momenta Quartet**, and jazz pianist **Adam Birnbaum**. This year also inaugurates a Festival artistic partnership with the **Beethoven-Haus Bonn**, which will sponsor the **Verona Quartet** at the Festival. In addition we are pleased to present the **Sebastians** baroque ensemble.

2016 Chelsea Music Festival Official Venue Partners

Aperture Foundation | 547 West 27th Street, 4th Floor
Canoe Studios | 601 West 26th Street
General Theological Seminary | 440 West 21st Street
Leo Baeck Institute | 15 West 16th Street
St. Paul’s German Evangelical Lutheran Church | 315 West 22nd Street



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2016 Festival Partners

Aion Entertainment; Anne-Sophie Mutter Foundation; Austrian Cultural Forum New York; Beethoven-Haus Bonn; BMW North America (Official Vehicle of the 2016 Chelsea Music Festival); Carl Brandt; CEO Roundtable of German-American Companies; German Consulate General of New York; DreamAir; Fujifilm Recording Media; New York City Department of Cultural Affairs; Steinway & Sons (Official Piano of the Chelsea Music Festival); Tanglewood, Home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra; Tekserve; Thompson Family Foundation; WQXR

TICKETS

- Tickets will be available on May 1, 2016 at www.chelseamusicfestival.org
- For group sales and benefits, please contact info@chelseamusicfestival.org
- Students and Under 30 / Senior Discounts available. Must show Student / Senior ID at door
- For details on FREE CMF@Noon outdoor concerts, see the Festival website & social media

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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 exists to celebrate great music by bringing together world-leading musicians and exciting newcomers to the international stage. Inspired by its Chelsea roots, the Festival seeks to reflect the creativity gathered in one of New York City's most dynamic neighborhoods by presenting site-specific programs that span musical genres ranging from classical to contemporary to jazz. With an emphasis on Festival-commissioned works, community outreach and education, the Festival also exists to create a gateway to music through the exploration and interplay of art forms - specifically the musical, visual and culinary - alongside an intimate and thrilling Festival experience shared by artists and concertgoers alike.

The Chelsea Music Festival Artistic Directors are Melinda Lee Masur and Ken-David Masur.

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