

Community Partners Monthly Highlights

November 2025

In November, musicians served more than **1,900** community members of all ages, through **10** events across **4** New Jersey counties.



Day of the Dead

On November 1, the New Jersey Symphony Chamber Players joined forces with Latinos of Montclair at Lackawanna Station for a candlelight concert in celebration of Dia de Los Muertos. Brennan Sweet, Jesus Saenz, Mike Stewart, and Sofia Nowik performed a mix of recognizable Latin tunes, including *Como la Flor* and songs from the Disney films *Coco* and *Encanto*. A talented mariachi band joined for the final piece, kicking off an evening of music, dance, craft vendors, and fun for a festive and enthusiastic crowd.

bergenPAC Soirée

On November 2, the New Jersey Symphony Chamber Players, including Adriana Rosin, Xin Zhao, Maya Shiraishi, Sasha Neglia, Fran Storck, Theo Bockhorst, Ann Kossakowski, John Connelly, Brett Deubner, Henry Kao, Chris Terhune, Philo Lee, Hyewon Kim, and Angelique Montes, collaborated with the band *Kansas* at bergenPAC's Soirée in Englewood. The ensemble delivered an outstanding performance, bringing to life *Kansas*' greatest hits, such as "Dust in the Wind" and "Carry On Wayward Son."





UCMP Gala

On November 12, the United Children's Music Project (UCMP) held its Night at the Hudson Gala in Weehawken, where it honored New Jersey Symphony as a supporter. Thierry de Lucas Neves collaborated with the string ensembles and performed a thrilling rendition of *Czardas*. A standout moment of the event was when Executive Director Melina Garcia shared that Thierry's musical journey had inspired eleven UCMP students to apply for the Juilliard Music Advancement Program (MAP): a program that provides tuition-free access to classical music lessons for students.

Nurse Excellence Awards

On November 13, Jesus Saenz and Ted Ackerman performed at the 24th Annual Nurse Excellence Awards at Jersey City Medical Center, a ceremony that celebrates nursing and patient care professionals for outstanding leadership, new knowledge, innovation, clinical practice, patient care, and teamwork.



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Donor Luncheon

On November 16, the New Jersey Symphony Chamber Players performed at the Donor Appreciation Luncheon at the Orange Lawn Tennis Club in South Orange. The program included Mozart's *Divertimento in D Major*, Bartók's *Romanian Folk Dances*, and an arrangement by Frank Foerster of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5*. The performance was the perfect addition to a wonderful afternoon and was warmly received, bringing an elegant and celebratory atmosphere that made the luncheon especially memorable for Symphony donors.

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