Music Haven students perform dozens of concerts a year throughout the city. Here is a sample of what is in store for this season:

- **Monday, November 11** Veterans Day Concert
- **Mon. Nov 18 – Thurs. Nov 21** Fall Studio Recitals
- **Thursday, December 19** Winter Performance
- **Monday, January 20** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Concert
- **Thursday, March 5** Student Showcase at NHSO
- **Mon. March 9 – Thurs. March 12** Spring Studio Recitals
- **Tuesday, April 7** Honors Recital
- **Thursday, May 28** Spring Performance

Students also play at community spaces such as Casa Otoñal, SCSU, Chapel Haven, Mary Wade Home, and public libraries.

Front Cover: Jade, age 9, has been studying the violin with Mr. Patrick for two years. Her sister, Ambar, is 11 years old and has been studying the cello with Mr. Philip for one year.

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At our Spring Performance I chose my spot strategically behind our youngest students, in case what they had been taught about being a great audience member got lost in the excitement of watching their very own teachers play. After all, most of them had only been with Music Haven for a year. They sat quietly, instruments in their laps, as four advanced students and their teachers performed the Mendelssohn Octet. “That’s my teacher!” one little guy shouted. “Shhh!” said the girl beside him. As the first notes filled the room, their eyes grew wide and they sat, silent, at the edge of their seats, riveted. “Quiet!” one of them whispered to an older student who dared to sneeze. “My TEACHER is playing!”

Just nine months prior, they had never held an instrument or heard a live ensemble. But that evening, they were not only seasoned audience members, they were up next. Once the cheering died down, their small faces suddenly turned serious as they picked up their instruments and lined up quietly in rest position, just as they had practiced. Their performance that followed—in the words of one of our older students—"slayed", but what the audience couldn’t hear was the deeper experience the students took away from their first year. “I learned that I want to do more new things,” one said. “Playing the violin calms me down and makes me more patient,” said another. “I learned the only way to get better is to keep going.”

Many of our kids deal with day-to-day stressors that even grownups should not have to endure, things that can have an impact, things that could hold them back. So at Music Haven, when they take the stage, they carry much more than their instruments. They carry their new-found focus, patience, persistence, and love for this gift they’ve discovered in themselves. These are things that don’t weigh them down but give them great power—as musicians, and as humans.

The market rate for a one-on-one music lesson is $80 an hour which means the opportunity to learn and play music is usually limited to those with the economic freedom to participate. This is in part why classical music is so racially exclusive. If programs for access and inclusion are limited to free tickets, the message to most kids is: look but don’t touch; listen but don’t join in; stay in your seat. “This year,” one 8-year-old wrote, “I discovered I have a talent at playing the violin.” Together, we make that discovery possible.

While the vehicle we use is music-making, our underlying framework is about upending race and class-based assumptions about who gets to play. Through music, we manifest something closer to equity in a highly inequitable world, and together, we challenge the stereotypes that concretely shape the contours of our kids’ futures, and their ability to walk and play safely and peacefully in the world.

Mandi Jackson, Executive Director
$7500 is the local market-rate annual cost of the programming our advanced students receive. For the majority of our students, that would be as much as a quarter of their family’s income for the year.

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The Mission

Music Haven empowers and connects young people through exceptional tuition-free music education, mentoring, and performance by our resident musicians in the heart of New Haven, giving all kids a chance to play.

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OUR PROGRAMS

ONE-ON-ONE LESSONS

Students receive weekly One-on-One Lessons with a member of our Teaching Faculty. They come together for studio classes, celebrations, recitals, and potluck dinners, building a community and strong relationships with their peers and teachers over many years.

HSQ violist Annalisa Boerner leads our rigorous Music Theory Program. We use a mix of aural, visual, and kinesthetic methods to teach music fundamentals such that each student can develop fluency in their own way.

HSQ violinist Yaira Matyakubova teaches Time Travel, our Music History Class. Students travel through time and space with music, listening, and locating places of origin on the globe, journaling, and drawing what they hear.

High school-aged Music Haven Fellows are trained to assist group classes and serve as mentors and practice buddies to our younger students. They also have opportunities for college/concert trips and special workshops and events.
ENSEMBLES

Harmony In Action, conducted by HSQ cellist Philip Boulanger, is Music Haven's advanced student chamber orchestra. Students plan social action projects, engage with guest speakers, participate in workshops and attend concert trips and an annual retreat (pictured here).

Our Student Chamber Music Program is for intermediate to advanced students. They play in concerts throughout the year, rehearse weekly, and are coached by Teaching Faculty member Patrick Doane.

Before Music Haven students are ready for Harmony In Action, they play in a variety of Beginning and Intermediate Ensembles. They rehearse weekly, build music-reading skills, and learn to work and play together with other young musicians.

