

Fiesta!

CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS

Worcester Chamber Music Society

Neighborhood Strings

"what's the hardest part about playing the cello?"

"Oh God, carrying it.."

DELANO
age 8, cellist



BROOKLYN
age 9, violinist

"Be sure you're focusing on the music and the different notes because it can get confusing if you don't pay attention!"



"I really like how the Neighborhood Strings people, especially the teachers, really take their time to teach us, they go at our pace."

ABIGAIL
cellist



Friday, June 2, 2017
Tilton Hall, Clark University

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us tonight for our FIESTA celebration! Five years ago, we dreamed of starting an intensive program connecting artists with at-risk youth. What if music was the hook that could teach kids discipline, leadership, and pride? Neighborhood Strings now provides 46 children with free lessons in violin, viola and cello with the musicians of WCMS. Youth spend many hours a week making music, working with mentors, and give prominent performances that strengthen the community.

We celebrate this five-year milestone by honoring all of you who have been involved with helping us realize our goals: Worcester's cultural community, city leaders and key educators, Clark University, Woodland Academy and Seven Hills Charter Public School, and all of our funders. We thank all of the WCMS teaching artists, college and high school mentors who give much time and energy each week. We honor the community and families who believed and trust us to work with their children. Finally, we celebrate the courageous youth who show up to work hard, make music, and ultimately, make our world a better place.

On behalf of the Musicians and the Board of Directors of the Worcester Chamber Music Society, thank you for your support!

Warmly,



Tracy Kraus
Executive Director

FIESTA Celebration Schedule of Events

- 5:30 Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres on the patio
Silent Auction opens
- 6:15 Neighborhood Strings performance
- 6:30 Buffet dinner
Silent auction continues until 8:25
- 7:30 Keynote Speaker: Rodrigo Guerreo
Music and Community Awards presented by Dick
Whitten, WCMS Board President
- 7:50 Live Auction – Rich Merrill, Auctioneer
(see page 10 for item descriptions)
- 8:30 Worcester Chamber Music Society performance
- 9:00 Auction checkout

Neighborhood Strings

With music as our vehicle, we believe in weaving together a strong fabric of community that safeguards youth and engenders sustainable transformation inside and outside the classroom.

Neighborhood Strings Faculty

Ariana Falk, Director/cello

Peter Sulski, Assistant Director/violin and viola

Rohan Gregory, violin

Jacob Mackay, cello

Neighborhood Strings is a community-based program of the Worcester Chamber Music Society (WCMS) that offers free music lessons in violin, viola and cello to youth from Worcester's Downtown and Main South neighborhoods. The program provides affordable, high-quality arts education, fosters family involvement, and is open and accessible to the neighborhoods. Youth learn to make music together with musicians and friends from WCMS. In the process, they discover a creative outlet that hones life skills like discipline, cooperation, imagination, and leadership. Teachers work to forge strong relationships with students that strengthen WCMS's ties to the community. The focus is not just on the child as a musician, but the child as a citizen and a contributing member of society.

The program runs 3 days a week. Students, ages 6-15 receive weekly lessons during after-school hours, most attending 2-3 times a week. We also help connect students with practice mentors and lead additional free concert trips, including trips to see WCMS concerts.

As in any community-based program, Neighborhood Strings aims for a give-and-take learning relationship with its youth and families. Rather than imparting knowledge and skills in one direction, the program strives for a model that shares knowledge in both directions. The teachers, mentors, and performers of WCMS are as enriched by the relationship to their own communities as the neighborhoods are enriched in return.

Lessons take place at Woodland Academy, a neighborhood school in the Main South area, and the Seven Hills Charter Public School, located in downtown Worcester which together serve a diverse cross-section of Worcester children. Neighborhood Strings seeks especially to serve traditionally marginalized communities, but is open and accessible for all.

In 2015, Neighborhood Strings was named as one of the **Massachusetts Cultural Council's SerHacer** programs as part of their new Community Music Initiative.

Neighborhood Strings has been selected to receive the prestigious **2017 Arts | Learning "Outstanding Community Arts Education Collaborative—Music" award**. This award honors organizations and individuals who have developed model arts collaborative programs between school and community cultural resources.

