



YOUR SUPPORT CREATES ACCESS

Chamber music is for everyone. Take a look below at the amazing ways your gift makes life better for everyone in Seattle.

- The **Academy for Chamber Music** is an intense precollege chamber music program designed to develop the next generation of world-class chamber musicians. Seattle's most talented young musicians are selected to play in chamber groups together, participate in masterclasses with SCMS musicians, and receive weekly coachings from our internationally-renowned faculty.
- Whether in the Center for Chamber Music or community spaces around the Seattle area, **Open Rehearsals** are free opportunities for community members to experience how a piece of music comes together. Our festival musicians invite people to be a part of the rehearsal process and get inside the mind of artists preparing for a concert.
- Artists that perform during our mid-year concerts also perform a **free concert for community members**. Recent performances have taken place at Olympic Hills Elementary, numerous foodbanks, Path with Art, University of Washington Hospital, and the Frye Museum.



Dear Friends,

Seattle Chamber Music Society's 2022-2023 season has been a true testament to the transformative power of music. The power of chamber music to connect, to inspire, and to transcend borders has been on full display. Each note played, every moment shared, and every emotion evoked has demonstrated the profound impact that music can have in our lives.

Through our dedication to artistic excellence, commitment to education and community outreach, and enthusiasm in nurturing the next generation of musicians, we've fostered a legacy that will resonate for years to come. Our collective effort has enriched our community and the world of classical music, and I couldn't be prouder of what SCMS has achieved in this extraordinary year. I am thrilled to share those efforts in this first-of-its-kind Impact Report.

I look forward to continuing to create and share these moments of magic with you all in the years to come. Thank you for your unwavering support and passion for chamber music – together, we are doing something truly remarkable.

Sincerely,

James Ehnes,
Gilbert Omenn and Martha Darling Artistic Director



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2023 SEASON AT A GLANCE

More concerts. More venues. More audience. BIGGER IMPACT! We're making the world a better place with chamber music by performing in concert halls, museums, community centers, hospitals, food banks, and parks. While our Summer and Winter Festivals remain one of this country's unrivaled cultural gems, 2023 saw an increased focus on our community impact. Chamber music is for everyone, and SCMS made access a priority.



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Concerts in 2023

93

Artists on our Stages

16,418

In-person Concert Attendees

4,994

Virtual Concert Hall Viewers

CONCERT SPOTLIGHT

- Delving into the final year of Franz Schubert's life, **Schubert's Swan Song** was our first venture into a mid-year concert at Nordstrom Recital Hall featuring James Ehnes, Alisa Weilerstein, and Inon Barnatan. It sold out.
- **The Isidore Quartet**, first prize winners of the 2022 Banff International String Quartet Competition, were joined by James Ehnes and Efe Baltacigil for a performance at Town Hall that sold over 600 tickets.
- James Ehnes teamed up with Jens Lindemann and Jon Kimura Parker during the 2023 Summer Festival for **Jazz@SCMS**, a concert at the Triple Door showcasing the jazzier side to SCMS.

There's nothing quite like the gentle euphoria triggered by a heavy intake of live chamber music. In the heart of summer, [Seattle] becomes a magnet for chamber-music enthusiasts, lured by the quality and variety of the Seattle Chamber Music Society's month-long Summer Festival.

— Thomas May,
Classical Voice North America

COMMUNITY CONCERTS YOU CREATE



The children were encouraged to move and dance during the concert. My granddaughter loves to swirl her scarf while dancing! The musicians are equally first-class artists and wonderful human beings who interact with the students. This program is a precious gift for the neuro-diverse community.

— Ellen Taussig, SCMS Patron



The environment in the ICU was transformed by your music — humanizing the space and bringing a healing energy, not only for the soul — but also for the heart and mind.

— Matthew Smith, PA-C, MCHS,
UW Medical Center



This is my 4th Concert Truck performance this year — it is the BEST way to get my kids introduced to these instruments and classical music. My 4yo has been asking since last year when the concert truck was coming back.

— Concert Truck Attendee



Hope it will continue year after year. Thank you very much for bringing great music to this beautiful outdoor setting. It's one of the highlights of each summer.

— Chamber Music in the Park Attendee