

NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY

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Community Partners Monthly Highlights

January

*In January, musicians served more than **300** community members of all ages, through **seven** events across **three** New Jersey counties.*



Seabrook Village

On January 5, Francine and Jonathan Storck took to the stage at Seabrook Village, a senior residential community in Monmouth County. They performed the “Music That Makes You Move” program for an audience of 80 seniors who grooved along to the music!



Cali Pathways Masterclass

On January 17, Eric Wyrick worked with students from the Cali Pathways Project at Montclair State University. Cali Pathways identifies talented, motivated middle school and high school students, and assists them in breaking down the barriers that may otherwise preclude them from achieving their full musical potential. An individualized support plan is developed and adjusted yearly for each student. Eric shared his tips and tricks for how to have a successful orchestral audition with the students. He then worked with them on their excerpts and even gave feedback to a few cellists!





Red Bank Boys & Girls Club

On January 17, Héctor Falcón, Ming Yang, Izia Weyman, and Sarah Seiver performed the Hispanic Roots program for students at Red Bank Boys & Girls Club who danced along to tunes from all over Latin America. They were especially impressed with Lin Manuel Miranda's "We Don't Talk About Bruno!" The kids had great questions and comments along the way, such as "How long do you practice," and "You play with a horse tail?!" Assemblywoman Luanna Peterpaul joined in on the fun, attending as a special guest at this performance.

Sphinx Orchestral Partners Auditions

On January 22, Martin Andersen and Helen Vassiliou represented the New Jersey Symphony in Detroit, Michigan at the second, live round of the Sphinx Orchestral Partners Auditions (SOPA). In the fall, Fatima Aaziza, Brett Deubner, Derek Fenstermacher, Bob Ingliss, Hyewon Kim, Chris Komer, Greg LaRosa, Lonfon Law, Juan Martinez, Anderson Romero, and Bob Wagner listened to the first, virtual round of SOPA. All of these musicians took note of musicians they would recommend to play with the New Jersey Symphony, helping our organization build a more diverse sub list.



The Gables

On January 24, Xin Zhao, Maya Shiraishi, Izia Weyman, and Philo Lee visited The Gables, a senior community in West Windsor, to celebrate Lunar New Year! They performed the "Sounds of the Rising Sun" program featuring music from China, Japan, and Korea. The residents especially enjoyed an arrangement of Butterfly Lovers' Violin Concerto. This Community Partners performance was generously sponsored by Bloomberg Philanthropies.

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