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# The Newark Museum of Art & New Jersey Symphony present NMOA Summer Series

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**NEWARK, NJ – June 6, 2022 –** For the second consecutive summer, The Newark Museum of Art partners with New Jersey Symphony to bring you the NMOA Summer Series, a vibrant music series program in the beautiful Alice Ransom Dreyfuss Memorial Garden.

The Museum invites all visitors to come together and enjoy an array of performances from the classical masterpieces of Mozart, to Broadway musicals, to the high-tempo of jazz from Patience Higgins and the Sugar Hill Quartet, and more. The New Jersey Symphony Chamber Players will also perform three concerts as part of the Summer Series.

"In our second year of partnership with the New Jersey Symphony, this year's Summer Series will undoubtedly serve as a beacon in bringing everyone together in a celebration of art, culture, and, of course, music," said Linda C. Harrison, Director and CEO of The Newark Museum of Art. "The Museum is thrilled to continue hosting evenings filled with memorable moments, talents, and community among our garden."

For this nine-part series, the NMOA offers delightful evenings of classic and modern music in the wonderlust garden courtyard setting. Each concert is built on unique themes and meticulously organized by several curators, including New Jersey Symphony Resident Artistic Catalyst Daniel Bernard Roumain, NMOA Visiting Curator of Performing Arts Daryl Stewart, WBGO host Sheila Anderson, and New Jersey Symphony principal musicians Ha Young Jung and Robert Wagner.

"Our chamber concerts in collaboration with The Newark Museum of Art filled last summer with inspiring evenings sharing powerful music in a beautiful garden space," said Gabriel van Aalst, New Jersey Symphony President & CEO. "We are thrilled to continue our partnership with the Museum and present a summer series that will bring joyful musical experiences to our Newark community."

"As a Newark-based artist, I am thrilled about partnering with an institution that values my artistic vision of creating accessible, community-centric, multidisciplinary productions right here in Newark," said Daryl Stewart, Visiting Curator of Performing Arts. "I cannot wait to witness the ways in which these productions will engage, inspire and excite new generations of live performance enthusiasts."

A tradition for audiences of all ages to enjoy, Summer Series is one the many highlights the Museum has to offer this season. In addition to this series of live musical performances, The Newark Museum of Art will also present two concurrent exhibitions, *Billie Holiday at Sugar Hill: Photographs by Jerry Dantzic* and *Jazz Greats: Classic Photographs from the Bank of America Collection*. Both exhibits will be on view June 9 through August 22, 2022.

## Summer Series Programs will include:

June 25, 10am: Broadway in the Bricks Jr: Disney Day

July 8, 7pm: Broadway in the Bricks

July 13, 7pm: Winds in the Garden

July 27, 7pm: Moving, Believing, and Being Together

July 29, 7pm: A Night of Jazz and Soul with AntoinetteMontague

August 3, 7pm: Summer, Time, and Jazz

August 6, 7pm: Simply Simone: The Music of Nina Simone

August 11, 7pm: A Night of Jazz and Soul with Patience Higgins and the Sugar Hill Quartet

August 17, 7pm: Bass & Flute Extravaganza

Program descriptions are available <u>here</u>. Tickets must be purchased in advance from the NMOA and NJ Symphony websites, and will not be available on-site. Additionally, food and drinks will be available for purchase, courtesy of Sterling Affairs and Urban Vegan Kitchen.

#### About the Newark Museum of Art

Founded in 1909, The Newark Museum of Art is the largest art and education institution in New Jersey and one of the most influential museums in the United States. Its renowned global art collections, supported by significant holdings of science, technology and natural history, rank 12th among North America's art museums. The Museum is dedicated to artistic excellence, education and community engagement with an overarching commitment to broadening and diversifying arts participation. As it has for over a century, the Museum responds to the evolving needs and interests of the diverse audiences it serves by providing exhibitions, programming and resources designed to improve and enrich people's lives.

The Museum also encompasses the Victoria Hall of Science, the Alice and Leonard Dreyfuss Planetarium, the 1885 Ballantine House, the MakerSPACE, the Billy Johnson Auditorium, and the Alice Ransom Dreyfuss Memorial Garden.

The Newark Museum of Art, a not-for-profit museum of art and science, receives operating support from the City of Newark, the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State (a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts), the New Jersey Cultural Trust, the Prudential Foundation, the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the Victoria Foundation, the Estate of Phyllis and Sanford Bolton, the Wallace Foundation, and other corporations, foundations, and individuals. Funds for acquisitions and activities other than operations are provided by members and other contributors.

## About the New Jersey Symphony

The New Jersey Symphony will redefine what it means to be a nationally leading, relevant orchestra in the 21st century. Through adventurous performances, hands-on educational experiences, and robust community programming, we encourage everyone to enjoy the power and creativity of orchestral music in all its forms. Across genres and venues, for audiences of all walks of life, we strive to bring music that's meaningful to you, to you.

As we look toward celebrating our centennial, we are renewing our deeply rooted commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion by championing new, and often local, artists; engaging audiences for whom the inspiring depth and breadth of classical music will be new; and incorporating the broadest possible representation in all aspects of our organization—all to better reflect and serve our vibrant communities.

Our expansive educational offerings—including our youth orchestras, masterclasses and virtual learning opportunities—will build the next generation of listeners and musicians and help students

grow, both musically and personally. And we will continue to seek new ways to connect with all New Jerseyans, through programs that resonate with a variety of cultural and musical backgrounds, as well as digital innovations that make our orchestra accessible to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

We're your New Jersey Symphony, and we'll be here for you.

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