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**Chelsea Music Festival Announces June 2023 Festival — *Songs For The Earth*
June 24th - 29th, 2023**

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“... impressive addition to New York’s cultural ecosystem” - Time Out New York

New York, May 29, 2023— Chelsea Music Festival launches its annual June Festival with five evenings of concerts, conversation, and tastings with musicians, visual artists, chefs. Taking inspiration from our relationship with the natural world, Artistic Directors **Melinda Lee Masur** and **Ken-David Masur** present “***Songs For The Earth***” which explores the many ways the arts can bring attention to the needs of our changing planet. Events ranging from chamber music, art song, jazz, and daytime Open House and outreach will foster ecological awareness and focus on the earth as our shared home.

- **Saturday June 24 - Genesis House** (40A 10th Avenue, NY, NY 10014)
 - 11:30am-4pm *Opening Weekend Genesis House* - free and open to the public (Tea Pavilion)
 - Performance by **Asaran Earth Trio**
 - Festival Talks with Visual Artist-in-Residence **MaDora Frey** and composer **Nicky Sohn** alongside Artistic Directors **Melinda Lee Masur & Ken-David Masur**
 - 7:30-9:30pm *Opening Night | Dear Earth, Dear Friend*
 - New York premieres by composers **Nicky Sohn** and **David Evans**, songs by **Amy Beach**, **Florence Price**, and **Franz Schubert**; solo piano works by **Olivier Messaien**, **Louis-Charles Daquin**, **Edward Macdowell**, a trio by **Edvard Grieg**, and music by Composer-in-Residence **Iman Habibi**
 - performed by pianists **Robert Fleitz** and **Melinda Lee Masur**, soprano **Sonya Headlam**, violinists **Max Tan**, **Danbi Um**, **Tomotaka Seki**, violist **Ayako Tahara**, flutist **Annie Wu**, and **The Lee Trio**, with reception to follow
- **Sunday June 25 - Genesis House** (40A 10th Avenue, NY, NY 10014)
 - *Opening Weekend Genesis House* - free and open to the public (Tea Pavilion / Restaurant)
 - 1:30-3pm Performances by **gamin**, violinist **Tomotaka Seki**, violist **Ayako Tahara**
 - 3-4pm Performance by **Verona Quartet**
 - 6:30-8:30 pm Performances by cellist **Angela Lee**, violinists **Lisa Lee & Jocelyn Zhu**



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- **Monday June 26 - General Theological Seminary** (440 West 21st Street, NY, NY 10011)
 - 7:30-9:30pm *Rite of Healing* - **The Verona Quartet** performs works by Reena Esmail, Texu Kim, and Beethoven with intermission reception
- **Tuesday June 27 - General Theological Seminary** (440 West 21st Street, NY, NY 10011)
 - 12-1pm **Asaran Earth Trio**
 - 5:30-7pm *Stay Grounded | Planting Workshop & Happy Hour*
 - **Rogério Boccato** on percussion with all natural materials
 - **Growing Uptown** from **Dyckman Farmhouse** demonstrates the GrowKits they provide for food-insecure families in Inwood
 - Artwork from discarded materials on view by the **Gleaning Project**
 - 7:30-9:30pm *Beloved of the Sky* Concert featuring soprano **Sonya Headlam** and Festival Strings performing works by **Dvorak, Holst, Florence Price**, and World Premieres by **Iman Habibi** and **Sung Jin Hong** with intermission reception
- **Wednesday June 28 - General Theological Seminary** (440 West 21st Street, NY, NY 10011)
 - 5:30-7:30pm **Chelsea Farms to Table—The 2023 Family Dinner** - Family-style outdoor dinner by **Farm.one, Rethink Food, Rhubarb Hospitality Group, Radeberger, & Wirtschaftsrunde**
 - 7:30-9pm *Four Elements* Concert featuring percussion on natural materials, Japanese bamboo flutes, and piri with **Rogério Boccato, Keita Ogawa, Kaoru Watanabe**, and **gamin**
- **Thursday June 29 - St. Peter's Chelsea** (346 West 20th Street, NY, NY 10011)
 - 7:30-9pm *Our Shared Home* Festival Finale featuring works by **Takashi Yoshimatsu, Ryuichi Sakamoto, Patricio Molina, Claude Debussy, Gerald Finzi** with reception to follow
 - 9-10:30pm *Jazz Finale with Los Hermanos* with Cuban pianist **Aldo López Gavilán** and violinist **Ilmar Gavilan** - pre-concert reception included

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Festival tickets go on sale **Thursday, June 1, 2023**, on [ChelseaMusicFestival.org](#).

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ABOUT THE CHELSEA MUSIC FESTIVAL

Chelsea Music Festival celebrates great music by convening world-leading musicians & artists in the performing, culinary, and visual arts for an international audience. The Festival invites artists, composers, and performers to collaborate in pursuit of new perspectives in artistic expression. Inspired by its Chelsea roots, the Festival reflects the creativity of one of New York City's most dynamic neighborhoods. Programs span musical genres ranging from classical to contemporary to jazz with a special emphasis on Festival commissions by composers whose works are not in the traditional western canon. In addition, the Festival hosts an online library of recordings so music enthusiasts, artists, and students alike can explore unique interpretations of classical, jazz, and contemporary works via high-quality videos of world-class performances.

Since 2010, the Festival has established itself as a critically-acclaimed, accessible and interactive gateway to chamber music in non-traditional concert spaces such as art galleries, public squares, schools, and churches. Programming includes concerts, lectures, exhibitions, family events, and free outreach performances. In 2020, the Festival inaugurated its *Online Encores* and *Online Originals* YouTube series; *Online Encores* presents highlights from Festival archives while *Online Originals* presents new performances and recordings. We are proud to give emerging voices, particularly those of women and people of color, a stage and are working to build an audience and intimate community to support a new generation of musicians, composers, and artists.

The Chelsea Music Festival Artistic Directors are **Melinda Lee Masur** and **Ken-David Masur**.