Keynote Speaker

We are honored to welcome Keynote Speaker **Rodrigo Guerrero!** Rodrigo has dedicated his professional life to the ideal of *Social Action Through Culture*. Rodrigo's career began at the State



Foundation for the National System of Youth and Children Symphony Orchestras of Venezuela, better known worldwide as **El Sistema**. He has been an integral part of every international landmark of this organization, with responsibilities ranging from production, media and institutional liaison, spokesperson, translator, and personal assistant and consultant to the

Founding Director,

Maestro José Antonio Abreu. Rodrigo is currently Program Manager for the Massachusetts Cultural Council's community music program, **SerHacer** (To Be, To Make).

Students and Mentors

Our Students

Violins: Matthew Criollo, Jean-Pierre Cruz, Alisa St. Helene, Elesi Fiakofi, Isabella Galindo, Nathaniel Segura, Brooklynn Sleeper

Violas: Peter Korfuzi, Molly McDaniel, Carmen Sanchez, Yann Somasse

Cellos: Mia Abreu, Melanie Aguilar, Abigale Asare, Sedem Cofee, Tabatha Criollo, Tamaría Ellis, Arianna Elvin, Claire Karanja, Isabella Ngo, Raushawn Tribuce

Schools represented: Woodland Academy, Claremont Academy, Seven Hills Charter Public School, Nativity School, Holy Name Junior/Senior High School, University Park School, Venerini Academy

Our Mentors

James Alers, Ben Bergeron, Devon Bonadonna, Joe Burke, Hannah Corney, Teresa Danczewicz-Helmers, Stella Fisher-Chaves, Alyssa Goins, Kelly Hancock, Yuan He, Alex Hull, Andrea Jiang, Elisabeth Jones, Alina Kuzma, Ben Lawton, Alana Merly, Matthew Miller, Lina Nguyen, Callie Ostrowski, Virginia Peck-Phillips, Sydney Pepper, Tess Reichart, Kathleen Scannell, Waverly Shi, Micky Strachota, Emmye Vernet, Justin Wang, Izzy Wood, Xiangyu Zhang, Jack Zhu

Schools represented: Clark University, College of the Holy Cross, Assumption College, Wachusett High School, Forest Grove Middle School, Westborough High School, Algonquin High School, Lexington High School, Burncoat High School, Worcester Academy

Tonight's Performances

Neighborhood Strings will perform selections from around the world: music of Scotland, Bohemia, Ireland, and the United States.

Musicians of the Worcester Chamber Music Society

Tracy Kraus, flute
Krista Buckland Reisner, violin
Rohan Gregory, violin

Joshua Gordon, cello
Ariana Falk, cello
Randy Hodgkinson, piano

Serenade for string trio in C major, op. 10

Ernő Dohnányi
(1877-1960)

II. Romanza: Adagio non troppo
V. Finale: Rondo

Trio for flute, cello, and piano Op. 45

Louise Farrenc
(1804-1875)

Allegro deciso
Andante
Scherzo
Finale: Presto

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LIVE AUCTION ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

Item #1: Zulu Nyala African Safari

Value \$5950

Two Photo Safari Packages for two people each: 6 days and 6 nights lodging, 3 full meals daily, and 2 guided game viewing activities daily with an experienced guide on the Zulu Nyala Game reserve.

6 days and nights' accommodation for two people in a standard room at Zulu Nyala Heritage Safari Lodge/Tented Camp. These facilities are situated in the heart of Zululand and St. Lucia/Sodwana Bay Marine reserve/Lubombo corridor – one of the richest wildlife conservation regions in Africa.

Includes full board, which is three delicious meals per day, prepared by the finest international chefs – with an African flavor of course. Two Game Viewing Activities per day, guided by your own professional game rangers in open game viewing vehicles, in Zulu Nyala game reserve.

Donated by Zulu Nyala Group

Item #2: Mendocino House

Value \$4000

5 nights in beautiful Mendocino, California. Ocean view house, sleeps 6. Subject to availability, must be used within one year from auction date.

