



The Richter Association for the Arts Fall Program 2026

100 Aunt Hack Road, Danbury CT 06811

www.richterarts.org

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.

Sunday, September 13
no rain date

Berkshire Jazz Orchestra
bring your own lawn chair



The Berkshire Jazz Orchestra is a dynamic 17-piece ensemble based in Fairfield County, Connecticut, with a history dating to 1987. Led by director Chip Zellner, the orchestra brings the energy and excitement of the classic big-band tradition to audiences throughout the region. Its repertoire includes iconic swing-era arrangements by Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington and Count Basie, alongside music from contemporary jazz ensembles. The band features professional musicians, music educators and talented student musicians, with creative soloists adding spontaneity and excitement to every performance. Vocalist Jan Maki joins the orchestra to perform beloved selections from the Great American Songbook, including songs made famous by Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Bette Midler and Natalie Cole. Whether performing in concert halls, at community events or outdoors, the Berkshire Jazz Orchestra keeps the big-band sound fresh, vibrant and alive.

Sunday, September 20
will move indoors if raining

Irish Music Ensemble – Andy McGann CCÉ
bring your own lawn chair



The Andy McGann branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (CCÉ), founded in 2021, is part of the world's largest organization dedicated to preserving and promoting Irish traditional culture. The branch encourages participation and education in traditional Irish music, dance, and language through sessions, concerts, workshops, céilís, and lessons. Named in honor of the late Irish-American fiddle master Andy McGann, the branch celebrates his important contribution to the Sligo style of fiddling. Born in New York to parents from County Sligo, McGann became a highly respected figure in Irish traditional music and a vital link between generations of Sligo-style musicians. Today, the Andy McGann CCÉ branch serves communities throughout the Mid-Hudson, Taconic, and Housatonic regions of New York and Connecticut, bringing people together to experience, learn, and celebrate Irish culture.

Sunday, September 27
will move indoors if raining

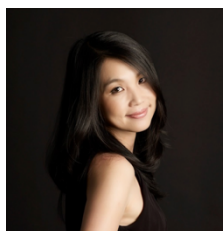
Chris Vitarello Jazz Trio
bring your own lawn chair



The Chris Vitarello Jazz Trio brings together three accomplished musicians whose careers span jazz, blues, soul, and funk. Organist Paul Connors is a veteran performer, recording artist, composer, bandleader, and educator with more than three decades of experience in the New York metropolitan area. Drummer and composer Jon Doty has performed and recorded with jazz luminaries including Ron Carter, Stanley Cowell, Bernard Wright, and Shunzo Ohno, while earning recognition for his original compositions. Guitarist Chris Vitarello, a Blues Hall of Fame inductee and Blues Blast Award winner, has performed and recorded with legendary artists for more than three decades and appears on over 30 albums. Together, the trio creates a vibrant, soulful sound rooted in experience and improvisation, blending sophisticated jazz with the energy and expressive spirit of blues, soul, and funk.

Sunday, October 4

All-American Piano Duos



Four distinguished pianists, Florence Liu, Yuka Yanagi, Kai Pangune Kim and Rebecca Eng, come together in two dynamic piano duos for *All-American Music*, a captivating celebration of the richness, vitality, and diversity of American musical expression. Featuring works by Charles Ives, George Gershwin, Louis Moreau Gottschalk, and others, the program journeys across eras, styles, and perspectives, revealing the extraordinary range of the American musical voice. From spirited rhythms and vibrant harmonies to bold experimentation and lyrical beauty, these four accomplished artists bring fresh energy and artistry to music that reflects the many facets of America. This engaging performance promises an inspiring exploration of American creativity, highlighting the unique colors, character, and enduring appeal of music.

Sunday, October 11

Lyndon Ji - Classical Solo Pianist



Lyndon Ji is an accomplished classical pianist whose artistry combines a deep appreciation for traditional repertoire with a passion for contemporary music and new artistic collaborations. Originally from Carmel, Indiana, Ji has performed throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia, appearing at festivals including the Gijón Piano Festival, Mozarteum Summer Academy, and Bowdoin International Music Festival. A prizewinner at the 2023 Chicago International Music Competition, Ji received the Grand Prize as well as a special prize for his performance of Baroque repertoire. His musical interests span works by composers such as Mozart, Beethoven, and Schubert, as well as contemporary music and newly commissioned works. Through thoughtful programming and expressive performances, Ji brings both technical refinement and musical curiosity to the concert stage, engaging audiences with repertoire that bridges the classical tradition and the evolving world of contemporary piano music.

Sunday, October 18 Barry Levy - Close Up Magic Show



Barry Levy has captivated audiences for more than 40 years with astonishing close-up magic, impossible card tricks, clever illusions, and plenty of humor. A Danbury resident, Levy trained with legendary magicians Tony Slydini, Frank Garcia, and Ricky Jay, learning from some of the most influential figures in magic. His performances combine remarkable sleight of hand with quick wit, playful audience interaction, and a natural gift for comedy. Cards appear and disappear, impossible objects materialize, and the laws of physics seem to take a holiday. Levy's intimate performance style brings the magic directly to the audience, often making spectators part of the mystery.

Whether creating an impossible illusion or keeping everyone laughing, Barry Levy delivers an engaging experience filled with surprise, wonder, and fun.

Sunday, October 25 Cornelius String Quartet



The Cornelius String Quartet is a dynamic chamber ensemble featuring four accomplished musicians from the Connecticut and greater New York music communities: violinists Hafez Taghavi and Emily Garrison, violist Juliana Chetcuti, and cellist Gjorgj Kroqi. Drawing on their diverse musical backgrounds, the quartet brings sophistication, versatility, and energy to every performance. Their repertoire spans centuries and genres, from classical masterpieces by Mozart and Beethoven to contemporary works and inventive arrangements of popular music. By exploring connections

between classical tradition and the wider musical world, the Cornelius String Quartet offers performances that are both musically compelling and refreshingly unexpected.

2026 Richter Arts Annual Juried Visual Arts Show & Sale

Receiving of Artwork	Tuesday, September 29	2:00 – 5:00 pm
Opening Reception & Award Ceremony	Saturday, October 3	2:00 – 5:00 pm
Art Show	Sunday, October 4	2:00 – 3:00 pm
Art Show	Sunday, October 11	2:00 – 3:00 pm
Art Show	Sunday, October 18	2:00 – 3:00 pm
Art Show	Sunday, October 25	2:00 – 3:00 pm
Pick-up of Artwork	Sunday, October 25	4:30 – 5:30 pm
Pick-up of Artwork	Monday, October 26	10:30 – noon

Richter Arts invites all area artists to enter its Annual Juried Art Show. The show is open to both Richter Arts members and non-members. Artists may submit two works completed within the last five years. Neither entry may have previously won an award at a Richter Arts show.

Accepted media include Oil, Acrylic, Mixed Media, Fiber Art, Pastel, Photography, Drawing, Graphics, and Sculpture. The Selection Committee reserves the right to jury out any work deemed inappropriate. Artwork must be framed and ready for hanging; sawtooth hangers are not permitted. Entries may not exceed 32" x 42", including the frame. "Over the edge" paintings are accepted if the sides are painted and no staples are visible.

High school and college students age 25 or younger may participate without paying an entry fee.

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Membership

Important reminder: All memberships should be renewed each year. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please mail your payment to
Richter Association for the Arts, 100 Aunt Hack Road, Danbury CT 06811
or pay online at richterarts.org/membership.

Individual Member: \$30

Senior Member: \$20

Student: \$20

Family Membership: \$45

Senior Couple: \$30

Life Member: \$350

Benefactor: \$400 and up

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