



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **NEW HAMPSHIRE MUSIC FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2016 SUMMER SEASON**

**The festival's 64<sup>th</sup> season, "Wanderlust," highlights the cultural richness and diversity of classical music**

**PLYMOUTH, NH, MARCH 16, 2016** – The New Hampshire Music Festival (NHMF) today announced its 2016 summer season to be held from July 5 through August 4 in Plymouth and the surrounding communities of New Hampshire's Lakes Region. With a theme of "**Wanderlust**," the Festival's 64<sup>th</sup> season will highlight cultural richness and diversity. Tickets go on sale Monday, March 21.

The **Silver Center for the Arts at Plymouth State University** is the Festival's primary venue, where it will offer full orchestra performances on Thursday nights and Tuesday night chamber music concerts. New this year will be a three-concert chamber music series in **Wolfeboro at the Anderson Hall at Brewster Academy**. The Festival is thrilled to welcome back **Conductor Laureate Paul Polivnick** to the podium for the 2016 season. The Festival also welcomes violinist **Yulia Milshtein** as its new concertmaster.

"The Festival will begin with inspiring music from the great Germanic tradition, including a performance of Beethoven's 'Emperor' Concerto by **pianist George Lopez**. Then we head to the Latin countries of **Brazil, Uruguay and Mexico** for sensual tropical nights and hot tango, followed by a feast of American music that gives us an opportunity to welcome back one of our country's artistic treasures, composer and multi-instrumentalist **David Amram**," said Polivnick. "In Week 4, we'll focus on the lyrical beauty of **Johannes Brahms** with a performance of one of the greatest choral works of all time, the **German Requiem**, under the baton of **Dan Perkins**. And we will close the season with the mysterious, exotic and powerful music of Russia, climaxing with highlights from Tchaikovsky's dramatic ballet, **Swan Lake**."

In addition to the main Festival programming, the NHMF is enhancing its season offerings with education and outreach events: a **Family Concert** on July 23 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Silver Center in Plymouth; **Make Music Plymouth**, free music and family fun in downtown Plymouth on July 23, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and **Music in the Mountains**, featuring sunrise, sunset and campground concerts.

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During the last week, the NHMF will present interactive workshops with Humanities Council Artist Marina Forbes. She will demonstrate and guide participants through the process of making Fabergé Eggs and Matryoshka (Russian Nesting) Dolls. Support for these family and outreach events is provided by the **Lincoln Financial Foundation**.

The NHMF will again be partnering with **Lakes Region Airport Shuttle Service LLC** as the exclusive transportation sponsor for its 2016 season. The company will provide airport shuttle service for musicians and staff as well as transportation to and from designated concerts and special events for ticket holders. Other season sponsors include the **Bank of New Hampshire, MegaPrint, TOSA Foundation, and Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation**.

**Tickets go on sale March 21.** Prices range from \$22-\$75 and can be purchased from the Silver Center Box Office at 603.535.2787 / 800.779.3869 (11 AM-4 PM, Monday-Friday) or online at [www.nhmf.org](http://www.nhmf.org).

**NEW HAMPSHIRE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2016 SUMMER SEASON HIGHLIGHTS — Paul Polivnick, Conductor Laureate**

**2016 THURSDAY ORCHESTRA CLASSICS SERIES**

Hanaway Theatre – Silver Center for the Arts  
114 Main Street, Plymouth, NH  
*Tickets: \$22-\$75; Youth get 50% off*

**Classical Conversations**

**Free pre-concert lectures start at 6:30 PM**

Paul Polivnick and other presenters host free lectures/discussions at 6:30 PM prior to Thursday concerts at Silver Center Recital Hall.

