

Community Partners Monthly Highlights

July 2025

*In July, musicians served more than **2,000** community members of all ages, through **15** events across **8** New Jersey counties.*



Photo by Flavio Pardo, courtesy of WQXR.

WQXR Classical Kid's Fair

On July 13, WQXR, New York's classical music station, presented its first Classical Kids Fair in Newark, in partnership with NJPAC and New Jersey Symphony. The fair featured live brass quintet performances by the New Jersey Symphony Chamber Players, which included Tiago Linck, Olivia Pidi, Andrea Menousek, Levi Boylan, and Zach Neikens, along with performances by Nimbus Dance, Paterson Music Project, and Keys 2 Success. Henry Kao and Andy Lamy led the Instrument Discovery Zone, offering hands-on experiences with a variety of instruments. Families also enjoyed workshops and musical craft stations, including Cool Conductors, where participants made their own batons and conducted beat patterns. Youth Orchestra volunteers Evelyn, Mia, Yuna, and Zoe were on hand to help make these activities memorable and fun!

Edward T. Cone Composition Institute

The New Jersey Symphony held the eleventh annual Edward T. Cone Composition Institute, presented in collaboration with the Princeton University Music Department, from July 14–19 in Princeton. Composers Claire Cope, Max Eidinoff, Hannah Ishizaki, and Nicole Knorr participated, under the guidance of Institute director Steven Mackey. The weeklong program included rehearsals, one-on-one coaching, career development workshops, and feedback sessions with Symphony musicians Andy Lamy, Vernon Post, and Eric Wyrick.





Write on Arts

On July 16, Sasha Neglia and Vernon Post visited the Write on Arts summer camp, a literary enrichment program designed to help students strengthen their writing, reading, research, and critical thinking skills through the lens of journalism. During this visit at Montclair State University, the young writers experienced a live performance by Sasha and Vernon, participated in a press conference style Q&A, and engaged in one-on-one conversations with the musicians, an opportunity that blended their love for the performing arts with the power of storytelling.

Monroe Township Senior Center

On July 20, Kathleen Nester, Keisuke Ikuma, Juan Martinez, Andrea Menousek, and Bob Wagner performed at the newly built Monroe Township Senior Center. The program showcased woodwind quintet music by Jacques Ibert and Paquito D'Rivera, and featured the story of *Peter and the Wolf*, with each character's distinct theme bringing the music to life.



Newark Housing Authority

On July 21, Francine and Jonathan Storck presented the *Music That Makes You Move* program at the Newark Housing Authority's Dayton Street location. The Newark Housing Authority offers affordable housing assistance and support services to residents across Newark. During the event, residents danced along to live music and familiar tunes while also learning about the Symphony and its Youth Orchestra program.

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