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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.

Sunday, April 6

Authentic Classic Rock & Blues Band: Tony & The West Siders



Tony & The West Siders are an Authentic Classic Rock & Blues band based in Fairfield County, CT, known for eclectic set lists mixing timeless hits and vintage blues.

Spreading joy with a diverse repertoire appealing to fans of all ages and musical tastes, a typical performance includes 50s Pioneers of Rock & Roll, 60s British Invasion and Psychedelia, 70s Supergroups and

Power Pop, 80s+ Fun and Memorable Classics and of course a healthy dose of blues as a tonic for whatever ails you. They would also like to thank everyone who supports live music and blesses us with the opportunity to play and meet so many wonderful people along this journey.

Sunday, April 13

Ira Joe Fisher and Martha Talburt - Poetry Reading



Well-known writer Ira Joe Fisher and Martha Talburt will read from poetry including their own writings. Ira Joe Fisher, being a writer of several books including *The birth of snow*, is also known as the TV weatherman. As for Martha Talburt, in addition to visual art, poems are her passion. Martha has created portrait drawings and paintings of subjects all over the world.

Sunday, April 27

The Legacy String Quartet



The Legacy String Quartet is an emerging musical ensemble based in the Fairfield and New Haven County areas. Since its founding in 2022, the quartet has captivated audiences with concerts showcasing remarkably diverse and innovative programs.

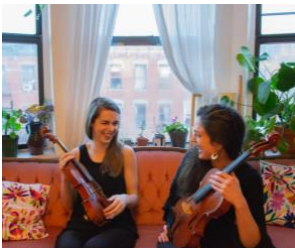
Their mission is simple: create musical experiences that are fresh and welcoming to all.

What distinguishes the Legacy String Quartet is their deep commitment to supporting non-profit organizations. Each member credits their musical beginnings to either the Danbury Music Centre

or Music Haven—both 501(c)(3) organizations dedicated to enriching the community through affordable or free music programs. Having developed their craft through these vital institutions, the quartet is passionate about giving back by performing for non-profits, fostering community engagement, and supporting fundraising efforts.

Sunday, May 4

Violalia Duo and Pianist Margarita Rovenskaya



Violalia Duo is a collaboration between violinist/violist Laura Thompson and violist/composer Hannah Selin, and Pianist Margarita Rovenskaya. Founded in 2021, the duo embraces the limber, conversational nature of their instrumentation, bringing musicality, curiosity, and a sense of humor to audiences in often-intimate concert settings. The group's name is both a mashup of violin and viola, and a play on the word glossolalia (speaking in tongues).



Violalia Duo is dedicated to exploring the musical and sonic possibilities of their small but mighty instrumentation. Their repertoire focuses on 20th and 21st century music for violin and viola, and includes works by Augusta Read Thomas, George Tsontakis, Matthew Greenbaum, Bohuslav Martinů, Brendan Faegre, Heitor Villa-Lobos, Ennio Morricone, Ari Sussman, and Selin herself.

Sunday, May 11

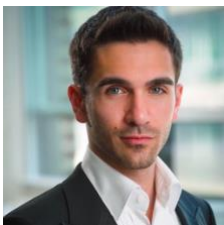
Cosmos Piano Duo



Yuka Yanagi and Kai Pangune Kim, the Cosmos Piano Duo specialize in performing uplifting and well-known pieces such as Opera Overtures, Symphonies, Rhapsodies and Dances Tangos with touches of their own dazzling arrangements. The program will include Beethoven's Eroica Symphony, Selections from Carmen, Tango, and Rossini's William Tell Overture. Both have performed on stages in and outside of the United States.

Sunday, May 18

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, May 25

Larry Ham - Jazz Piano



Pianist Larry Ham will present a recital of his unique arrangements of classic jazz favorites, along with a few of his own compositions for piano. His interpretations and improvisations draw on a lifetime of experience performing as a professional jazz pianist in New York City and touring on the national and international jazz stage.

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2025 Richter Arts

Members Visual Arts Show & Sale

Receiving of Artwork	Tuesday, April 29	2:00 – 5:00 pm
Opening Reception & Award Ceremony	Saturday, May 3	2:00 – 4:00 pm
Art Show	Sunday, May 4	2:00 – 3:00 pm
Art Show	Sunday, May 11	2:00 – 3:00 pm
Art Show	Sunday, May 18	2:00 – 3:00 pm
Pick-up of Artwork	Sunday, May 18	4:30 - 5:30 pm
Pick-up of Artwork	Monday, May 19	10:00 - 11:00 am

The 2025 RAA Members Show will open with a reception on Saturday, May 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. The art will be on display the followed three consecutive Sundays: May 4, May 11 and May 18 from 2 - 3 pm respectively, before the musical performances.

There is no entry fee for members and those who would like to become members. Artwork included are paintings (watercolor, acrylic and oil), drawings, pastels, mixed media, sculpture and photography.

Entry forms are available online and at the house at time of receiving. Please read it carefully for all the rules pertaining to entering.

We look forward to seeing both old and new members at the show.

For additional information, please call

Betty Clark

(Visual Arts Chairperson)

Tel: 203 744-0427

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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