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Newsletter



MORNINGSIDE
MUSIC BRIDGE

In our recently completed admission cycle we received 701 applications for the 2025 program from 33 countries. 65 students have been accepted for this summer’s Performance Program + 1 student in our Creative Residency Program.

The 701 applications included sixty-seven applicants (16 violinists, 20 pianists, 14 violists, and 17 cellists) who had previously attended MMB. That number matches the total of scholarships awarded this year. 21 of the previous attendees who applied were accepted.

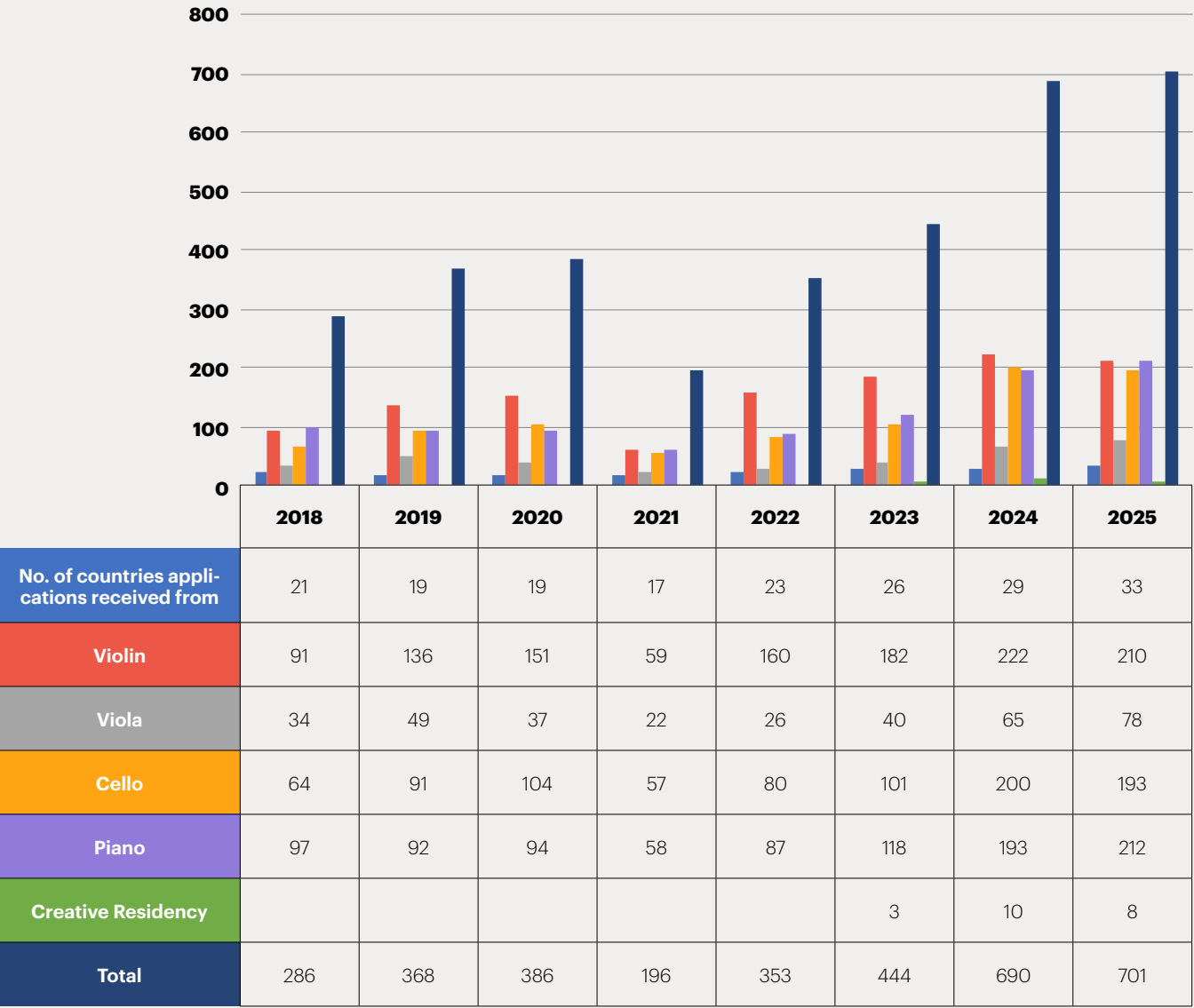
Areas of the world where we saw one or more applications when there were none in 2023 include Lithuania, India, Ireland, and Italy. Areas of the world where we saw significant year-to-year application increases include Australia, China, Germany, and the United Kingdom.

