

Chelsea Music Festival

SONGS FOR THE EARTH

June 24 - 29, 2023





Chelsea
Music
Festival

SONGS FOR THE EARTH

Saturday, June 24

Opening Weekend | Genesis House

11:30 AM – 4:00 PM

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

Performances (Showroom)

Vocalists | Asaran Earth Trio

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Composer Meet & Greet (Terrace)

Composer-in-Residence | Iman Habibi

Composer | Nicky Sohn

Visual Artist-in-Residence | MaDora Frey

Visual Artist | Noemia Marinho

Artistic Director | Ken-David Masur

Artistic Director | Melinda Lee Masur

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Performances (Showroom)

Soprano | Sonya Headlam

Violin | Max Tan

Cello | Caleb van der Swaagh

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Dr. Iman Habibi, *Steinberg Family Composer-in-Residence*

Sonya Headlam, *Rohde Family Artist-in-Residence*

Noemia Marinho, *Niki Villanueva Santo Artist Chair*

Max Tan, *Ang Family Artist Chair*

Sunday, June 25

Opening Weekend | Genesis House

1:30 PM – 8:30 PM

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Performances (Showroom)

Violin | Tomotaka Seki, Jocelyn Zhu

Viola | Ayako Tahara

Cello | Angela Lee

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Performance (Cellar)

Verona Quartet

Violin | Jonathan Ong, Dorothy Ro

Viola | Abigail Rojansky

Cello | Jonathan Dormand

Star-Crossed Signals (2018)*.....Julia Adolphe (b. 1988)

II. Kilo Kilo

*from Verona Quartet's latest album, SHATTER, released June '23

Ritus Sanitatem (2022).....Texu Kim (b. 1980)

I. On Inscribing Talismans

II. On the Mysteries of Stylostixis

III. On Byung-gut

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Performances (Restaurant)

Cello | Angela Lee

Piri | gamin

Violin | Lisa Lee

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Opening Night | Dear Earth, Dear Friend

7:30 PM | Genesis House

To a Humming Bird.....Edward MacDowell (1860-1908)
from Six Fancies for the Piano, Op. 7 No. 2 (1898)

La colombe (The Dove).....Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)
from Préludes for piano (1928-9)

Le CouCou (The Coucou).....Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)
from Premier livre de pieces de clavecin (1735)

Piano | Robert Fleitz

Til våren (To Spring).....Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)
from Lyric Pieces, Op. 43(1886) arr. by Jarkko Riihimäki (b. 1984)

Sorrow Circling (2022) *New York Premiere.....David Evans (b. 1989)
I. Sorrow Circling

II. Redirection

The Lee Trio

Violin | Lisa Lee

Cello | Angela Lee

Piano | Melinda Lee Masur

Deer Friend (2021) *New York Premiere.....Nicky Sohn (b. 1992)

Flute | Annie Wu

Violin | Max Tan

Cello | Caleb van der Swaagh

Piano | Robert Fleitz

Die Forelle (The Trout).....Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
Op. 32, D. 550 (1817)

The Year's at the Spring.....Amy Beach (1867-1944)
Ah, Love, but a day
from Three Browning Songs, Op.44 (1899)

Juni

Je demande a l'oiseau

from Four Songs, Op. 51 (1903)

Sympathy (undated).....Florence Price (1887-1953)
Out of the south blew a wind (1946)

Soprano | Sonya Headlam

Violin | Danbi Um (Beach)

Piano | Robert Fleitz (Price)

Piano | Melinda Lee Masur (Schubert / Beach)

Radiant Light (2019) *US Premiere.....Iman Habibi (b. 1985)

Voice | Sonya Headlam

Flute | Annie Wu

Piano | Robert Fleitz, Melinda Lee Masur

Violins | Tomotaka Seki, Danbi Um, Lisa Lee, Max Tan

Viola | Ayako Tahara

Cello | Caleb van der Swaagh, Angela Lee

Conductor | Ken-David Masur

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2023 Visual Artist-in-Residence | MaDora Frey

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featuring select dishes in partnership with Onjium*

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Monday, June 26

Rite of Healing | Verona Quartet

7:30 PM | General Theological Seminary

String Quartet (Ragamala) (2013)+.....Reena Esmail (b. 1983)

- I. Fantasie (Bihag)
- II. Scherzo (Malkauns)
- III. Recitative (Basant)
- IV. Rondo (Jōg)

+from Verona Quartet's latest album, Shatter, released June '23

Ritus Sanitatem (2022)*New York Premiere.....Texu Kim (b. 1980)

- I. On Inscribing Talismans
- II. On the Mysteries of Stylostixis
- III. On Byung-gut

—Intermission Reception—

String Quartet No. 7.....Ludvig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

- I. Allegro
- II. Allegretto vivace e sempre scherzando
- III. Adagio molto e mesto - attacca
- IV. "Thème Russe"- Allegro

