



August 27, 2024

Re: Charles Ives birthday commemoration

Dear friends,

**The Danbury Museum and The Danbury Music Centre are working together to create multiple days of celebration focused on honoring Charles Ives on the occasion of his 150th birthday, this October 20th, 2024!**

*"Succinctly, music is life."* -Charles E. Ives

Charles Ives, born in Danbury, CT, on October 20, 1874, was influenced by his family—father George Edward Ives and grandfather George White Ives—and the sights and sounds of Main Street and the surrounding countryside, throughout his childhood and early life. He used the inspiring blend of hat factory noises, multilingual peoples, industry, city life and country life, and created internationally renowned musical compositions that have inspired the American and international music community for more than 100 years. We are honoring his life, his work, his family, and his living legacy, through multiple days of performances, tours, and programs that will celebrate Danbury, past and present, and offer a unique opportunity to connect with local, national, and international artists, inspiring Danbury's next generation of musicians and composers!

We expect to reach thousands of attendees, of all ages and backgrounds, at multiple events throughout our community. We are focused on engaging the community and offering attendance opportunities without cost, to avoid creating economic barriers.

Please, join us in celebrating Charles Edward Ives's enduring American legacy of music.

We are grateful for your support.

Most sincerely,

Brigid Guertin  
Executive Director, Danbury Museum

All the details are available at <https://charlesives150.org/>

# IVES 150

The Danbury Museum & the Danbury Music Centre invite you to join our local, national, and international artists for a once in a lifetime celebration of Charles Ives's 150th birthday.

**October 16 thru 20 - 10:30 am**

*Daily tours of the Charles Ives Birthplace.*

*Daily self-guided Ives tours downtown Danbury on your schedule.*

**October 18 at Ives Concert Hall, WCSU - 7:00 pm**

*William Harvey (violinist) and Frederic Chiu (pianist),*

*Ives Sonatas for Violin and Piano.*

**October 19 - 10:30 am & 1:30 pm**

*Tour of Charles Ives Birthplace at 10:30, followed by graveside gathering at **Wooster Cemetery.***

**1:30 - 2:30 pm** *Jennifer Honan (soprano) and Lon Kaiser (pianist)*

*present a program of Ives songs and music in period clothing in the*

***Danbury Museum's Marian Anderson Studio.***

**October 20 at Ives Concert Hall, WCSU - 3:00 pm**

*Danbury Symphony Orchestra Performance at Ives Concert Hall*

**October 20 at Ives Concert Hall, WCSU - 6:00 pm**

*Canadian pianist Louise Bessette performance of Ives Piano Sonata No. 2*

All events are FREE thanks to our generous sponsors!

**Presenting Sponsor: City of Danbury Cultural Commission,**

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The Danbury Museum & the Danbury Music Centre invite you to join us as sponsors for several days of music and performances celebrating the 150th birthday of Charles Ives, October 2024.

## Sponsorship Opportunities

### Presenting Sponsor - \$15,000

Company name on all publicity materials and prominent place on event website. 25 reserved seats at all performances, private event at the Charles Ives Birthplace Museum.

### Symphony Sponsor - \$7,500

Company name on all publicity materials and listed with other sponsors on event website. 10 reserved seats at all performances.

### Sonata Sponsor - \$2,500

Company name on all publicity materials and listed with other sponsors on event website.

### Advertiser - \$500

Half-page advertisement in the booklet for the Saturday & Sunday Ives concerts.



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