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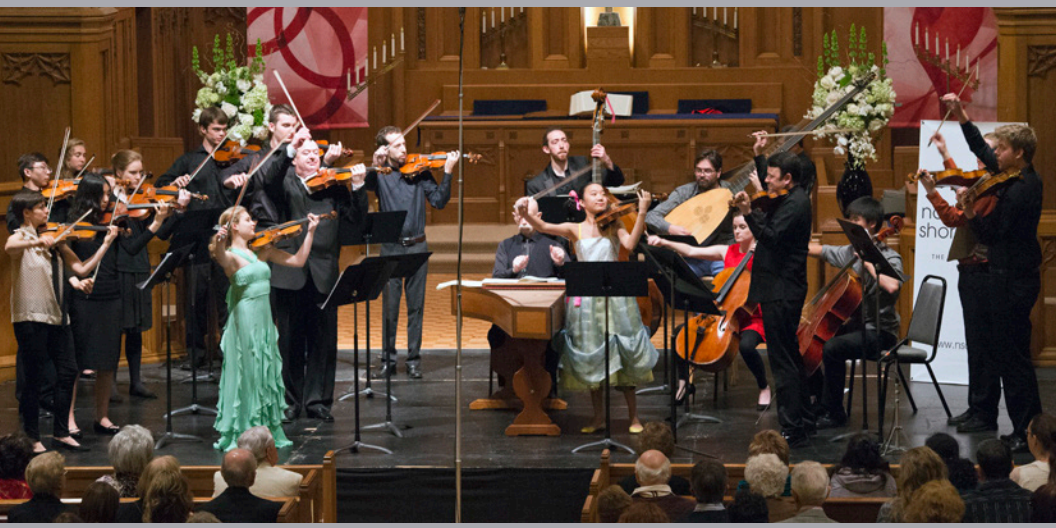

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"The North Shore Chamber Music Festival is a … Chicago classical operation that thinks big. Very big. Internationally big." – John von Rhein, Chicago Tribune

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The North Shore Chamber Music Festival's Fourth Season is a Spectacular Success

When Stradivari Society Artistic Advisor and long-time recipient of the "Auer" Stradivari of 1690, Vadim Gluzman and pianist Angela Yoffe founded the North Shore Chamber Music Festival (NSCMF) in 2010, they wanted to offer an intimate performance experience, eclectic repertoire, and extraordinary music-making with friends from around the world in a setting where there is no border between the audience and stage. Four seasons later, with sold-out concerts, kudos from the critics, amazing performances, and standing ovations, NSCMF has become one of the most anticipated musical events of the season in Chicago. And this season did not disappoint with concerts at The Village Presbyterian Church in Northbrook

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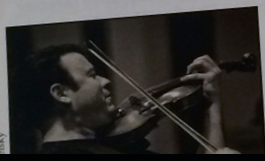
Pianist Angela Yoffe, conductor and pianist Andrew Litton, violinist Anne Akiko Meyers, and violinist Vadim Gluzman

last June that included the world premiere performance of Aram Khachaturian's Waltz from *Masquerade* arranged by Ljova and music ranging from Bach and Beethoven to Pärt, Webern, and Gershwin, plus a tribute to jazz great Oscar Peterson. The participating artists, in addition to Gluzman and Yoffe, included conductor and pianist Andrew Litton, cellists Wendy Warner and Ani Aznavoorian, violinist Anne Akiko Meyers, violist Paul Neubauer, and pianist Alessio Bax. Henry Fogel, dean and distinguished professor of the arts at Roosevelt University's Chicago College of Performing Arts, gave a fascinating lecture about child prodigies throughout history. Concerts were broadcast on WFMT and could be heard online at wfmt.com. Presenting pre-concert performances were artists from the International Center on Deafness and the Arts, the Magical Strings of Youth from

"The performance culminated in a thrilling finale with exhilarating playing and a clear infectious enjoyment by the smiling musicians in the final race to the coda, showcasing the collaborative spirit of great chamber music playing at its best."

***– Lawrence A. Johnson*, chicagoclassicalreview.com**



"When Angela and I walked into Geoff and Suzanne Fushi's office five years ago and said we were hoping to start a chamber music festival, it would have been easy for them to have replied, 'Creating a festival during a recession is impossible.' But instead, they cheered and

Violinists **Anne Akiko Meyers** and **Vadim Gluzman**, conductors **Andrew Litton** and **David Danzmayr**, cellist **Wendy Warner**, pianists **Alessio Bax** and **William Wolfram**, violists **Paul Neubauer** and **Atar Arad**, clarinetist **Ilya Shterenberg**, the **Pacifica**, **Ariel** and **Escher** string quartet's, are among the great artists who have made our concerts and student masterclasses so exciting and memorable. These celebrated performers share with us passionate performances of chamber music at the highest level. They teach in our educational programs providing students from around the world with experiences that will inspire them to further their musical studies.