Beautiful 1400 sq. ft. house with amazing ocean view. Completely private, down 1200 foot drive with ocean frontage. Living room is bright and comfortable. Sit on the deck and enjoy beautiful views of the ocean and amazing sunsets. Full kitchen, 1 master bedroom, sleeping alcove w/comfy sofa bed, fully equipped exercise room w/double Murphy bed. 2 full baths, sleeps 6. Amenities: Kitchen, Wireless Internet, Satellite TV, Washer/

Dryer. Just 5 miles from the quaint village of Mendocino (known as “the edge of the world”), the ocean views, redwood forest, and overall beauty make this a spectacular getaway for those looking for R&R, or the outdoor enthusiast. There are spectacular bike routes, fantastic spots for kayaking and a number of rivers for canoeing. Hike in the Redwood forest, or out to the bluffs to view the sea lions.

Donated by Claire Ellis and Chuck Greenberg

Item #3: Casa de Manana

Value \$ \$3500

A one-week stay for up to 6 people in a beautifully appointed 3-bedroom 2-bathroom villa, with a private pool, Wifi and air-conditioning throughout.

Casa de Mañana is located in the tranquil beach town of Playa Junquillal, on the northern Pacific coast of Costa Rica. Relax and enjoy amazing sunsets, stunning untouched beaches within a few minutes walk from the house, and an abundance of wildlife in this relaxed tropical beach setting. National parks, volcanoes, adventure tours, golfing and world renowned surfing, snorkeling and scuba diving await!

The owners of Casa de Mañana have a wealth of information about traveling Costa Rica, finding the best airfare, adventure tours they personally recommend, and suggestions for the best places to go and how to get there. They are excited to contact the winning bidders to assist them with planning an amazing Costa Rican trip!

Stay is subject to availability ~ Signed rental agreement and \$500 fully refundable security deposit required from winning bidder.

Stay required within 12 calendar months from the date of the event. Non-transferrable to third parties without prior authorization directly from the property owners (purchased as a gift for immediate family members is acceptable).

Donated by Al and Keith Toney

Item #4: A Concert in Your Living Room

Value \$1000

Acclaimed classical guitarist **Dave McLellan** founded *Concert In Your Living Room* in 1998 to present recitals of beloved works in the solo classical guitar literature in intimate settings in private homes. The repertoire and character of the classical guitar make it ideal for small gatherings that are comfortable in the modern urban living room, with audience sizes from ten to forty.

Dave presents an hour of music interspersed with background on the composers and their works, the history of the instrument and amusing anecdotes. The recital is perfect for a private social gathering in your home, where friends, family, business associates enjoy your presentation of food, and drink, followed by, or mixed in with, a professional concert performance. The performance is a concert, with complete interaction with the audience. It is not intended to be used as background music for a party or other function.

Expiration: one year from date of auction. Winning bidder must contact Dave McLellan within eight weeks of auction to schedule a date before expiration.

Donated by Dave McLellan

Item #5: Two Orchestra Seat Tickets to Riverdance, 20th Anniversary World Tour at the Hanover Theatre, Sunday, June 11 @6:30 PM

Value \$200

Also includes a guest pass to The Franklin Square Society Salon, which entitles ticket holders to free parking behind the theatre and complimentary beverages in the Salon an hour before the show and during intermission. Drawing on Irish traditions, the combined talents of the performers propel Irish dancing and music into the present day,

capturing the imagination of audiences across all ages and cultures in an innovative and exciting blend of dance, music and song.

Donated by Hanover Theatre

SILENT AUCTION DESCRIPTIONS

Item #6: Music Worcester Flex pass

Value \$400 - FLEX pass is good for 10 tickets in any combination of concerts in Music Worcester's 2018-2019 season. Season highlights include, virtuoso violinist Gil Shaham, pianist Simone Dinnerstein with A Far Cry and the acclaimed ensemble Appollo's Fire.

Donated by Music Worcester

Item #7: Worcester Art Museum double membership, book and notecards

Value \$120 - A one-year membership for 2 individuals (must be in the same household), Art book - "American Silver, From the Colonial Period through the Early Republic", 30 Art note cards from the WAM collection

Donated by the Worcester Art Museum

Item #8: EcoTarium Family/Grandparent package

Value \$100 - A one-year family membership (valid for 2 adults and 4 children). Members enjoy free general admission to visit the EcoTarium anytime during regular admission days, Members also enjoy discounted pricing for special events and other offerings.

Donated by the EcoTarium

Item #9: Massage by Betsy Wertheimer

Value \$70 - A one-hour therapeutic massage. The treatment includes Swedish massage, reflexology, deep tissue massage and range of motion to increase flexibility and rejuvenate the immune system. A general state of well-being summarizes this beneficial, restorative massage treatment.

