

HOP RIVER CHAMBER MUSIC, INC.  
P.O. Box 123, Andover, CT 06232

45th Season

*HOP RIVER*

*CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES*

July 20, July 27 & August 3, 2023



Von der Mehden Recital Hall  
UConn Fine Arts Complex  
Storrs, Connecticut

## 2023 Hop River Chamber Music Series

**20 July 2023**  
7:30 PM

**William Grant Still, Jr.**  
*Incantation & Dance*

**Benjamin Britten**  
*Temporal Variations*

Stephen Wade, oboe  
Gary Chapman, piano

**Johannes Brahms**  
*Piano Quartet in A*

Leonid Sigal, violin  
Michael Wheeler, viola  
Tom Hudson, cello  
Gary Chapman, piano

**27 July 2023**  
7:30 PM

**Antonín Dvořák**  
*Terzetto in C*

Lu Friedman, violin  
Mary Ellen Briga, violin  
Arthur Masi, viola

**Ingolf Dahl**  
*Concerto a Tre*

Chris Howard, clarinet  
Lu Friedman, violin  
Jacob Nordlinger, cello

**Johannes Brahms**  
*Clarinet Quintet in B*

Chris Howard, clarinet  
Mary Ellen Briga, violin  
Lu Friedman, violin  
Arthur Masi, viola  
Jacob Nordlinger, cello

**3 August 2023**  
7:30 PM

**J. Louis von der Mehden, Jr.**  
*Fuga*

**Aleksandr Borodin**  
*String Quartet in D*

Barbara Vaughan, violin  
Mary Ellen Briga, violin  
Laurel Thurman, viola  
Fran Bard, cello

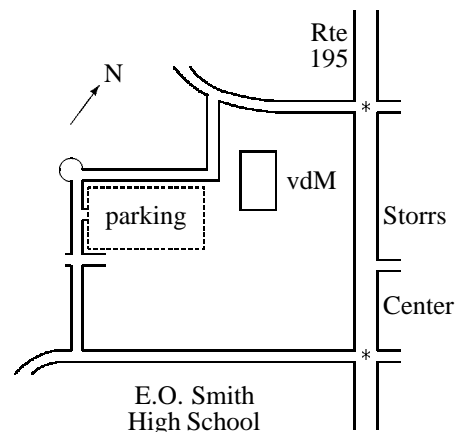
**Felix Mendelssohn**  
*String Quartet in D*

Mary Ellen Briga, violin  
Barbara Vaughan, violin  
Laurel Thurman, viola  
Fran Bard, cello

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go to  
[www.hoprvmusic.com](http://www.hoprvmusic.com)



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**Von der Mehden  
Recital Hall**  
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# The Hop River Times

Official Newsletter of the Hop River Chamber Players

Forty-fifth Season

May 2023

## Friends and Music Lovers,

We are excited to share with you that Hop River Chamber Music (HRCM) will present its 2023 summer chamber music series at a new location. After reviewing the joys of our past 44 years at the Andover Congregational Church and thinking about the future, we have arranged to perform at Von der Mehden Recital Hall on The University of Connecticut's Storrs campus. As in the past, concerts begin at 7:30 PM on Thursday evenings: July 20 & 27 and August 3.

We hope that you, our long time supporters and friends, will come to this new setting to enjoy the continuing musical performances by our beloved musicians. The recital hall is located in UConn's Fine Arts Complex, across Route 195 from Storrs Center (see over for a schematic map). It offers outstanding acoustics, an amazing Steinway grand piano, a generous stage for our musicians, good audience sight-lines, easy access to rest rooms, and ample parking. You will find additional information at our website:

**[www.hoprvmusic.com](http://www.hoprvmusic.com)**

On July 20, HRCM pianist Gary Chapman joins Hartford Symphony Orchestra guests Leonid Sigal, Michael Wheeler, Tom Hudson and Steve Wade to perform pieces by Harlem Renaissance composer William Grant Still, Jr., Benjamin Britten and Johannes Brahms. On July 27, you will enjoy more Brahms—his great Clarinet Quintet—plus works by Antonín Dvořák and Ingolf Dahl, performed by Mary

Ellen Briga and musicians new to our concerts: Chris Howard, Lu Friedman, Arthur Masi and Jacob Nordlinger. Construction of Von der Mehden Recital Hall was financed by a 1955 bequest from the estate of J. Louis von der Mehden, Jr. Our final concert on August 3 will begin with a movement from his string quartet, played by HRCM's quartet—Barbara Vaughan, Mary Ellen Briga, Laurel Thurman and Fran Bard—and continue with quartets by Aleksandr Borodin and Felix Mendelssohn.

These concerts are free, but we gratefully accept donations at the door. Like so many performing-arts organizations, we depend upon contributions to stay in business. To help insure that live, classical chamber music will continue to be heard in Eastern Connecticut, please consider making a financial gift to HRCM. You may contribute online or use the form below to mail with your check to our Treasurer, Barbara Vaughan. HRCM, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization, and donations to it are tax-deductible. Donors whose contributions are received by June 30 will be listed in the program booklet.

In our world so in need of beauty, hope, love and peace, we can depend on classical music and those who perform it to bring joy and encouragement to our lives. Please continue to be a part of that with your support of the performances by the Hop River Chamber Musicians. We hope to see you in July!

**Carolyn Lester, President**  
**HRCM Board of Directors**

Contribute securely online at **[www.hoprvmusic.com](http://www.hoprvmusic.com)** or use the form below

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## HOP RIVER CHAMBER MUSIC

### 2023 Contribution Form

Complete the form—PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!—and mail with your check to:

**Barbara Vaughan, HRCM Treasurer, 772 Warrenville Rd, Mansfield Center, CT 06250**

{ Contact information will be used *only* to acknowledge contributions or to announce HRCM events }

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