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Morningside Music Bridge

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. 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 is operated administratively through the Morningside Music Bridge Foundation with generous support from the Chan family. MMB 2026 will be held at the New England Conservatory from July 12 to August 7, 2026. Application opened October 15 and closes January 08.

MMB 30th Anniversary

Plans are proceeding for some special events linked to the 30th Anniversary:

- Special Artists in Residence Concerts featuring some of our extraordinary alumni during the Boston festival including an opening recital on July 12th featuring piano alum Yuja Wang.
- We welcome and invite String alumni who can make it to Boston or are in the Boston area to join the String Orchestra for the final concert of the summer in Jordan Hall to be held on August 7.
- Post-concert alumni receptions each week of the program. Come and reconnect! Keep an eye on the [Morningside Music Bridge website](#) in the New Year for updates with exact dates and times of all events.
- Alumni International Residency Activities - teaching and performing in Zimbabwe (May 16 – 30) and in Canada's Northwest Territories (September 23 – October 11). Concerts include collaborative performances with local musicians and ensembles and about 4 performances and a variety of teaching activities. Dene fiddler Wesley Hardisty will join the groups for the Northwest Territories activities. Alumni taking part are Amaryn Olmeda, violin (USA); Emad Zolfaghari, viola (Canada); Emma Price, cello (Zimbabwe); and Mohammad Alsheikh, piano (Palestine); Anna Stube, violin (Canada); Brandon Leonard, cello (USA) and Irene Huang, piano and composition (Canada).
- Videographer Emil Agopian will accompany both tours and create video records of them. Post tour Emil will post YouTube video episodes – likely one-a-month for 12 months.



Save the Date: MMB's First Alumni Reunion

We're excited to share that plans are well underway for the **Morningside Music Bridge 30th Anniversary Reunion**, taking place **August 14–17, 2026, in Calgary, Alberta — where MMB began**.

Planned events for this 30th Anniversary Reunion include:

- Informal concerts, social events, slide show of highlights from the last 30 years, and sightseeing opportunities.
- Based on the wonderful response to our first survey last spring — with more than 100 alumni and families expressing interest in attending — we're now moving forward with event planning and would love your input through a brief follow-up survey which has recently been sent out to our Alumni. With over 1,100 MMB alumni worldwide, we're eager to reach as many as possible — but we have up-to-date contact details for slightly over half. If you know any alumni who may not be receiving our updates, please share their contact information with us so we can include them in future updates or refer them to our website to **SIGN UP** for our electronic communications.



Here's a glimpse of what we're planning so far:

- One or two concerts organized and performed by interested alumni at Mount Royal University Conservatory
- A "Next Generation" concert featuring children of MMB alumni (organized by alumni)
- A BBQ and open house at Paul and Kathy Dornian's home
- An evening social event with slideshows and memories from 30 years of history and creativity
- Optional sightseeing trips:
 - Mountain trip to Banff & Lake Louise
 - Canadian Badlands trip at Drumheller and the Royal Tyrrell Museum
- Free time to socialize and renew acquaintances
- Partnership with a travel agent who can assist with accommodation, restaurant recommendations, and travel planning as needed.

Your feedback will help us shape the reunion experience — from events and performances to social gatherings and travel options.

New Team Member

Ashton Lim, cello alumni and Arts Administrator has joined the MMB Team to take the lead on organizing the 30th Anniversary Reunion in Calgary. [Here is a link](#) to learn more about Ashton. You will be hearing more from Ashton in the coming months about this celebration.



Opportunities to Give Back

Primary sponsorship for Morningside Music Bridge is provided by the Chan family (Morningside Group and Morningside Music Bridge Foundation). For almost 30 years their generosity and vision have made the program possible.

They are joined by the following team of supporters to ensure artistic excellence and international opportunity.

Please consider joining them and link your name to this transformative global artistic program.

Chu Yue is an alumnus of Morningside Music Bridge with a successful career as both a performer and teacher at the Shanghai Conservatory and a performed. He has been a faculty member at Morningside Music Bridge and also participated in MMB on Tour. As his career has developed Yue believes in giving back and has become an annual donor to Morningside Music Bridge. His says he hopes other Alumni will also consider giving back.



“Morningside Music Bridge opened doors that changed my life and career path. I am honored to have a continuing association with MMB and am pleased to now be in a position to give back with both my talents and a little bit of treasure!” – Chu Yue