



**THE
HARLEM
CHAMBER
PLAYERS**

**10TH
ANNIVERSARY
SEASON**

HARLEM SONGFEST

ANNUAL BACH CONCERT

WILLIAM GRANT STILL SAMUEL COLERIDGE-TAYLOR

BEETHOVEN STRING QUINTET IN C MAJOR **NONET**

ANTONÍN DVORÁK CHEVALIER DE

PIANO QUINTET No. 2 SAINT-GEORGE

TCHAIKOVSKY STRING QUARTET No. 1

MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER



I am pleased to announce The Harlem Chamber Players reaches its 10th Anniversary this 2017 – 2018 Season!

On behalf of The Harlem Chamber Players I thank all of you who have so generously supported our concert series since its inception in 2008. We could not have come this far without you. We hope you continue this journey with us for the next season and many more.

We strive to program some of the world's most beautiful music and hope you are inspired by what we have to offer. Part of our mission is to promote diversity in classical music through our roster of musicians and the music we choose. We are committed to keeping our programs affordable so that everyone, no matter their income, can enjoy the music, and of course we want to continue our tradition of inviting all of you to our post-concert wine and cheese receptions.

As always and especially now, your help is needed in order for us to continue presenting great music in this way. Ticket prices cover only a fraction of the costs of producing these concerts, which is why we ask for your continued support. Please consider donating this year to our concert series. No amount is too small, and every gift will be deeply appreciated and acknowledged.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our appeal. I hope you will join us this year. In the meantime I wish you a year filled with love, joy and beauty!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elizabeth Player". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elizabeth Player
Executive and Artistic Director
The Harlem Chamber Players, Inc.

2017 – 2018 CONCERT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017 AT 7 PM

SEASON OPENING CONCERT

Virtuoso pianist and Broadway Musical Director Joseph Joubert joins members of The Harlem Chamber Players. Also featured are violinists Joyce Hammann and Belinda Whitney, violist Tia Allen and cellist Clay Ruede in performances of Dvořák's *Piano Quintet No. 2 in A Major*, as well as music by Tchaikovsky and Pulitzer Prize winning composer



Jennifer Higdon. General admission tickets are \$15 online, \$20 at the door. Broadway Presbyterian Church at 601 West 114th Street on Broadway.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017 AT 3 PM

AN AFTERNOON OF CHAMBER MUSIC



Violinists Joyce Hammann and Belinda Whitney, violinists Amazi Azikiwe and Tia Allen, and cellist Robert Burkhart perform Beethoven's *String Quintet in C Major*, as well as music by Florence Price, Ysaÿe and Gary Fagin. Goddard Riverside Community Center's Bernie Wohl Center at 647 Columbus Avenue at 91st Street. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$12 for students and seniors.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017 AT 7 PM

ANNUAL BACH CONCERT



The "Harlem Bach Project" continues with an evening of great music by the master J.S. Bach, including the *Brandenburg Concerto No. 3*, the *Keyboard Concerto in A Major* and some of his most inspiring arias for tenor. The concert features solo violinist Belinda Whitney, guest artist and New York Philharmonic harpsichordist Paolo Bordignon and tenor Christopher Sierra. Conductor James Davis Jr. will lead a chamber orchestra featuring members of

The Harlem Chamber Players. Tickets are \$15 online, \$20 at the door. Broadway Presbyterian Church at 601 West 114th Street on Broadway.

2017 – 2018 CONCERT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018 AT 6:30 PM

10TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION



The Harlem Chamber Players and the Schomburg Center present a concert featuring Afro-British composer Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's *Nonet* for piano, winds and strings, as well as songs by H. Leslie Adams and other spirituals, featuring pianist Major Scurlock, soprano Andréa Bradford, baritone Kenneth Overton and other members of The Harlem Chamber Players.

This concert is **FREE** and open to the public and will take place at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture at 515 Malcolm X Boulevard (135th Street and Lenox Avenue). Visit our website to learn more and to RSVP.

MARCH 24, 2018 AT 4 PM

ANNUAL CONCERT WITH OPUS 118 HARLEM SCHOOL OF MUSIC

The sensational violin students of Opus 118 Harlem School of Music return! Meet the master teacher Roberta Guaspari and hear why she is the inspiration behind the award-winning documentary *Small Wonders* and Miramax's film *Music of the Heart*, starring Meryl Streep. St. Mary's Episcopal Church at 521 West 126th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam. Tickets are \$15 online, \$20 at the door.



Photo by Bob Curtis

FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2018 AT 7 PM

HARLEM SONGFEST



We will close our 10th Anniversary Season with a gala concert, presenting some of the best voices in Harlem—Met Opera sopranos Janinah Burnett and Brandie Sutton, mezzo-soprano Lucia Bradford and baritone Kenneth Overton. James Davis Jr. will conduct. This concert features selected works for voices and orchestra chosen from the operatic repertoire.

Miller Theatre at Columbia University at 2960 Broadway at 116th Street.

Visit www.HarlemChamberPlayers.org for more information and to buy tickets.

THE HARLEM CHAMBER PLAYERS



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MISSION

The Harlem Chamber Players is an ethnically diverse collective of professional musicians dedicated to bringing high-caliber, affordable and accessible live classical music to people in the Harlem community and beyond.

HISTORY

Harlem's acclaimed chamber music series Music at St. Mary's began in 2008 as a partnership between clarinetist Liz Player and the late violist Charles Dalton, who met while performing at a Black History Month gala concert at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. Inspired and encouraged by Janet Wolfe, founder of the New York City Housing Symphony Orchestra and long-time patron of minority classical musicians, Ms. Player and Mr. Dalton created a summer music festival in the neighborhood of Manhattanville/West Harlem that provided dynamic chamber music concerts.

Following the enthusiastic reception of the festival, the former rector, Rev. Dr. Earl Kooperkamp, of the historic St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomed and supported the creation of an ongoing series. After the departure of Mr. Dalton in 2010, Liz joined forces with Carl Jackson, an East Harlem native, to form The Harlem Chamber Players. The 2017 – 2018 season marks the tenth year of our concert series.

STAFF

Liz Player, founder, executive and artistic director; Carl Jackson, director of development and artistic planning; Deryck Clarke, educational and community outreach director; Amy Fraser, administrative coordinator.

BOARD

Rev. Thomas Pellaton, president; William Hoch, treasurer; Susan Macaluso, secretary James Davis, Jr., Liz Player, directors.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jo-Ann Graham, Ph.D., Joseph Joubert, Lee Koonce, Jean McCurry, Terrance McKnight, Alicia Hall Moran, Jason Moran.

DONATION FORM

In order to continue our series, we need your help. Proceeds from admissions cover less than 25% of all costs in producing the concerts.

We would greatly appreciate your support in helping us present an ambitious set of programs this 10th Anniversary Season. The highlight of this season will be our Harlem Songfest, a gala concert featuring some of the best voices in Harlem, including Met Opera sopranos Janinah Burnett and Brandie Sutton.

We hope to see you this season and thank you for any support you are able to give!

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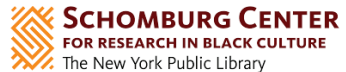
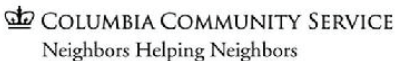
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