



Our History

Founded in 1964, the Bowdoin International Music Festival comprises seven concert series, intensive summer study, and service to Midcoast Maine and the world of music. The Festival takes place for six weeks each summer on the Bowdoin College campus and throughout the Brunswick, Maine area.





RE-INVENTION

THE 2016 SEASON OF THE BOWDOIN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL glowed with a freshness and vitality that mirrored the theme of "Re-Invention" on every level. More than 40 world-class artist instructors and 250 participants from 27 different countries gathered to inspire one another and to create vibrant and compelling music. Reinvention happened with every new work created, every technique mastered, every interpretation deepened, every piece studied, and in every performance given on campus and throughout the surrounding community.

Though the Festival is reinvented each summer, there are some things that will never change: a dual focus on solo study and chamber music, a repertoire that spans the classics to the brand new, an atmosphere that is challenging yet encouraging and nurturing, a schedule that is demanding yet flexible and tailored to individual needs, and a population large enough to be diverse yet intimate enough to form long-lasting relationships. These are the qualities that have distinguished the Festival from its beginning.

We hope that every member of the Festival community leaves the summer season with something special—a moment from a concert, a lesson, a coaching, a rehearsal, or a conversation that made such an impression that somehow you were changed.

We offer heartfelt gratitude to 52 years of devoted audience members, donors, artist instructors, guest artists, participants, sponsors, and vendors. Your dedication, talent, and resources have been—and will remain—essential to the Festival's success. Thank you.

David Ying and Phillip Ying



"I learned so much, not only about the music but also about myself and the next step I must take as a musician."

Our Mission

The mission of the Bowdoin International Music Festival is to provide gifted young musicians from around the world with an opportunity to study with world-class artists, and to provide audiences with classical music performed to the highest artistic standards.





"The heart of the Festival is the human experience."













String Quartets

"These are not only amazing players on their own; together they make each other even better."

MONDAY SHOWCASE

"I don't think there's anywhere in the world as rewarding to watch a string quartet than Studzinski Recital Hall"

-Phillip Ying, Artistic Director

Increase in ticket sales



"There should always be something surprising, something you didn't expect."

PR E A mix of traditional and contemporary works



"The playing was not only nimble and fleet, but conveyed that otherworldly sense of fantasy..." -Allan Kozinn, Portland Press Herald



Increase in ticket sales





"Our audiences trust they'll hear great music."



FESTIVAL FRIDAYS

feature intimate duos to large-scale orchestral drama

"This is how I spend most summer evenings. The music is phenomenal and good for my soul."



Guest Artists

from Italy, New Zealand, Spain, and the U.S.

ARTISTS OF TOMORROW CONCERTS

showcase the rising stars of the Festival

COMMUNITY CONCERTS

at venues throughout Midcoast Maine

Bowdoin Festival EXTRA Events

include talks, films, masterclasses, and more







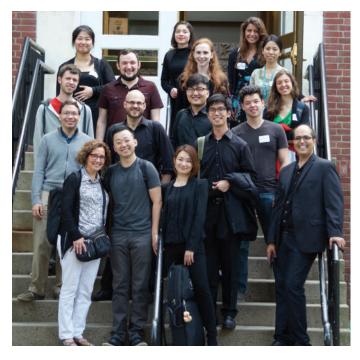


KAPLAN FELLOWS

Musicians of college age or older who demonstrate musical maturity and excellence.

Fellows receive full fee support (tuition, room, and meals) for six weeks. Funding for the program comes through gifts from generous benefactors.

Exceptional Musicians



Laura del Sol Jiménez, Flute (Colombia); Manhattan School of Music Zuoliang Liu, Flute (China); Manhattan School of Music Dannielle McBryan, Oboe (United States); Manhattan School of Music Adam Gallob, Clarinet (United States); Manhattan School of Music Jackie Gillette, Clarinet (United States); Lynn University Conservatory Atao Liu, Bassoon (China); The Juilliard School Jason Friedman, Horn (United States); University of Colorado at Boulder Justin DeFilippis, Violin (United States); New England Conservatory Yeokyung Kim, Violin (South Korea); Seoul National University Samuel Park, Violin (United States); The Juilliard School Jing Peng, Viola (China); New England Conservatory John Petrey, Viola (United States); Eastman School of Music John Belk, Cello (United States); Bard College Brian Klickman, Cello (United States); Cleveland Institute of Music Amalia Rinehart, Piano (United States); Stony Brook University Alan Woo, Piano (United States); Peabody Institute Roger Zare, Composition (United States); University of Michigan





"New music has always been woven into the Festival."

GAMPER FESTIVAL OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC Curated by Derek Bermel

Presented as part of the Bowdoin International Music Festival each summer since 1965, the Charles E. Gamper Festival of Contemporary Music represents a sustained, core commitment to nurturing and promoting the music of our time. For over fifty years, the Gamper Festival has celebrated many of modern music's most significant composers such as Milton Babbitt, Luciano Berio, William Bolcom, John Corigliano, George Crumb, and Ralph Shapey as well as those at the start of their careers.

"Here is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear the best of 20th and 21st Century music, played by some of the world's finest musicians, and it's absolutely free!"

Christopher Hyde, Maine Classical Beat

2016 MAINE FUNDRAISING GALA















PLAY A PART

The excellence you enjoy on stage is dependent upon support from our donors.

We bring accomplished artist instructors from around the world to nurture the talent of young musicians and work to ensure that monetary considerations do not keep these gifted young artists from participating in the Festival. Ticket sales help to pay for performance expenses but do not support participant fees.

Your gift to the Annual Fund helps underwrite performance costs and provide scholarships. This allows us to attract the best participants and, in turn, the best instructors. Every contribution makes a real difference in our ability to carry out our mission.

Thank you!

Bowdoin International Music Festival is an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

"I thought the Festival has never run smoother and the quality has never been higher. This year was the best example of why I am truly happy and appreciative to be on faculty at the Festival."

-2016 Artist Instructor

By the Numbers

5 Grammy Award Winners

6 Weeks of Music

7 Full-time Staff

11 Collaborative Pianists

14 Summer Staff

16 Season Sponsors

17 Kaplan Fellows

22 Performance Venues

26 Pianos from Steinway

27 Countries Represented

30 States Represented

53 Consecutive Seasons

59 Full Scholarships

65% of Participants Receive Scholarship Funds

70 Artist Instructors and Guest Artists

89 Concerts and Events

92 Studio Classes

253 Participants

326 Musicians

811 Applicants

3,189 Donors

15,000+ Audience Members

\$4,000,000+ in Economic Impact to the

Midcoast Maine Economy

For the most up-to-date information, behind-the-scenes photos, and more, follow the Festival on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.







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