



Dear Festival Friends,

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.

On that note, let me share this comment from a Festival friend: *"It is really stunning that such quality music has become part and parcel of living here. World class. You all should be very proud of the job you have done on behalf of all of us...thank you."*

You are a big part of the Festival's growth and success. In 2018 over 1280 people enjoyed fourteen 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 free concerts for school and community centers in Geneva and Skaneateles along with complimentary performances for residents of Ferris Hills, The Commons on St. Anthony, and The Athenaeum.

I am pleased to announce GMF's ninth season, May 30 - June 16, 2019, celebrating the contributions of women to music from the 19th century to the present. You will experience the talents of returning musicians as we welcome back Jinjoo Cho, Eliot Heaton, Hannah Collins, Clive Greensmith, Broadway star Syndee Winters, Michelle Cann, Ray Nagem and Esther Park. 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.

Thoughtful gifts from supporters such as you make all of this great music possible. 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 us and make a donation today. Together we will continue to expand access to the arts for our communities. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Geoffrey Herd'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Geoffrey Herd, Director