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**OPENING NIGHT: CLASSIC BEAUTY**

**THURSDAY, JULY 7 at 7:30 PM**

Festival Orchestra  
Paul Polivnick, conductor

HANDEL Concerto Grosso, Op. 3 No. 2  
HAYDN Symphony No. 98 in B-flat Major  
BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 5, "Emperor"  
**George Lopez, piano**

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**BRAZILIAN IMPRESSIONS**

**THURSDAY, JULY 14 at 7:30 PM**

Festival Orchestra  
Paul Polivnick, conductor

RESPIGHI *Brazilian Impressions*  
DEL AGUILA *Concierto en Tango*  
**Roman Mekinulov, cello**  
REVUELTAS *Colorines*  
VILLA LOBOS *Bachianas Brasileiras No. 8*

**COMPOSER PORTRAIT: DAVID AMRAM**

**THURSDAY, JULY 21 at 7:30 PM**

Festival Orchestra  
Paul Polivnick, conductor

FOSS *Night Music for John Lennon*

**NHMF Brass Quintet**

LIEBERMANN *Piccolo Concerto*

**Mary Kay Robinson, piccolo**

COPLAND *Music for the Theater*

AMRAM *American Dance Suite, Movements 1 & 3*

AMRAM *En Memoria de Chano Pozo*

**David Amram, piano**

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**EIN DEUTSCHES REQUIEM**

**THURSDAY, JULY 28 at 7:30 PM**

Festival Orchestra & Symphonic Chorus  
Paul Polivnick, conductor

Dan Perkins, principal guest conductor/director of choral activities

BRAHMS *Variations on a Theme by Haydn*

BRAHMS *Ein deutsches Requiem* (A German Requiem)

**Tami Petty, soprano**

**Paul Max Tipton, baritone**

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**SEASON FINALE: SLAVIC ICONS**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 at 7:30 PM**

Festival Orchestra  
Paul Polivnick, conductor

BORODIN *In the Steppes of Central Asia*

PROKOFIEV *Violin Concerto No. 1*

**In Mo Yang, violin**

TCHAIKOVSKY *Selections from Swan Lake*

**TUESDAY CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES**

**JULY 5, 12, 19, 26 & AUGUST 2 at 7:30 PM**

Smith Recital Hall  
Plymouth State University  
*Adults \$25; Youth \$10*

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**WOLFEBORO CHAMBER SERIES**

**JULY 11, JULY 25, AUGUST 1 at 7:30 PM**

Anderson Hall  
205 South Main Street, Wolfeboro, NH  
*Tickets: \$25; Youth \$10*

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**FAMILY CONCERT WITH DAVID AMRAM**

**SATURDAY, JULY 23—10 AM to 11 AM**

Silver Center for the Arts, Hanaway Theatre

NHMF musicians and world-renowned composer and multi-instrumentalist, **David Amram**, will blow on, strum and shake ancient ethnic instruments (like the Pakistani flute, Indian Shenai, conch shells and more), while demonstrating their contemporary cousins in the modern orchestra.  
*Adults \$5; Children 18 and under are FREE*

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**About The New Hampshire Music Festival**

The New Hampshire Music Festival is a summer festival that honors the tradition of classical music while exploring new artistic paths. Our organization offers patrons an engaging, immersive festival experience by presenting world-class performances of symphonic, choral and chamber music. Strong collaborations with community partners are a hallmark of this important cultural institution, enabling transformative music experiences and educational programs to students of all ages.

For nearly 20 years, the Festival has been in residence at Plymouth State University at the Silver Center for the Arts. 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.

[www.nhmf.org](http://www.nhmf.org)  
[www.facebook.com/NHMusicFestival](https://www.facebook.com/NHMusicFestival)

**MAKE MUSIC PLYMOUTH**

**SATURDAY, JULY 23—11 AM to 4 PM**

Following our Family Concert, NHMF will host the third annual Make Music Plymouth event in downtown Plymouth. With activities for kids like instrument making and an instrument petting zoo, food for the family from local stores, and over 75 different performers, this day of music making has brought thousands of people to town to enjoy our community.

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**MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS**

Our Music in the Mountains Series is inspired by the "Hut Concerts" of the 1970s era NHMF. Sunrise and Sunset Concerts in the mountains and Lakes Region will be announced throughout the summer. These events include Campground Concerts in collaboration with the White Mountains Interpretive Association and the White Mountain National Forest.

Visit [www.nhmf.org](http://www.nhmf.org) for full season details and updates.

*All programs and artists subject to change.*