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### NEW HAMPSHIRE MUSIC FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2014 SUMMER SEASON

*The festival's 62<sup>nd</sup> season, "The Romantic Spirit," will explore many aspects of Romanticism and celebrate the power and intimacy of live music*

**PLYMOUTH, NH, FEBRUARY 24, 2014** – The New Hampshire Music Festival (NHMF) announced its 2014 summer season today. With a theme of "**The Romantic Spirit**," the six-week season, July 8-August 14, will explore and celebrate the many facets of Romanticism, from the 18<sup>th</sup> century to the modern day.

The 62<sup>nd</sup> festival will take place in multiple venues throughout central New Hampshire. The Silver Center at Plymouth State University is the festival's primary venue, where it will offer full orchestra performances on Thursdays and Saturdays, and Tuesday night chamber performances.

"We will not only perform music we all know and love, from a beloved Mendelssohn overture to Tchaikovsky's towering masterpiece, his Fifth Symphony, but we will present new and exciting music, fulfilling our need and desire to keep music a living art form," said **NHMF Music Director Donato Cabrera**. "We also welcome to the NHMF family **Dan Perkins**, our new principal guest conductor, who will prepare the chorus for Verdi's epic *Requiem*."

Highlights of the season include concertos by **Vivaldi, Mozart, Piazzolla, Milhaud, Conus, and Copland**, and the festival will welcome four internationally renowned soloists to sing **Verdi's Requiem**. **Composer Nathaniel Stookey** will be the first contemporary composer in a new concert series called **Composer Portraits**. Stookey's *The Composer is Dead*, with the composer himself acting as narrator, and his newly composed overture, *Go!*, will be featured.

**Bank of New Hampshire** is the festival's first lead corporate partner, providing sponsorship for this season. "Bank of New Hampshire is proud to have been a lead supporter of the New Hampshire Music Festival for more than a decade," stated Mark Primeau, President and CEO for Bank of New Hampshire. "The New Hampshire Music Festival provides access to top musicians from all over the United States to enrich the lives of New Hampshire residents."

Subscription sales begin in March 2014 and single ticket sales will start in April 2014. Ticket prices range from \$15-\$69. More details can be found at [www.nhmf.org](http://www.nhmf.org).

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**NEW HAMPSHIRE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2014 SUMMER SEASON HIGHLIGHTS**

**Donato Cabrera, Music Director**

**WEEK 1: THE GERMAN ROMANTIC**

**Tuesday, July 8, 8 PM**

Chamber Music Series with NHMF Musicians

**Thursday, July 10, 8 PM**

**Opening Celebration**

Festival Orchestra

Donato Cabrera, conductor

Mendelssohn: Overture to *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in E major, Op. 21

Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 21 in C major, K. 467,

**Frances Renzi**, piano

Beethoven: Symphony No. 4 in B-flat major, Op. 60

**Sunday, July 13**

Jazz Brunch at Wolfeboro Inn

**WEEK 2: A MUSICAL CORNUCOPIA**

**Tuesday, July 15, 8 PM**

Chamber Music Series with NHMF Musicians

**Thursday, July 17, 8 PM**

**Saturday, July 19, 8 PM**

Festival Orchestra

Donato Cabrera, conductor

Schreker: *Intermezzo*, Op. 8

Vivaldi: Bassoon Concerto in E minor, RV 484,

**Nicolasa Kuster**, bassoon

Mason Bates: *Icarian Rhapsody*

Piazzolla: *Four Seasons of Buenos Aires*, **Jennifer**

**Cho**, violin

**Friday, July 18, 8 PM**

Lincoln Financial Presents

Chamber Concert

Concord Community Music School

**WEEK 3: COMPOSER PORTRAIT—NATHANIEL STOOKEY**

**Tuesday, July 22, 8 PM**

Chamber Music Series with NHMF Musicians

**Thursday, July 24, 8 PM**

Festival Orchestra

Donato Cabrera, conductor

Stokey: *Go!*

Milhaud: *Concertino d'Hiver*, Op. 327, **David Loucky**,  
trombone

Stokey: *The Composer is Dead*, **Nathaniel Stookey**,  
composer/narrator

**Friday, July 25, 8 PM**

Chamber Concert

Wolfeboro Congregational Church

**Saturday, July 26, 10 AM**

**Family Concert**

*The Composer is Dead*

**WEEK 4: THE RUSSIAN SOUL**

**Tuesday, July 29, 8 PM**

Chamber Music Series with NHMF Musicians

**Thursday, July 31, 8 PM**

**Saturday, August 2, 8 PM**

Festival Orchestra

Donato Cabrera, conductor

Glinka: *Ruslan and Lyudmila* Overture

Conus: Violin Concerto in E minor, **Yulia Iglinova**

**Milstein**, violin

Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 5 in E minor, Op. 64

**WEEK 5: VERDI'S REQUIEM**

**Tuesday, August 5, 8 PM**

Chamber Music Series with NHMF Musicians

and **Heidi Melton**, soprano

**Thursday, August 7, 8 PM**

**Saturday, August 9, 8 PM**

Festival Orchestra and Chorus

Donato Cabrera, conductor

Dan Perkins, director of choral activities

Verdi: *Messa di Requiem*

**Heidi Melton**, soprano

**Elizabeth Bishop**, mezzo-soprano

**AJ Glueckert**, tenor

**James Westman**, bass

**Sunday, August 10, 8 PM**

**An Evening with Lisa Vroman – Gala Concert**

Broadway and cabaret music featuring soprano Lisa

Vroman and the Festival Orchestra

**WEEK 6: LATIN LOVE**

**Tuesday, August 12, 8 PM**

Chamber Music Series with NHMF Musicians

**Thursday, August 14, 8 PM**

Festival Orchestra

Donato Cabrera, conductor

Falla: *The Three-Cornered Hat*, Suite No. 1

Copland: Clarinet Concerto, **Elizandro Garcia-**

**Montoya**, clarinet

Bizet: *Carmen* Symphony in 12 Scenes

Márquez: *Danzón* No. 2

*Program and artists subject to change.*

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### **About The New Hampshire Music Festival**

The New Hampshire Music Festival is a six-week summer music festival that honors the tradition of classical music while exploring new artistic paths. The NHMF strives to connect the Lakes Region with an engaging, immersive festival experience by presenting world-class performances, creating strong collaborations with community partners, and offering educational programs to students of all ages.

The festival was founded in 1952 as a small chamber orchestra performing on Melody Island in Lake Winnepesaukee and has grown to be a highly-valued community asset. Every summer during July and August, musicians from around the country come to Plymouth to perform well-known classics and contemporary works.

Maestro Donato Cabrera, who had his first season at the helm of the festival in Summer 2013, enjoys an international career as a music director and conductor. Last year, he expanded the festival's orchestral and chamber concerts, and reestablished the family concert series. In addition to his role at NHMF, he is the music director of the California Symphony and Green Bay Symphony, and is resident conductor of the San Francisco Symphony (SFS) and the Wattis Foundation Music Director of the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra (SFSYO). [www.donatocabrera.com](http://www.donatocabrera.com)

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