Donated by Betsy Wertheimer

Item #10: 2,000 Year Old Roman Glass Earrings

Value \$225 - 2,000 Year Old Roman Glass Earrings with Sterling Silver. Designed and handcrafted by the artists of “Saphirim” at Kibbutz Revadim, Israel. Earrings are made of a fragment of ancient glass discovered in archaeological excavations in the Middle East. Each piece has a special “patina” (surface coloring) which was created by chemical interaction with the earth over the course of 2,000 years.

Donated by Laura Myers Imports

Item #11: Tower Hill Botanic Garden Family Membership

Value \$80 - A one-year family membership includes free general admission, the Tower Hill digital magazine and discounts on classes and special events. Members also enjoy discounts at over 30 garden suppliers, a 10% discount at *The Garden Shop at Tower Hill*, and reciprocal admission to over 300 gardens.

Donated by Tower Hill Botanic Garden

Item #12: Nuovo Restaurant Gift Certificate

Value \$50 - Dine at the award winning Nuovo Restaurant!

Donated by Nuovo Restaurant

Item #13: WaterColours Salon Gift Certificate

Value \$43 - Shampoo, Haircut and Style by Stylist and owner Tammie Kent. Watercolours Salon is located in Holden, MA

Donated by Tammie Kent

Item #14: IT Support for Home Office/Small Business

Value \$190 - 180 Advance will perform an IT audit and assessment of your small-medium sized company’s technology status, which includes 2 hours of support services. Types of services can include (but are not limited to) within the 2 hour time frame: data protection, best practices, implantation, installation, cloud migration, or any other reasonable IT related function.

Donated by David Jolly

Item #15: Newport Music Festival, Two Tickets To An Evening Performance At The Breakers In July, 2017

Value \$100 - Rhode Island's premiere summer festival, the Newport Music Festival celebrates its 49th season with 60 concerts. Select from an amazing array of stellar artists including *A Far Cry* (July 8) and *Sergey Antonov with Bernadene Blaha* (July 12).

Donated by Newport Music Festival

Item #16: Ed Hyder's Mediterranean Marketplace Gift Basket

Value \$50 - A selection of unique foods from Worcester's iconic specialty food marketplace.

Donated by Ed Hyder's Mediterranean Marketplace

Item #17: Chocolate, Caramel and Crunch Grand Gift Basket by Golden State Fruit

Value \$25 - A decadent snack gift basket of chocolate, caramel, and crunchy gourmet treats.

Donated by Nora Keil

Item #18: David Ortiz Boston Red Sox Autographed Baseball

Value: Priceless - Comes with certificate of authenticity. *Donated by Zindlers Sports Collectibles*

Item #19: Placido Domingo Autographed Album

Value: Priceless - Comes with certificate of authenticity. *Donated by Zindlers Sports Collectibles*

Item #20: Luciano Pavarotti Autographed Piece

Value: Priceless - Comes with certificate of authenticity. *Donated by Zindlers Sports Collectibles*

Items listed here were donated as of May 24. Check the Silent Auction table for additional items.

Auction Rules and Guidelines

Silent Auction

Silent Auction opens at 5:30 PM. The minimum bid for each item is written on the bid sheet by the item. To be valid, bids must comply with these minimums and be legible. To place a bid, write your bid number next to the bid amount on the bid sheet. Doing so constitutes a legal contract to purchase that silent auction item at the price you stated if your bid is the winning bid. The last (highest) valid bid entered at the moment the auction closes will be the winning bid. The item is yours and will be available for pick up at checkout at the close of Fiesta.

In the event of a dispute, the Fiesta Committee shall act as final authority in determining the winning bid.

Live Auction

Live Auction bidding will begin at 7:50 PM. When bidding, please hold up your assigned bid number toward the auctioneer. If a group is bidding on one item, please designate one person to place your combined bid. Auction items will be awarded to one purchaser only. A bid acknowledged by the auctioneer is a legal contract to purchase the item.

Payment

All items must be paid for by the end of the evening. We gladly accept Cash, Check, Visa, MasterCard, and American Express.

Pick-Up

Once you have paid for your winning items, you can pick up your winning item and/or certificates. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to remove his/her winning item(s) by the end of the auction.

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