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Performance Series

Sunday afternoon 3 - 4 pm

All Richter Arts events are free and no tickets or reservations are required for attendance.

Please consider a \$20+ donation to help offset some of the cost of the performance.

All donations graciously accepted.

SPECIAL NOTE: All Richter Arts performances this season will be held at the Danbury Museum, 43 Main Street, Danbury

Sunday, April 7

Violinist Chang Ho Lim and Pianist Rachel Yunkyung Choo perform Brahms, Beethoven, De Falla and more



Chang Ho Lim made his debut as a soloist with the Seoul National Symphony Orchestra. Since then, he has appeared as a soloist and chamber artist at the major concert halls worldwide such as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln and the United Nations Headquarters. Lim is the winner of the New York Music Competition and Mason Gross Chamber Music Competition. He has won top prizes at the Corpus Christi international competition. His live performance of Mendelssohn Octet with the Soloists of New England at Lincoln Center has been released in spring 2019 on Spice Classics and iTunes worldwide.



Rachel Yunkyung Choo has been praised for her artistry and musical sensitivity and enjoys an active career as a soloist and chamber musician. Rachel made her U.S. debut at the Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center with the Juilliard Orchestra and has appeared as a soloist with several orchestras, including Korean National University of Arts Orchestra, Gangnam Symphony Orchestra, Rutgers Symphony Orchestra, The Juilliard Orchestra, and TBC Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra. Rachel has received many international awards from esteemed competitions in South Korea and U.S.

Sunday, April 14

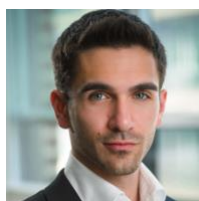
Concert of opera and musical theater favorites with Soprano Kristen Plumley, Baritone Mathew Ciuffitelli and David Maiullo piano



Mathew Ciuffitelli sang with New York City Opera in their world premiere of *The Garden of the Finzi Continis* and in the Broadway's 10th Anniversary Concert of *A Tale of Two Cities*. Ciuffitelli had the unique opportunity to perform with the Rolling Stones and to appear in the U.S. premiere of the mixed-media work, *Mountain Top*.



Described as possessing a "shimmering soprano" with "sparkle and precision", Connecticut native **Kristen Plumley** has performed with many opera companies throughout the country, including New York City Opera. She also greatly enjoys pops concerts, and her favorite is *Sci-Fi Spectacular*. Kristen performed in the North American premiere of Handel's first opera, *Almira*, with opera mission in New York City.



David Maiullo is an avid accompanist in the New York City Metropolitan area. His performances of over 2500 recitals and programs have led him to the stages of Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher, Alice Tully, and Merkin Concert Halls as well as venues in Europe and Japan. As a collaborative pianist, New York Times wrote, "Mr. Maiullo's playing was sensitive and effective."

Sunday, April 21

Piano Duet – Florence Liu and Rebecca Eng performing Poulenc Sonata, Debussy Petite Suite, Saint-Saens Carnival of the Animals, Gershwin Preludes and I Got Rhythm



Florence Liu renowned for her artistry and inspiring performances, has forged a dynamic career as a soloist, collaborative artist, and educator. She has garnered recognition from prestigious competitions, including the Dora Zaslavsky Piano Competition, The Artists International's Special Presentation Award, and The Young Musician Award from the Lincoln Center Chamber Music Society.



Rebecca Eng studied at Wheaton Conservatory of Music and Eastman School of Music where she was awarded the Performer's Certificate. After two decades of performing at Montclair State University as a collaborative pianist, she worked with The Opera Theatre of Montclair for seven years as the pianist and Assistant General Director. She now performs as a freelance accompanist in the New York metropolitan area.

Sunday, April 28

Roger Post Quartet featuring Jazz Legends



Drummer, Band Leader: Roger Post is a highly sought-after drummer/ percussionist whose 50+ years of experience have encompassed an incredible variety of styles and music.

Saxophone: Dave Savitsky has opened for Johnny Winter, Tower of Power, Chicago, Train, Chris Robinson, and has performed with Bernie Wallace, Jay Anderson, and many other CT and NY musicians and recording projects. Dave has been with the SUNY New Paltz Jazz Faculty for 15 years.

Bassist: Rich Zurkowski plays the thunderbroom aka the bass. He lives for the most part below the Y in Yamaha on your house piano. This quarter note salesman provides deep tones for many beautiful people.

Piano: Dave Childs performs full-time in the tri-state region and has shared the stage with jazz greats Jimmy Heath, Eddie Bert, James Moody, Lionel Hampton, Larry Ridley, Roswell Rudd, and the Nelson Riddle Orchestra. Dave has been featured on a variety of recordings.

Sunday, May 5

Violinist Tobias Steymans and Pianist Victoria Schwartzman will play music by Beethoven, Brahms and Poulenc



Tobias Steymans began playing the violin at the age of six, and by the age of twelve, he was already a preparatory student at the Music Academy in Cologne. In 2009, he was appointed principal concertmaster of the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra. He has performed all over Germany and most recently at Carnegie Hall New York.



Victoria Schwartzman is a classical pianist currently based in New York City. An avid solo and chamber music performer, she regularly appears on stage throughout the United States and abroad

Sunday, May 12

Pianist Sophia Agranovich



Sophia Agranovich is “a bold, daring pianist in the tradition of the Golden Age Romantics...A tigress of the keyboard. She has performed in the North America and Europe. She has won numerous awards for her performances and recordings.

Sunday, May 19

Catoonah Street Jazz and Blues Society

OUTDOOR performance. Bring your own seating. Indoors if rain.
Please check the webpage for details.

The **Catoonah Street Jazz and Blues Society** will bring the sound of New Orleans style Jazz to Danbury. They have been performing for more than 20 years, spreading happiness and joy through their music.



Sunday, May 26

Chauncey Street Blues Band

OUTDOOR performance. Bring your own seating. Indoors if rain.

Please check the webpage for details.

The **Chauncey Street Blues Band** is a four piece band based in Stratford, Connecticut that plays a mixture of contemporary and traditional blues songs by iconic artists including Muddy Waters, Eric Clapton, John Mayall, Buddy Guy, B.B. King and many others. They also play their own original material.

The band was formed in 2013 featuring vocalist and guitarist Charlie Kuroghlian, his two sons John (guitar) and Peter (bass and harmonica) and drummer Bob Anderson, who joined the band in 2022. The band may be heard around the region performing at outdoor festivals, taverns and restaurants and is available for bookings for any occasion.



Richter Arts Broadcasting

All of the Spring performances of Richter Association for the Arts will be broadcast on Comcast Channel 23 for viewers in Danbury, Bethel, and Ridgefield.

Details are at <https://richterarts.org/broadcasting>.

Selected broadcasts from previous performances are on the Richter Arts YouTube Channel and may be found via the Richter Arts website at <https://richterarts.org/broadcasting>.

Recent shows are also available for viewing at Comcast Video on Demand at Demand

<https://www.communitymediastudios.com/richterartspresents>

Richard Teasdale - videographer

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Life Member: \$350	Benefactor: \$400 and up	

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