Pianist **Adam Neiman** and Cleveland Orchestra principal cellist **Mark Kosower** relish a rare opportunity to make music together.

An enthusiastic audience at the **North Shore Chamber Music Festival** in Chicago.

About Us

The Music Makers is the international parent organization behind the annual **North Shore Chamber Music Festival**, the **Arkady Fomin Scholarship Fund**, and **Music Makers International**. Through its life-affirming performances, inspiring musical exploration talks, and pre-professional career development scholarships, The Music Makers strives to provide a substantial and deeply meaningful community-based arts experience that is at once entertaining, inspirational, and approachable. We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization based in the United States and devoted to the cultural health of communities around the world that we love.

Our Educational Outreach

From the start, our educational programming reached beyond the usual in our Creative Learning collaborations with the International Center on Deafness and the Arts, the Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, and the Betty Haag Academy of Music, all aimed at encouraging the youngest members of our community towards an interest in music. We also offer advanced and pre-professional level masterclasses aimed at encouraging the next generation into a career in music. And over the years have developed musical enrichment offerings for everyone, such as lively post-concert discussions, compelling lectures, and our signature nstage/offstage talks that offers the audience an illuminating and inspiring glimpse into the lives and careers of today's busiest concert artists, both on the stage, and off.

Coaching session with the great Israeli violist and composer **Atar Arad**.

"The unparalleled emotional connection is unforgettable. At NSCMF everyone is committed to a level of quality you won't find anywhere else and experience a tradition of excellence that is hard to find these days."

– Ilya Shterenberg, clarinetist

North Shore Chamber Music Festival

Since its first concerts in 2011, the North Shore Chamber Music Festival has quickly grown to become one of the highlights of the Chicago summer classical music scene, providing the North Shore district with inspiring musical experiences of the same level of excellence as those found in the great halls of the world, but within an intimate environment that welcomes both connoisseurs of chamber music and concert goers who are new to classical music, and at an affordable price.

Called an "inspired summer event not to be missed" by *Chicago Classical Review* and a "Chicago classical operation that thinks big. Very big. Internationally big" by the *Chicago Tribune*, the festival has become a magnet for today's leading classical artists who travel to Northbrook for the opportunity to perform with each other and to work closely with emerging young musicians from Chicago and beyond.

Vadim Gluzman (violin), **Andrew Litton** (piano), **Danbi Um** (violin), **Wendy Warner** (cello), **Paul Neubauer** (viola).

Henry Fogel announces our 2015 AFSF recipients.

Poster from the Arkady Fomin Scholarship Fund presentation in Riga, Latvia.

Arkady Fomin Scholarship Fund

ARKADY FOMIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Arkady Fomin Scholarship Fund, one of our core projects, was created in 2015 to celebrate and perpetuate the legacy and spirit of Arkady Fomin. Born in Riga, Latvia, Mr. Fomin was an internationally renowned violinist, beloved teacher, conductor, and member of the Dallas Symphony. His inspiration touched the lives of hundreds of artists, including many of today's top performers, and now we carry Arkady's torch forward to help the next generation.

The AFSF awards educational scholarships to highly gifted college and pre-college student musicians from around the world, mentoring their artistic development, and supporting them in the most formative years of their lives with important career connections and guidance. Our award stipends are given on a non-competitive basis and intended to assist the student with their participation in important masterclasses and summer music festivals.

Recipients may also be invited to participate at the North Shore Chamber Music Festival in Chicago, Music Makers Israel, or other events presented by The Music Makers around the world.

Since its inception, the AFSF has proudly awarded scholarships to more than thirty gifted young musicians from Austria, Israel, Latvia, China, Germany, Indonesia, Russia, South Korea, Venezuela, Canada and the United States.

"Arkady knew how to give all of himself to his students, selflessly and wholeheartedly, his belief in the importance of music was inspiring and absolutely contagious. It is up to us to carry the torch that he has lit - and we do it with great pride." – Vadim Gluzman, violinist

Music Makers International

The Music Makers International has produced events in Israel and Latvia and presented Arkady Fomin Scholarships to young artists around the world. In 2019, it presented Music Makers Israel, a week-long chamber music festival held at the Keshet Eilon Music Center, Elma Hall in Zichron Ya'akov, and at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art. The festival included onstage/offstage talks with pianist Alessio Bax, cellist Johannes Moser, violist Tabea Zimmermann, and double bassist Niek De Groot.

Music Makers International works closely with the Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest. In 2019, Aviv Ezra, Consul General, received the North Shore Chamber Music Festival's Community Ambassador Award for *Diplomat of the Year*.

Angela Yoffe, **Alessio Bax**, **Johannes Moser**, **Niek De Groot**, **Tabea Zimmermann**, and **Vadim Gluzman.**

The new **Keshet Eilon Music Center** in Western Galilee.

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