Music Bridge is a beginner violin class serving a diverse group of students that includes recent immigrants and refugees. This year-long program builds not only music skills, but also relationships and communication skills across boundaries of language and culture.
100% of our graduates attend a 4-year college, compared to 65% average entrance rate for the high schools our students attend (CSDE, 2017).
Austina began at Music Haven in 2016 as part of our first Music Bridge initiative—a beginner violin group class for young refugees. Today Austina is a 4th-year Music Haven violinist, playing with an ensemble group, studying music theory with Ms. Annalisa, and taking one-on-one classes with Ms. Yaira. This year, she will be mentoring our new Music Bridge students!

“At Music Haven I learned that when playing, play from your heart.”

– Austina, violinist

# of students participating in Music Haven lessons, classes, mentoring, and ensembles 100% free of charge.

78

Average number of years of high-quality music instruction and mentoring to date our alumni received before they graduated. For some, it was 12 years!

8.5

Average number of hours per week each student spends at Music Haven in lessons, classes, ensembles, peer mentoring, and more.

4.5
Having a practice buddy is great! Even though we are in different books, it is great to have someone other than my teacher listen to me play. Reign is a really fun person to be around! She is a good person to talk to and a good friend and when we are practicing together I can just be myself.”

– Chaima

Reign (left), age 15, is a sixth year violinist. Her Practice Buddy, Chaima (right), age 10, also plays violin. Reign is part of our Music Haven Fellows Program that trains our high-school students to assist our Teaching Faculty during group classes and serve as mentors and practice buddies to our younger students.

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– Chaima
of our students live in neighborhoods with the highest rates of child poverty, crime, and unemployment – Dixwell, the Hill, Fair Haven, Newhallville, Dwight, West Rock, and Beaver Hills.

Estimated number of languages spoken by Music Haven families. Approximately 35% of our families speak a language other than English at home.

% of Music Haven students who are from families with incomes below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. (Approximately $50,000/year for a family of 4.)

# of different New Haven schools attended by Music Haven students.
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- Attend a Haven String Quartet concert* and bring a friend!
- Give the gift of Stock Options.
- Donate that violin, viola or cello tucked away in your attic!
- Make a contribution from your IRA.
- Tell everyone about Music Haven and how we are making a difference!
- Name Music Haven as a beneficiary in your will.

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2019–2020 HSQ EVENTS

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Sunday, September 15  Playing Images at the Yale University Art Gallery
Wednesday, September 18  Playing Images at the Yale University Art Gallery
Friday, October 18  HSQ on Audubon: Latin American Folklore
Saturday, October 19  HSQ Chamber Series: Latin American Folklore
Friday, December 13  HSQ on Audubon: Sonata Mashup
Saturday, December 14  HSQ Chamber Series: Sonata Mashup
Friday, March 20  HSQ on Audubon: Soviet Sonorities
Saturday, March 21  HSQ Chamber Series: Soviet Sonorities
Friday, May 8  HSQ on Audubon: Modal Meditations
Saturday, May 9  HSQ Chamber Series: Modal Meditations
June TBA  Playing Images at the Yale University Art Gallery

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MEET THE HAVEN STRING QUARTET

Featured in the *New York Times* and on NPR, and sought after for both their command on the concert stage and their mastery as teachers, *Haven String Quartet* has been hailed as “the nation’s premiere community-based string quartet.”

The four members of the quartet represent the world’s top conservatories and bring outstanding chamber music performances to New Haven neighborhoods and throughout the region with a full season of concerts, recitals, educational workshops, and performances for diverse audiences in public spaces, including recent performances at Sprague Hall, Merkin Hall, as part of Manchester Music Festival, and across New England.

The Quartet serves as the permanent quartet-in-residence and teaching faculty for *Music Haven*, and spearheads the organization’s tuition-free strings program for youth, which has been recognized as a top 50 after-school arts program in the country by the President’s Committee on the Arts and Humanities six times. Each member of the quartet teaches a full studio of 15-20 *Music Haven* students in private lessons, group classes, studio classes, chamber groups, and an advanced chamber orchestra.

“Few classical ensembles are more attuned to the specific environment and the circumstances of each concert. Few are more accessible, or more responsive to the needs of the communities they serve.” – *The Daily Nutmeg*
Yaira Matyakubova, violin, has performed in Carnegie Hall with the Silk Road Project in collaboration with Yo-Yo Ma, and is a member of the Knight’s Orchestra based in Brooklyn. She received her Bachelor’s degree from The Harid Conservatory and her Master’s degree from Rice University. Yaira further pursued her musical studies at Yale University from 2003-2005. She has been with Music Haven since 2009.

