

Morningside Music Bridge

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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 is operated 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**.

Quick Details

We received **444 applications** for this summer's program from **26 countries**.

65 students joined us in Boston to participate for a joyous month of great music making.

They took part in: 14 Emerging Artist Concerts, 2 Chamber Music Concerts, a String Orchestra Concert, the Concerto Competition, and the Highlights Concert. Additionally there were 3 Resident Artist Concerts featuring our outstanding faculty members.



New initiatives

Morningside Music Bridge added a new Creative Residency to our curriculum in Summer of 2023. We actively search for emerging composers, improvisors, visual artists, sculptors, videographers, photographer, writers, or interdisciplinary artists (12 - 18 years old) to bring their projects to Morningside Music Bridge. Projects needed to link to Morningside Music Bridge's values, goals, and our talent community. We work with the creator to identify and engage specialized support (a teacher, mentor, advisor) and bring their projects to life. This summer a composition project and a Social Media project were identified and successfully completed with excellent results.



Piano Four Hands coaching was added to the curriculum and 8 piano duos took part in an Emerging Artist Recital dedicated to the rich repertoire for piano duos. One of our Chamber Music concerts also featured the premier of a new chamber work written by a student in the Creative Residence stream.



A Harmonic Time Rhythm Class with noted Jazz percussionist Jerry Leake was also added to the curriculum for 2023. This was a group class attended by all the Emerging Artists offering all these young musicians an early morning opportunity to bond with colleagues and refine their skills executing complex rhythmic patterns drawn from East Indian and African percussion traditions.





MMB on Tour

Over the years Morningside Music Bridge has organized and sponsored special concerts and events, outside of the regular summer program, featuring outstanding alumni at venues around the globe. These events create performance opportunities for the alumni as well as raise the profile of Morningside Music Bridge. Moving forward we are evolving these formerly isolated events into a more regular part of our offerings as 'Morningside Music Bridge on Tour'.

The new touring format will launch in November of 2023 featuring alumni in performances in Boston, Israel, Warsaw, and the United Kingdom (at the Wimbledon International Music Festival and at Heckfield Place) featuring Wojciech Niedziolka, violin; Brandon Leonard, cello; and Yoav Roth, piano. Alumni and violin faculty members Timothy & Nikki Chooi and piano alum and Gilbert Prize Winner, Clayton Stephenson, will also represent Morningside Music Bridge at the United Kingdom portion of the tour.

November 5 2023	USA, Boston: Friends of Morningside Music Bridge (Private Concert)
November 9, 2023	Israel, Tel Aviv Kfar Saba Conservatory
November 10 2023	Israel, Jerusalem Eden-Tamir Music Center
November 12 2023	Israel, Jerusalem Brigham Young University Jerusalem Center
November 16 2023	Poland, Warsaw Fryderyk Chopin University
November 18 2023	Poland, Warsaw Centrum Promocji Kultury (The Center for the Promotion of Culture)
November 19 2023	UK, Heckfield Heckfield Place
November 21 2023	UK, Wimbledon Wimbledon Music Festival
November 22 2023	UK, Wimbledon Wimbledon Music Festival



Alumni Updates

Nothing makes us happier at Morningside Music Bridge than seeing our alumni do great things. In the past year:

Yuja Wang, piano, appeared as a soloist with Yannick Nézet-Séguin and the Philadelphia Orchestra at Carnegie Hall on January 27, 2023 performing Rachmaninov's Piano Concertos 1 – 4 and Paganini Variations on a single program. This historic performance received worldwide coverage and a rave review in the New York Times. The program was repeated in Los Angeles (over several nights) and recorded with Gustavo Dudamel and the Los Angeles Philharmonic in a newly released Deutsche Grammophon set.

MMB Resident Artist and cello alumnus **Earl Lee**, Assistant Conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, adds the role of Music Director, Ann Arbor Symphony to his musical portfolio.

Violin alums **Timothy Chooi** and **Agata Szymczewska** followed up their 2023 appearances as Resident Artists teaching and performing at Morningside Music Bridge in Boston, with a 22 concert European tour with violin legend Anne Sophie Mutter as part of the Mutter Virtuosi.

MMB 2024

Will be held at the New England Conservatory from July 7 to August 2, 2024.

Supporting Morningside Music Bridge

A Friends of Morningside Music Bridge group has been established. The Friends of Morningside Music Bridge is a dynamic group of supporters who share in the values and goals of MMB: providing barrier free access to the best young emerging artists from around the globe. The Friends of Morningside Music Bridge enjoy exclusive performances and connection opportunities through special events and curated opportunities to engage with Morningside Music Bridge Alumni, Resident Artists, and Students.

Our next event will be in Boston at Parsnip Restaurant on November 5, 2023 at 3 PM – featuring Wojciech Niedziolka, violin; Brandon Leonard, cello; and Yoav Roth, piano as they launch Morningside Music Bridge on Tour.

For more information on the Friends, and a list of upcoming events, visit our website at mmb.international/giving-and-sponsorship.





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