Verona Quartet

Violin | Jonathan Ong, Dorothy Ro

Viola | Abigail Rojansky

Cello | Jonathan Dormand

Artwork by the Gleaning Project and artist Noemia Marinho

*Reception by Rhubarb Hospitality Collection
in partnership with Rethink Food, Radeberger Gruppe USA, and
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Tuesday, June 27

Stay Grounded | Planting Workshop & Happy Hour

5:30 PM | General Theological Seminary

Music—

Vocals | Anne Boccato

Percussion | Rogério Boccato

Planting Demonstration—

Growing Uptown Educator | Fabioloa Caceres

Mocktail Tasting

Artwork by the Gleaning Project and artist Noemia Marinho

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Noemia Marinho, *Niki Villanueva Santo Artist Chair*



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Tuesday, June 27

Beloved of the Sky

7:30 PM | General Theological Seminary

Adoration (1951) Florence Price (1887-1953)
arr. by Elaine Fine (b. 1959)

Solo Violin | Danbi Um

Violin I | Lisa Lee, Jonathan Ong, Max Tan

Violin II | Tomotaka Seki, Dorothy Ro

Viola | Amadi Azikiwe, Ayako Tahara, Abigail Rojansky

Cello | Caleb van der Swaagh, Jonathan Dormand, Angela Lee

Bass | Nathaniel Chase, Pawel Knapik

Conductor | Ken-David Masur

Âhūye Kūhī (Mountain Gazelle) (2021) Iman Habibi (b. 1985)

Violin | Danbi Um

Cello | Jonathan Dormand

Cypresses, B. 152 (1887) Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)

III. When they sweet glances on me fall

IX. Thou only dear one, but for thee

Crisantemi, SC65 (1980) Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924)

Cypresses, B. 152 (1887) Dvořák

XI. Nature Lies Peaceful in Slumber and Dreaming

Verona Quartet

Violin | Jonathan Ong, Dorothy Ro

Viola | Abigail Rojansky

Cello | Jonathan Dormand

—*Intermission Reception*—

Ey Sabā (2021-2)*US Premiere.....Habibi

Four Songs, Op. 35 (1917).....Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Jesu Sweet

My soul has nought but fire and ice

I syng of a mayden

My Leman is so true

Soprano | Sonya Headlam

Violin | Max Tan

Beloved of the Sky (2019)*World Premiere.....Habibi

Forest

Beloved of the Sky

Woo

Self-Portrait

Festival Strings (*arrangement commissioned by the Festival*)

Violin I | Jonathan Ong, Danbi Um, Lisa Lee

Violin II | Dorothy Ro, Tomotaka Seki, Max Tan

Viola | Abigail Rojansky, Amadi Azikiwe, Ayako Tahara

Cello | Jonathan Dormand, Angela Lee, Caleb van der Swaagh

Bass | Nathaniel Chase, Pawel Knapik

Conductor | Ken-David Masur

Kennst Du das Land (2020/2022)Sung Jin Hong (b. 1974)

*World Premiere

*Original arrangement for voice and piano dedicated to and
commissioned/performed by Sonya Headlam in 2020*

*Voice and String Orchestra arrangement
commissioned by Chelsea Music Festival in 2023*

Soprano | Sonya Headlam

Festival Strings

Violin I | Tomotaka Seki, Danbi Um, Jonathan Ong

Violin II | Lisa Lee, Dorothy Ro, Max Tan

Viola | Ayako Tahara, Abigail Rojansky, Amadi Azikiwe

Cello | Angela Lee, Caleb van der Swaagh, Jonathan Dormand

Bass | Nathaniel Chase, Pawel Knapik

Conductor | Ken-David Masur

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Noemia Marinho, *Niki Villanueva Santo Artist Chair*

Tomotaka Seki & Ayako Tahara, *Kageyama Family Artist Chairs*

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Wednesday, June 28

Chelsea Farms to Table— The 2023 Family Dinner

5:30 PM | General Theological Seminary

—Menu—

GRILLED ASPARAGUS SALAD

Baby Kale, Roasted Tomatoes, Broken Caesar Dressing, Fried Capers,
Seasoned GF Breadcrumbs (gf, vg)

GRILLED TRI TIP STEAK

Yellow Tomato Adobo Sauce (gf, df)

BROILED NORDIC SALMON

Tapenade (gf, df)

OVEN-ROASTED PEE WEE POTATOES

Garlic Confit Oil, Black Pepper, Scallions (vg, gf)

CHICKPEA RIGATONI PUTTANESCA

Blistered Tomato, Olives, Capers, Red Onion (vg, gf)

FRESH FRUIT TART

STRAWBERRY TIRAMISU

WINE

Borrell Diehl 2022 Pfalz Trocken Müller-Thurgau

Chateau de Berne 2022 Côtes de Provence Rose Inspiration

This evening is generously underwritten by Ruth & Roy Lee



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Wednesday, June 28

The Four Elements | Concert

7:30 PM | General Theological Seminary

Four Elements Suite paired with poetry

- I. **Earth**
Earth Your Dancing Place by May Swensen
- II. **Air**
智異山을 넘으며 / 김준태
(Climbing Over Jirisan Mountain) by Kim Jun-tae
- III. **Fire**
あなたに (Three Images) by Syuntaro Tanigawa
- IV. **Water**
Águas (Waters) by Manuel de Barros

Rogério Boccato | percussion

Keita Ogawa | percussion

Kaoru Watanabe | percussion, Japanese bamboo flutes
gamin | piri

Featuring instruments made of natural materials including wood, bamboo, animal skin, plant fibers, seeds, etc.