The Boston community will enjoy 24 concerts — 16 Emerging Artists Recitals, 2 Chamber Concerts, Highlights Concert, String Orchestra Concert, & 4 Resident Artist Performances. Resident Artist Performances feature outstanding faculty and alumni from around the world. All concerts except the Resident Artist Concerts will be Live Streamed and will be available on our website.

mmb.international/concerts

APPLICATION COMPARISON

2018–2025



Morningside Music Bridge is an international meeting ground for the world's most gifted young musicians ages 12–18 from around the globe.

Every July we bring the great artists of tomorrow for a month of intensive music making on a full scholarship basis. They are joined by some of the world's most respected performing artists and teachers. **Our alumni have become leading classical musicians** performing on stages around the world, in key positions with the best orchestras, and teaching at top music schools.

The program operates administratively through the Morningside Music Bridge Foundation with generous support from the Chan family.

For more details about Morningside Music Bridge, please visit **mmb.international**.



Initiatives in 2025

After a successful **2024 pilot of the Chamber Music Connections Day**, we will once again be opening the program with a day of sight-reading chamber music in many different combinations. What better way to meet and mingle with other participants before the instructional portion of the program commenced.

The String Orchestra Concert will feature the North American premiers of M.I.T. composer Tod Machover's **FLOW Symphony** for strings and artificial intelligence conducted by alum Earl Lee,

Winner of the Sir Georg Solti Conducting Award, Music Director of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, and former Assistant Conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

We have established a partnership with the Swiss Foundation **Classeek**. Classeek was founded in 2017 in Lausanne, Switzerland, as an alliance of passion for the classical music world and the **desire to provide technological solutions** to artists and musicians globally. Classeek cellist Madelyn Kowalksi will perform in a Resident Artist Concert in Boston and MMB

Alum Wojciech Niedziółka will take part in a Classeek led professional development retreat **focussing on industry knowledge and innovation**.

Once again, we are inviting representatives from major American music schools to take part in an evening devoted to discussions with our students about options and preparation for post-secondary music study.

MMB on tour

In early March, an ensemble of MMB Alumni gave concerts at Heckfield Place and the Sheldonian Theatre at Oxford University in the UK.

Planning is currently underway to organize alumni concerts and teaching residencies in Zimbabwe and in Canada's Northwest Territories as part of our **30th anniversary celebrations in 2026**.



