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### **The Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival is back with two summer events**

*With internationally acclaimed artists, the Festival's 28<sup>th</sup> season offers in-person and virtual attendance.*

DETROIT (May 17, 2021) – The Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival announces its 28<sup>th</sup> season with two extraordinary summer events. From June 13-20, the Festival returns with live music, hosting five outdoor concerts at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. Next, from July 10-24, the Festival goes virtual with eight concert broadcasts in the comfort of homes.

With a focus on the health and safety of its staff, artists and audience, the Festival remains committed to presenting chamber music at its finest. Following the theme of visions and revisions, this Festival explores traditional and contemporary pieces with established and rising artists.

This year's performers are: **Paul Watkins** (Artistic Director and cello), **Philip Setzer** (Shouse Institute Director and violin), **Alessio Bax** (piano), **Soyeon Kate Lee** (piano), **Christine Goerke** (board member and soprano), **Nicholas Phan** (tenor), **Tessa Lark** (violin), **Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu** (viola/violin), the **Ivalas Quartet** and the **Viano String Quartet**.

For five dates in June, the Festival will host a live concert under a tent on the beautiful campus of Temple Beth El. Seating will be limited and spaced to accommodate social distancing. Each concert will last about one hour, without intermission, and be performed twice.

"We are thrilled to present live music again," said Watkins, "and re-establish an intimate connection between musicians and audiences."

The July Virtual Festival will be hosted live by Watkins, featuring the five June concerts plus three specially recorded performances by Festival artists, presented in partnership with the **Detroit Institute of Arts**. The Virtual Festival, which will be available on YouTube, will offer patrons access to exclusive content including interviews and behind-the-scenes videos.

"The pandemic has provided us an opportunity to explore different facets of a concert and look for new ways to connect with audiences," said president Maury Okun. "I believe this year's virtual festival will be its own distinct experience."

In addition to the mainstage concerts, the Festival will host a number of community engagement activities including: a composition workshop for youth at **Accent Pontiac**, a workshop on nonverbal communication with students in the **Wayne State University School of Medicine**, a free concert at **Piquette Square for Veterans** and a collaborative concert at **St. Matthew's & St. Joseph's Episcopal Church** in Detroit.

Tickets go on sale May 14 at [www.greatlakeschambermusic.org](http://www.greatlakeschambermusic.org) or by phone at 248-559-2097.

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## Concert Calendar

### June 13-20 Live, In-person Festival

<p><b>Sunday June 13</b> -- 4 p.m. &amp; 6:30 p.m. EDT</p> <p><i>Reveries, Old and New</i></p> <p>Artists: Soyeon Kate Lee, Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu, Tessa Lark, Paul Watkins, Viano String Quartet</p>	<p><b>Saturday June 19</b> -- 5 p.m. &amp; 7:30 p.m. EDT</p> <p><i>Poetic Visions</i></p> <p>Artists: Alessio Bax, Tessa Lark, Philip Setzer, Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu, Paul Watkins, Christine Goerke, Viano String Quartet</p>
<p><b>Tuesday June 15</b> -- 5 p.m. &amp; 7:30 p.m. EDT</p> <p><i>Motions and Emotions</i></p> <p>Artists: Soyeon Kate Lee, Philip Setzer, Paul Watkins, Nicholas Phan, Ivalas Quartet</p>	<p><b>Sunday June 20</b> 4 p.m. &amp; 7:30 p.m. EDT</p> <p><i>Strings, