

Thank you! The 2017 Geneva Music Festival was a grand success due to your generous financial support, friendship, and participation. We offered over three weeks of world class music to a record 1,150 people in addition to our school outreach programs. All of us involved with the Festival – musicians, patrons and volunteers – are deeply grateful and inspired to make the 2018 season even better.

The Festival was founded in 2011 with 2 concerts attended by 160 people. In 2017, our 7<sup>th</sup> season, we heard 14 performances in venues in Geneva, Canandaigua, Auburn, and Skaneateles. The musicians interacted with over 600 school children in workshops and school performances in Geneva and Auburn. New outreach programs were performed free for seniors at Ferris Hills in Canandaigua, and Village Landing of Skaneateles.

We are very proud and pleased to announce GMF's 8<sup>th</sup> season, celebrating the multi-cultural heritage of American music, May 31 - June 17, 2018. We welcome back the Cavani Quartet, violinist Jinjoo Cho, cellist Hannah Collins and violinist/violist Eliot Heaton. New musicians joining us include pianist Michelle Cann who has performed with numerous symphonies in the U.S., China and South Korea, Broadway star Syndee Winters singing music of Lena Horne and percussionist T.S. Monk, son of jazz legend Thelonius Monk.

In addition to the educational and outreach performances in the Geneva and Auburn schools, community centers and retirement communities, Festival musicians will also donate a workshop at Skaneateles High School. The musicians feel that making music accessible to children is one of the most important priorities of the Festival.

The growth and success of the Festival is possible because of the generous gifts from our supporters. Ticket prices remain reasonable in an effort to reach more patrons; ticket sales cover less than half of the expenses. We also rely on grants, donations, and sponsorships in order to offer our outreach concert performances and school programs.

Your generosity will help keep ticket prices affordable, expand our educational and community outreach programs, and allow us to bring you creative and professional 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,

Geoffrey Herd, Director