Gregory Tompkins, violin, holds a B.M. in violin performance and a B.A. in psychology from the University of Rochester and the Eastman School of Music. He received his Master’s degree from the New England Conservatory. Gregory plays regularly in recitals all over the eastern United States, and has performed as a member of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago. He has been with Music Haven since 2013.

Annalisa Boerner, viola, holds a B.M. and an M.M. from the Cleveland Institute of Music. Prior to her time at Music Haven, Annalisa’s interest in the connection between music and service led her to the Community MusicWorks Fellowship in Providence, R.I. She has collaborated with such artists as the Kronos Quartet, the Cavani Quartet, and members of the Cleveland Orchestra and plays with orchestras throughout New England. Annalisa joined Music Haven in 2015.

Philip Boulanger, cello, received his Bachelor’s of Music from Boston University, and an Artist Certificate from the Krakow Academy of Music in Poland. He received his Master’s in Performance and Pedagogy from Northwestern University, during which time he was also Assistant Principal Cellist of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago. Philip served as a Teaching Artist for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and worked with Yo-Yo Ma on the Symphony’s Citizen Musician Initiative. He has been with Music Haven since 2013.
Patrick Doane, violin, was described as a “Compelling Violinist” by the New York Times. He appears with ensembles including Orchestra of St. Luke’s, Harrisburg Symphony, Hartford Symphony and New Haven Symphony. Busy as a performer, he plays recitals and chamber concerts throughout the United States and has served as concertmaster in international orchestral tours. He has appeared alongside artists such as Savion Glover and Keith Lockhart, as well as members of the Muir, Portland and Attacca Quartets. Patrick received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Juilliard studying with Sally Thomas and Naoko Tanaka. As a composer he has had works commissioned for string quartet and chamber orchestra. He is currently working on his Doctorate at The Graduate Center, CUNY in New York City. Patrick joined the Music Haven Teaching Faculty in 2017.

Andrius Žlabys, piano, is a Grammy-nominated artist who has received international acclaim for his appearances with many of the world's leading orchestras, including the New York Philharmonic, Boston Symphony Orchestra, Cleveland Orchestra, Rotterdam Symphony, and Philharmonic Orchestra of Buenos Aires. He is a featured soloist in “Between Two Waves” by Victor Kissine for piano and string orchestra released on ECM in 2013 in collaboration with Gidon Kremer and Kremerata Baltica. In 2012 Andrius made his concerto debut at the Salzburg Festival performing Mozart's Concerto K467 with the Gustav Mahler Youth Orchestra conducted by Mirga Grazinyte-Tyla. Born in Lithuania and trained at the Curtis Institute of Music, Žlabys was 18 years old when the Chicago Tribune wrote: “Pianist-composer Andrius Žlabys is one of the most gifted young keyboard artists to emerge in years.” Žlabys was also heralded by the New York Sun in a review titled “A Shining Hope of Pianists” after his recital at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.
October 19th, 2019

**Latin American Folklore**

Ginastera String Quartet No. 1, Op. 20
Lena Frank *Leyendas: An Andean Walkabout*
Alvarez *Metro Chabacano*

The HSQ’s 2019/2020 season begins with an exploration of the vivid, vibrant, and intricate music from Latin America. Alberto Ginastera, one of Argentina’s most famous and influential composer and the teacher of Astor Piazzola, wrote numerous string quartets, and his first comes at the end of his “objective nationalist” period in 1948. Filled with electrifying Argentinian dance rhythms and kaleidoscopic harmonies, his first quartet stands among his finest works. “Leyendas: An Andean Walkabout” for string quartet by Gabriela Lena Frank draws inspiration from the idea of “mestizaje” as envisioned by the Peruvian writer José María Arguedas, where cultures can coexist without the subjugation of one by the other. As such, this piece mixes elements from the western classical and Andean folk music traditions. The program also includes “Metro Chabacano” by Mexican composer Javier Alvarez, whose piece for string quartet uses jazz-infused harmonies and a ceaseless pulse to capture the spirit of a fascinating work of kinetic art in the heart of Mexico City’s largest train station.

December 14th, 2019

**Sonata Mashup**

Ravel *Sonata for Violin and Cello*
Mozart Violin Sonata in E Minor, K. 304
Price Selected Songs for Viola and Piano
Franck Violin Sonata in A Major

The HSQ “Sonata Mashup” concert features duos and sonatas, featuring Resident Musician Patrick Doane and Andrius Žlabys. The evening will include a set of songs for viola and piano by Florence Price, a groundbreaking African-American composer whose music blends her southern roots with traditional classical studies. Marking a turning point in his musical style, Ravel’s “Sonata for Violin and Cello” is one of the first pieces written...
following Ravel’s experience as an ambulance driver in World War I, and sheds his “impressionistic” sound world to create a masterpiece that is both austere and symphonic. The program will also include Mozart’s violin sonata in E minor, a work that comes from a period of turmoil in the composer’s life as he struggled to find employment in Paris following his mother’s death. The evening will close with Franck’s magnificent sonata for violin and piano, written as a wedding gift for the famed violinist Ysaye, and considered to be one of Franck’s greatest works.

