



### Application Summer 2019

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:

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

2017: \_\_\_\_\_

2016: \_\_\_\_\_

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 2019 Berkshire High Peaks Festival for Outstanding Young Instrumentalists!**

We are now accepting applications for the end-of-summer intensive 10-day seminar on the campus of the Berkshire School in Sheffield, MA which runs from July 23 through August 2, 2019 for violinists, violists, cellists, pianists and singers. For those of you who are returning, there's no need to describe the exhilarating lessons and classes with teachers from top conservatories, the joyful concerts and the wonderful international young artists who gather. At our new location in the heart of the cultural Berkshires, we will be inspired by the incomparable scenery, serenity and appreciation for the arts that have drawn visitors from around the world to Tanglewood, Jacob's Pillow and so many other iconic institutions. In past summers, students presented concerts at the historic Olana estate on the Hudson River, at Basilica Hudson, the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, MA, Clermont State Historic Site, Bridge Street Theater in Catskill, the Orpheum Theater in Tannersville, NY, and the New York State Museum in Albany. Most participants feel that the musical and instrumental progress and growth achieved during this session outdoes an entire semester back at school, and the bonding and friendships that are formed add a memorable dimension to the experience. Our alumni are enjoying careers in all spheres of music—as members of ensembles, conductors, teachers, and soloists.

The total cost for the 2019 edition of Catskill High Peaks Festival is \$1,450 for housing, meal plan, private lessons, master classes, performance opportunities, hikes, picnics, etc. The campus of the Berkshire School offers excellent accommodations and recreational facilities. We will continue our chamber music component of coachings (sonatas, piano trios and quartets, string quartets and quintets, cello chorus) with some of today's most esteemed artists and teachers including violinist Miranda Cuckson (Mannes School of Music/New School University), Irina Muresanu (University of Maryland) and Peter Zazofsky (Boston University); violist Michael Strauss (Dana School of Music, Youngstown State University) pianists Alexander Shtarkman (Peabody Conservatory) and Mikael Darmanie (SUNY Stony Brook); mezzo-soprano Danielle Talamantes (Metropolitan Opera) and bass baritone Kerry Wilkerson; cellists Yehuda Hanani (University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory), DoYeon Kim, Sae Rom Kwon (Kang-Nam University, Korea) and Jiaze Ma. This will be an outstanding group of committed instrumentalists, and we manage to have a lot of fun as we delve deeper into the music and advance technically.

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
- Opportunity to participate in "Buddy Day" with El Sistema-trained kids
- Talks by leading composers and scholars

To reserve a space, we must hear from you by **March 22, 2019**. 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,

Pamela Dreyfus Smith  
Administrator

Yehuda Hanani  
Artistic Director