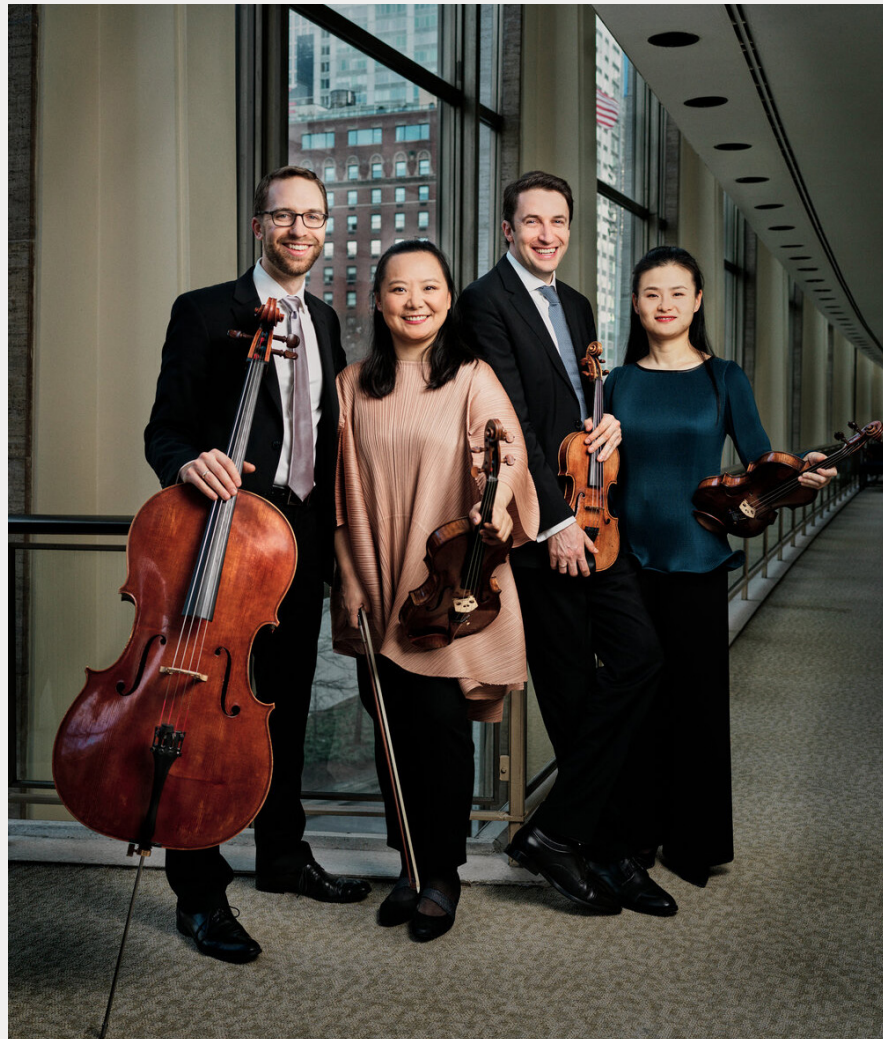
Pictured from left to right:
Łukasz Byrdy, Emad Zolfaghari,
Zofia Anna Olesik, Timothy Chooi,
and Maciej Kulakowski with
Executive Director Paul Dornian



Alumni and Faculty updates

Nothing makes us happier
at Morningside Music Bridge
than seeing our alumni do
wonderful things.

In the past year:



Rosamunde String Quartet Joins Curtis Artist Management Roster

The acclaimed all-star ensemble — consisting of members of Berlin Philharmonic, New York Philharmonic, and Chicago Symphony — joins the Curtis Artist Management roster for general management and worldwide representation. This quartet, which includes 2 MMB alumni, is regularly featured at Morningside Music Bridge and will be performing at MMB in July of 2025.



The **Viano Quartet** Receives 2025 Avery Fisher Career Grant. The internationally acclaimed quartet receives the prestigious grant awarded to outstanding classical musicians in the early stages of their professional careers. The Viano Quartet features 2 MMB alumni and performed as Resident Artists at the 2024 MMB Festival.



Clayton Stephenson, pianist and alum, recently received the Sphinx Medal of Excellence. The Sphinx Medal of Excellence is the highest honor bestowed by the Sphinx Organization, recognizing extraordinary leaders in the classical music field who are transforming lives while addressing the systemic obstacles within Black and Latino communities. Along with a career grant, Sphinx annually awards the Medals of Excellence to three artists who, early in their career, demonstrate artistic excellence, outstanding work ethic, a spirit of determination, and an ongoing commitment to leadership and their communities.



MMB Alumna **Julia Majewska**, violinist, made her debut at Wigmore Hall in London on May 2, 2025, performing Ravel's Tzigane and Piece en forme Habanera and George Ng made his Carnegie Hall debut as a viola soloist with the Hope College Orchestra on April 8 performing Kriesler's Liebeslied



Alum **Jiayin He**, cellist will be joining the Philadelphia Orchestra in September of 2025.



Congratulations to **Midori**, regular guest faculty member at MMB on receiving the 2025 ASTA Artist Teacher Award and to Atar Arad, regular viola faculty member on receiving the "Distinguished Faculty Member" award by Indiana University.



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