



### Application Summer 2020

c/o Close Encounters With Music, PO Box 34, Great Barrington, MA 01230

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Last First MI Gender

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Instrument Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Current Age

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Current Address (as it should appear on a mailing label) Good Until

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City State/Province Zip Country

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Phone (Country code, city/area code, number) Email

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Name of school you currently attend (if applicable)

Current Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ For how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years you have studied the instrument  
for which you are applying \_\_\_\_\_

List the summer music programs you have attended:

2019: \_\_\_\_\_

2018: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Foreign Applicants Only:</b> (Please provide email for prompt communications)</p> <p>_____ Country of Birth Country of Citizenship</p> <p>_____ Phone (Country code, city/area code, number cell)</p> <p>_____ Email</p>
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**First time applicants: Please email us a link showing a sample of your playing or send a CD or DVD by mail.**

#### Ways to send Music:

Upload a music video file to Youtube and send us a link.

Email us an audio file

Mail us a CD or DVD with audio or video of your performance capabilities

#### Final Checklist: Make sure all are completed:

- Send in application form.
- Send in non refundable application fee \$75. For accepted applicants, fee will be applied to cost total.
- First time applicants need to send a video or audio file by email or postal service labeled with name, instrument and contact information, plus title and composer of the piece being performed.
- Like Berkshire High Peaks Music on Facebook.



## Announcing the 2020 Berkshire High Peaks Festival for Outstanding Young Instrumentalists!

For the eleventh year, an international group of strings, pianists and vocalists will converge for intensive instrumental study and chamber music coaching with distinguished faculty. At the base of Mount Everett, The Berkshire School's 400-acre campus in Sheffield, Massachusetts offers a breathtaking setting and a destination for world renowned arts and culture in the heart of the Berkshire Hills. The Berkshire High Peaks Residency is a training program designed to imbue players with new ideas and approaches, inspiration, and tools for technical advancement. There is a robust schedule of private lessons, chamber music coaching and master classes. Students prepare pre-selected works, with numerous opportunities to play in public performances. For recreation, participants can take guided hike on the Appalachian Trail, in the splendorous beauty and rich culture of the Berkshires.

The Berkshire School has outstanding facilities and resources for the arts in this mountain setting. Participants are housed in lovely air-conditioned accommodations, share three meals a day at the Benson Commons and have access to seminar rooms and the Allen Theater. The 2020 faculty includes violinists Irina Muresanu (University of Maryland) and Peter Zazofsky (Boston University); violist Michael Strauss (Dana School of Music, Youngstown State University); pianists Annie Brooks (Wingate University), Alexander Shtarkman (Peabody Conservatory) and Mikael Darmanie (SUNY Stony Brook); soprano Danielle Talamantes (Metropolitan Opera) and bass baritone Kerry Wilkerson (George Mason University); cellists Yehuda Hanani (Mannes School of Music), Jeffrey Zeigler (Mannes School of Music) Sae Rom Kwon (Kang-Nam University, Korea) and DoYeon Kim. "Music with Altitude" is the leitmotif weaving through the festival spirit and activities -- cross-cultural events that provide a natural high on music, nature and the arts for students, faculty and audiences..

Here are other highlights:

- Late night jamming and "Moonlight Sonatas" performances by participants
- Workshops on technique, historical performances, cultural context for music
- Individualized guidance for going beyond the notes for performances that communicate meaning
- Sessions on ensemble skills--matching timbre, honing intonation, and cultivating a holistic view of the score
- Trips to local sites of significance and interest. All Berkshire and NW Connecticut cultural and tourism sites are close by
- A focus on Beethoven and his influence on composers up to the present
- Opportunity to participate in "Buddy Day" with El Sistema-trained kids
- Stimulating talks and master classes with distinguished opera director artist publicist on career planning and luthier on instrument maintenance

To reserve a space, we must hear from you by **April 20, 2020**. Students who can demonstrate an advanced level of musicianship are invited to contact us.

If you are a High Peaks alumnus and are receiving this email, please send us updates on your studies, career, performances, and whereabouts for an upcoming newsletter. If you would like to contribute to our new ALUMFUND (to fund scholarships), we will list you in our program.

With warm regards, Yehuda Hanani, Artistic Director