

NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY

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Community Partners Monthly Highlights

April

*In April, musicians served more than **1,500** community members of all ages, through **23** events across **11** New Jersey counties.*



New Jersey Music Educators Association

This month, musicians kicked off a series of visits to schools across the State in partnership with the New Jersey Music Educators Association. During these visits, Jonathan Spitz, Darryl Kubian, Naomi Youngstein, Thierry de Lucas Neves, and Henry Kao coached orchestra ensembles and sectionals at various schools, sharing their tips and tricks for success!

Something for Everyone

On April 23 and 25, Andy Lamy, Henry Kao, Jimmy Musto, Brad Ward, Greg LaRosa, and Sam George presented the *Something for Everyone* program to students at Intervale Elementary School in Troy Hills, NJ, and Hoboken High School. At Intervale, students engaged actively throughout the program, expressing excitement and energy. In Hoboken, the musicians performed the program and then worked with students in small group sessions in preparation for their spring concert.





Take Your Kids to Work Day

On April 24, Sasha Neglia, David Blinn, and Hyewon Kim performed the *ABC's of Feelings and Music* program at Bloomberg's Take Your Kids to Work Day in Skillman, NJ. It was a fantastic way for 60 middle school students to wrap up their day of learning at the Bloomberg offices. The students who attended, many of whom who play instruments in school, eagerly shared their favorite pieces with the performers, including works by Mozart and Beethoven. This event was generously sponsored by Bloomberg Philanthropies.

Toll Brothers Community Event

On April 24, residents of 151 Bay Street at Provost Square in Jersey City, NJ, enjoyed a special evening of music and exploration during an Instrument Discovery Zone. Gregory LaRosa and Ha Young Jung captivated attendees of all ages with interactive demonstrations. Residents also had the opportunity to get up close with the instruments, ask questions, and even try a few notes themselves. The event created a warm and lively atmosphere, bringing neighbors together through the joy of music.



Passaic County Film Festival

On April 26, Jim Tsao, David Southorn, Izia Weyman, and Sarah Seiver performed at the Passaic County Film Festival in Wayne, NJ. This festival offers a platform for students and independent filmmakers from Passaic County to showcase their short films. The performance, which took place pre-festival as attendees were taking their seats, is a highlight for many each year. The group performed a selection of classic movie music, including songs from *The Wizard of Oz*, *West Side Story*, and *Coco*. This opportunity was made possible by generous support from the PSEG Foundation.

As always, thank you for your support of the Community Partners program.
Stay tuned for the next edition of Monthly Highlights!