



# KNEISEL HALL CHAMBER MUSIC SCHOOL AND FESTIVAL

Dear Friends of Kneisel Hall –

We don't have to tell you that we are enjoying a spectacular, resurgent summer!

The music is sublime; the campus looks wonderful, and our outreach programs are back in full operation. And here's what makes that happen:

- We have a faculty of 15 internationally-renowned pianists, violinists, violists, and cellists, who are in residence from three to seven weeks.
- We have 47 extraordinarily-talented Young Artists (19 violinists, 13 cellists, 9 violists, and 6 pianists), chosen from over 350 applicants, who come from 11 different countries all over the world.
- We are back to full seating capacity (but for this summer, with masks, please).
- By the end of July, we will have presented more than 30 public events in Blue Hill and surrounding communities, including free concerts in Brooklin, Bangor, Southwest Harbor, and Stonington. We also have weekly free children's concerts at the Blue Hill Public Library, performances at the Parker Ridge Retirement Community, and a benefit concert for the Tree of Life Food Pantry.
- Our resident composer, Ezequiel Viñao has given a master class and has had two of his chamber works performed in the Concert Hall.
- The tarpaulin was removed from the Concert Hall chimney in time for our concert season (but a permanent repair for the leak will almost certainly mean rebuilding the chimney and extensive remedial work throughout the hall).

We are making progress towards having the Concert Hall listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

You made this all possible – thank you! Now we ask you to renew that effort. Please use the enclosed envelope or contribute through our website at <https://www.kneisel.org/donate/>.

Many thanks!

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