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The Chelsea Music Festival Announces 2019 Program: "10th Season | 200° due Clara"

a "gem of a series" - The New York Times

"... impressive addition to New York's cultural ecosystem" - Time Out New York

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

New York City— From **June 6-15, 2019**, the Chelsea Music Festival celebrates its tenth season with the theme **"200° due Clara"** inspired by the **200th anniversary of the birth of Clara Schumann**. The Festival honors the legacy and contributions of a pioneering performer, caring collaborator, and artistic confidant through events highlighting the performing, visual, and culinary arts. Events will take place over ten days in June throughout the Chelsea neighborhood of NYC and feature classical, jazz, and contemporary music in evening concerts, lectures, walking tours, and family events.

To mark Clara Schumann's anniversary, the Festival will feature ***The Clara Schumann Ten***, a distinguished group of female composers. Music will include New York and World premieres by our 2019 Composers-in-Commission **Jane Antonia Cornish, Helen Grime, Binna Kim, Jessica Mays, Santa Ratniece, Kathryn Salfelder, Aigerim Seilova, Nicky Sohn, Augusta Read Thomas, and Liliya Ugay**. The composers will be responding to inspirations including visual art exhibitions, poetry, and letters and text from Clara Schumann's life.

New venue partners in Chelsea join the Festival's roster this season:

- 2019 Visual Artist-in-Residence **Julianne Swartz** will exhibit ***"Sounding Body/Listening Body"*** at **High Line Nine** throughout the full month of June and will also collaborate with Festival Artists in a Festival Event at the gallery on June 13th.
- The Festival partners with the esteemed gallery **Hauser & Wirth** to host a performance on June 14th inspired by artwork of renowned artist **Lorna Simpson** and featuring new music by composer **Jessica Mays**.
- The Festival partners with **Steinway Hall** to mount the world-touring exhibition **BTHVN on Tour** sponsored by the Beethoven-Haus Bonn and DHL Group as a lead up to 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth in 2020.

The Festival is thrilled to welcome and collaborate with its international partners:

- **Tokyo Bunka Kaikan** has been invited to send four winners (two violinists, one violist, one cellist) from its Tokyo Music Competition to participate in the Festival this summer.
- **Beethoven-Haus & Indiana University**, will underwrite the residency of the **Eurus String Quartet**



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from the **Jacobs School of Music**.

To complete the Festival motto of **Hear | Taste | See**, the Festival will partner with **Outstanding in the Field** to host the Festival's first outdoor family-style pre-concert dinner on the lawn of **General Theological Seminary** on June 12th; chef **Silvia Barban** of **LaRina Pastificio & Vino** will showcase her talents. Culinary Artists-in-Residence, **Sawako Okochi** and **Aaron Israel** of **Shalom Japan**, will curate special menus on the Festival theme at **St. Paul's German Church** for Opening night on Friday June 7th and for Saturday June 15th, which will be the Festival's Tenth Season All-Star Jazz Finale featuring **John Patitucci**, **Rogério Boccato**, **Aaron Diehl**, and **Helen Sung**.

2019 CHELSEA MUSIC FESTIVAL OFFICIAL VENUE PARTNERS

General Theological Seminary | 440 West 21st Street
Hauser & Wirth | 548 West 22nd Street
High Line Nine | 507 West 27th Street
St. Paul's German Evangelical Lutheran Church | 315 West 22nd Street
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Chelsea | 346 W 20th Street
Steinway Hall | 1133 6th Avenue

TICKETS

- Tickets will be available on May 10, 2019 at www.chelseamusicfestival.org
- For group sales and benefits, please contact info@chelseamusicfestival.org
- For details on FREE CMF@Noon outdoor concerts and walking tours, 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 concert-goers alike.

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

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