

Dear Festival Friend,

Thank you for supporting the 2018 Geneva Music Festival with your generous donations, friendship, and participation. All of us involved with the Festival - musicians, patrons and volunteers - are deeply grateful for these gifts and look forward to another wonderful season ahead.

You are a big part of the Festival's growth and success. In 2018 over 1280 people enjoyed 14 concerts performed in Geneva, Canandaigua, Auburn, and Skaneateles. We heard the world premiere of our co-commission with pianist Michelle Cann: Florence Price's Concerto in One Movement, arranged for piano quintet. Festival musicians interacted with over 600 young people playing 6 concerts for school and community centers in Geneva and Skaneateles. Outreach programs for seniors included free concerts for residents of Ferris Hills, Canandaigua, The Commons on St. Anthony, Auburn and The Athenaeum, Skaneateles.

I am pleased to announce GMF's 9th season May 30 - June 16, 2019, celebrating the contributions of women to music from the 19th century to the present. We welcome back Jinjoo Cho, Eliot Heaton, Hannah Collins, Clive Greensmith, Broadway star Syndee Winters and other musician friends. New musicians include the hip crossover string quartet Atlys who will delight audiences with their creative musical interpretations and will help present the outreach concerts for school children.

Generous gifts from our supporters make all of this great music possible. Ticket sales cover less than half of the expenses. We also rely on grants, sponsorships and gifts in kind in order to offer our chamber, jazz, organ and bluegrass performances and school programs.

Your generosity helps keep ticket prices affordable, supports our educational and community outreach programs, and allows us to bring you creative, professional and often unique performances. Please join with us and make a donation today. Together we will continue to expand access to the arts and leave lasting memories in our communities. Thank you, and remember, GMF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and your donations are tax deductible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Geoffrey Herd".

Geoffrey Herd, Director