March 21, 2020

**Soviet Sonorities**

Shostakovich *Piano Trio No. 2 in E Minor, Op. 67*
Weinberg *String Quartet No. 6 in E Minor, Op. 35*

The Haven String Quartet’s concert “Soviet Sonorities,” featuring Patrick Doane and Andrius Žlabys, centers around two masterworks born of the Iron Curtain. Shostakovich’s Piano Trio No. 2 in E Minor, written during the darkest days of World War II and in memory of a friend who had recently passed, alternates between moments of profound darkness, and saccharine, nearly manic exuberance. Mieczyslaw Weinberg, a brilliant and prolific Soviet composer only recently receiving the recognition his works deserve, was a contemporary and close friend of Shostakovich’s. Weinberg’s work received little recognition in the Soviet Union during his lifetime, and he himself was the subject of constant harassment and persecution due to his Jewish lineage, but his quartets are filled with depth, color, and musical profundity equal to the greatest works of any Soviet composer. His Sixth Quartet, a massive work comprised of six movements, was banned from performance by the communist party and only received its world premiere in 2007.
May 9th, 2020

**Modal Meditations**

Glass String Quartet No. 2
Beethoven String Quartet in A Minor, Op. 132
Doane Meditations

The final concert of the HSQ season, “Modal Meditations,” features three works, each exploring the powerful worlds of modal harmonies. Originally scored as incidental music for an adaptation of Samuel Beckett’s play of the same name, Philip Glass’ second quartet, “Company,” was written in 1983. In quintessential Glassian fashion, the works seems to shimmer in and out of existence as it undulates between major and minor. Beethoven’s Op. 132, one of the great works of the quartet repertoire, centers around its monumental 4th movement, written after a period of serious illness towards the end of the composer’s life. When his strength returned, Beethoven wrote a “Holy song of thanksgiving of a convalescent to the Deity, in the Lydian mode,” a title the composer gave to the work’s profound fourth movement. The concert will also include a world premiere by Music Haven’s own Resident Musician Patrick Doane.

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HSQ IN THE COMMUNITY

The HSQ’s mission is centered around its relationship with Music Haven. The musicians in the quartet provide exceptional instruction to underserved New Haven youth in their roles as full-time teaching faculty, and invest in the individual needs of every child. The HSQ builds long-term relationships with students and their families through years of mentoring.

Accessible Community Concerts have long been a mainstay of the HSQ, with performances in public spaces including city libraries, group homes, and the Festival of Arts and Ideas.

The HSQ also mentors public school youth orchestras from the city of Bridgeport in a collaborative program with Music for Youth. Student musicians from Bridgeport join the HSQ, Music Haven’s Harmony in Action Youth Chamber Orchestra, and the St. Luke’s Steel Band in a capstone concert that celebrates the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In addition, members of the Haven String Quartet bring their passion and skill to the broader community through in-school Assemblies and Classroom programs, weaving together interactive learning, story telling, and music into dynamic concert experiences.
Each spring, the HSQ hosts its **Adult Chamber Music Seminar**. This weekend retreat provides proficient amateur musicians with coachings by members of the Quartet and the opportunity to prepare a piece with others who share their passion.

The Quartet also partners with corporate and non-profit leadership teams to spark collaboration, storytelling, and innovation in the workplace through our **Professional Development Workshops**.

For the past ten years the Haven String Quartet and the Yale University Art Gallery have collaborated on **Playing Images**, a concert series that is free and open to the public. These interactive sessions are held in the gallery and connect viewing a work of art with live performance.

“Playing Images: An Exploration of Art and Music” featuring the Haven String Quartet, a performance in the American paintings and sculpture gallery, Yale University Art Gallery, June 2019. Photo: Jessica Smolinski
“I have greatly enjoyed the collaborations the Yale Alumni Chorus and Yale Choral Artists have shared with the Haven String Quartet over the years - their artistry, seamless sense of ensemble, and beautiful playing are always an inspiration that lifts our own performance.”

– Dr. Jeffrey Douma, Professor of Conducting, Yale School of Music; Director, Yale Glee Club and Yale Choral Artists
We are thankful for Music Haven’s commitment to providing accessible music education, mentoring and performances to the children in our community — giving all kids a chance to play.
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We’re pleased to help shine a light on it.