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"To be Ivesian is to be an enthusiast and a humanist, to look for the social value in things, to recognize flaws and failures without letting them cloud what is good and true. To be Ivesian is not to play safe; it is to look always for the big picture and not to submit to categories, such as 'scholarly' or 'popular.' To be Ivesian is to see music and life as one story." – Jan Swafford, *Charles Ives: A Life with Music*.

On Saturday, October 18th, 2025, join the Danbury Museum, the Danbury Music Centre, and the Music Department of Central Connecticut State University in celebrating the 151st anniversary of the birth of Charles Edward Ives, Connecticut's State Composer and Danbury's own Pulitzer Prize-winner. All events are completely free and open to all.

At 9 a.m. there will be a special graveside remembrance by the Ives family plot in Wooster Cemetery (20 Ellsworth Avenue), followed by an open house at the Charles Ives Birthplace Museum (5 Mountainville Avenue) from 10:30 a.m. till noon.

The day's events move to the Danbury Palace Theater (165 Main Street), with a 1:00 showing of "A Good Dissonance Like a Man." After the movie, members of the Central iPad Ensemble under the guidance of Dr. Drake Andersen, will present an Ivesian sound experience made up of sounds sourced from all over Danbury and uploaded by the public.

At 3 p.m., the grand finale of #Ives151 features musicians of the Danbury Symphony Orchestra and the Danbury Community Orchestra, under the direction of Stephen Michael Smith, they will perform Charles Ives's Symphony No. 3: *The Camp Meeting* and *The Unanswered Question*.

This one-of-a-kind concert, held atop the Bardo Parking Garage (10 Library Place), pays tribute to Charles Ives in the heart of his hometown, just steps from where he once lived.

This is a joint celebration with the Danbury Museum, the Danbury Music Centre, and Central Connecticut State University. We are grateful for the partnership of the Danbury Parking Authority, The Palace Danbury, and Wooster Cemetery.

Full details are available at <https://danburymuseum.org/charles-ives-birthplace>.

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