The percussion quartet will collectively compose on-stage a four-part suite based on nature's four elements interspersed with readings from short poems in Korean, Japanese, Portuguese, and English.

Artwork by the Gleaning Project and artist Noemia Marinho

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Thursday, June 29

Festival Finale | Our Shared Home

7:30 PM | St. Peter's Chelsea

Threnody to Toki (1980).....Takashi Yoshimatsu (b. 1953)

Piano | Robert Fleitz

Violin I | Tomotaka Seki, Danbi Um, Lisa Lee, Jonathan Ong

Violin II | Max Tan, Jocelyn Zhu, Dorothy Ro

Viola I | Ayako Tahara

Viola II | Amadi Azikiwe, Abigail Rojansky

Cello | Angela Lee, Jonathan Dormand

Bass | Nathaniel Chase, Pawel Knapik

Conductor | Ken-David Masur

20220302 Sarabande (2022).....Ryuichi Sakamoto (1952-2023)

Piano | Melinda Lee Masur

Chesterton's Gardens (2016).....Nicky Sohn (b. 1992)

Cello | Jonathan Dormand

Piano | Melinda Lee Masur

Rain
(1987)Sakamoto

Violin | Tomotaka Seki

Cello | Angela Lee

Piano | Robert Fleitz

Kecha Tregülfe (2022)Patricio Molina (b. 1993)

“They Took You to Dance”

Soprano | Sonya Headlam

Violin | Lisa Lee

Piano | Robert Fleitz

Eclogue for Piano & Strings, Op. 10 (1927)Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

Piano | Melinda Lee Masur

Violin I | Max Tan, Danbi Um, Lisa Lee, Jonathan Ong

Violin II | Dorothy Ro, Tomotaka Seki, Jocelyn Zhu

Viola | Ayako Tahara, Abigail Rojansky, Amadi Azikiwe

Cello | Jonathan Dormand, Angela Lee

Bass | Pawel Knapik, Nathaniel Chase

Conductor | Ken-David Masur

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Jazz Finale with Los Hermanos

9:00 PM | St. Peter's Chelsea

This evening features original songs by Aldo López-Gavilán

Eclipse

Caipiriñame

Árboles en el aire

Waltz

Quick Tune

Viernes de Ciudad

Pan con Timba

Epilogo

Piano | Aldo López-Gavilán

Violin | Ilmar Gavilán

Festival Strings

Violin I | Tomotaka Seki, Max Tan, Danbi Um, Lisa Lee

Violin II | Jocelyn Zhu, Jonathan Ong, Dorothy Ro

Viola | Ayako Tahara, Amadi Azikiwe, Abigail Rojansky

Cello | Angela Lee, Jonathan Dormand

Bass | Nathaniel Chase, Pawel Knapik

Conductor | Ken-David Masur

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11:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Free performances & talks open to the public

Genesis House

Opening Night—

Dear Earth, Dear Friend

7:30 PM

Gala concert with immersive video art

by MaDora Frey

Genesis House

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Genesis House

Monday, June 26

Rite of Healing—

Verona Quartet

7:30 PM

Music by Beethoven, Reena Esmail

& Texu Kim!

General Theological Seminary

Tuesday, June 27

Noontime Songs—

Asaran Earth Trio

12:00 PM

Free outdoor concert with international

music & folksongs

General Theological Seminary

Stay Grounded—

Planting Workshop & Happy Hour

5:30 PM

Music, drinks, art & a planting workshop

in this family-friendly happy hour

General Theological Seminary

Beloved of the Sky

7:30 PM

Music by Iman Habibi, Florence Price,

Dvořák, Puccini & more!

General Theological Seminary

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The 2023 Family Dinner

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Chef-curated Family Style outdoor dinner

General Theological Seminary

Four Elements

7:30 PM

Virtuoso percussion quartet— Rogerio Boccato,

Keita Ogawa, Kaoru Watanabe, gamin

General Theological Seminary

Thursday, June 29

Festival Finale—

Our Shared Home

7:30 PM

Music by Nicky Sohn, Takashi Yoshimatsu,

Ryuichi Sakamoto, Finzi & more!

St. Peter's Chelsea

Jazz Finale with Los Hermanos

9:00 PM

Original songs by Aldo López-Gavilán

with his brother, violinist Ilmar Gavilán

St. Peter's Chelsea

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