

Community Partners Monthly Highlights

March 2026

In March, musicians served more than **2,600** community members of all ages, through **15** events across **7** New Jersey counties.



P.G. Chambers School

In March, the New Jersey Symphony Chamber Players continued the mini woodwind residency at P.G. Chambers School, which serves students with physical and developmental disabilities in Cedar Knolls. Bart Feller, Andrea Menousek, Kathleen Nester, Bob Wagner, Benjamin Baron, and Keisuke Ikuma presented engaging works for preschool, elementary, and middle school students. The students had fun moving to familiar tunes and learning about the woodwind instruments and their different parts. The residency culminated with an abridged performance of *Peter and the Wolf*. Many thanks to the MCJ Amelior Foundation for their support in this third year of residency.

Peter and the Wolf Performances

On March 6, Bob Ingliss, Andy Lamy, Andrea Menousek, Bob Wagner, and Gen Shinkai performed for students in grades 3–8 from the East Orange Public School District.

Approximately 1,100 students had the opportunity to explore the woodwind instruments through demonstrations, listen to music from different cultures, and engage with the story of *Peter and the Wolf*. This was the first of six performances scheduled at different school districts across New Jersey (Jersey City, Paterson, Passaic, Elizabeth, and Orange) in partnership with the Save the Music Foundation with support from the Music Performance Trust Fund.





Paramus High School

On March 13, Philo Lee visited Paramus High School through our partnership with the New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA) to coach their cellists in a sectional and work with the full orchestra. The students, under the guidance of Yoonhee Roberts, who attended the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music with Xian Zhang, demonstrated remarkable talent and enthusiasm. During the session, they worked on Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique*, Beethoven's Symphony No. 6, Movement I: "Awakening of Cheerful Feelings upon Arrival in the Countryside", and Edvard Grieg's *Holberg Suite*, Movement I: Prelude.

The Montclair Foundation

On March 21, Kathleen Nester, Juan Martinez, and Bob Ingliss presented a delightful woodwind trio program at Van Vleck House as part of Montclair's Foundation Cultural Arts Series. The one-hour program featured works by composers such as Malcolm Arnold, Alberto Ginastera, Robert Muczynski, and others. The audience enjoyed the performance, which included a top-of-concert piece performed by Cali Pathways students Kelvin Guillen, a New Jersey Symphony Youth Orchestra alum, and Julianna Taveras-Garcia, who both played on baroque instruments.



Lantern Hill Senior Living Community

On March 22, Bob Ingliss, Juan Martinez, and Bart Feller visited Lantern Hill Senior Living Community, where an enthusiastic audience of 130 residents enjoyed a woodwind program including Claude Debussy's *Syrinx* for solo flute, Malcolm Arnold's *Divertimento* for Flute, Oboe, and Clarinet, and Robert Muczynski's *Duos* for Flute and Clarinet. The residents are looking forward to welcoming the musicians back for more chamber music performances soon!

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