

NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY

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Community Partners Monthly Highlights

February

*In February, musicians served more than **1,000** community members of all ages, through **17** events across **seven** New Jersey counties.*



Count Basie Center Turner Academy



On February 5, Ming Yang coached the middle and high school violin sections of the newly formed youth orchestras at the Count Basie Center Turner Academy, which are comprised of students from Red Bank Public Schools and Count Basie Center Conservatory of Music. Jonathan Spitz visited the academy on February 26, where he shared his journey as a cellist, previewed a Bach Cello Suite, and coached both ensembles.



Hunterdon Art Museum

On February 9, Hector Falcon, Ming Yang, Frank Foerster, and Sarah Seiver delivered a captivating performance at the Hunterdon Art Museum. Originally built as a flour mill in 1836, HAM now serves as a contemporary art space, offering a unique and intimate atmosphere for live music. The quartet presented a rich and expressive program featuring works by Teresa Carreño, José Quinton, and Juan Arriaga. The energy in the room was vibrant, making for a truly memorable afternoon filled with lively music and meaningful connections.





UJA School Visits

On February 10 and 12, Garth Greenup, Wayne Dumaine, Andrea Menousek, Levi Boylan, and Derek Fenstermacher brought lively performances to Gottesman RTW Academy and the Jewish Educational Center, where students clapped, danced, and explored a variety of world music. Later in the month, on February 24 and 25, Garth Greenup, Anderson Romero, Andrea Menousek, Brad Ward, and Wes Krygsman visited Golda Och Academy and Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy, engaging students with interactive lessons on rhythm, buzzing techniques, and even performed the theme from Super Mario Bros. A big thank you to United Jewish Appeal for their support!

Chrysalis Project

On February 27, Brennan Sweet, Naomi Youngstein, Brett Deubner, and Angelique Montes performed for The Chrysalis Project, an organization that empowers young women. The event featured the premiere of the Musical Changemakers program, showcasing works by Black female composers. The performance was attended by 14 high school girls, grades 9–12, their mentors and other members of the general public. Both audience and musicians enjoyed the performance, creating a memorable experience for all.



Point Road Elementary School

On February 28, Andy Lamy, Henry Kao, Benjamin Harrington, and Miles Salerni visited Point Road Elementary School to present the Something for Everyone program. The K-5 students, were excited and engaged, asking plenty of fun questions. One of the highlights was, "Have you guys ever played Taylor Swift on your instruments before?" The energy in the room was electric, making it an unforgettable experience for everyone involved!

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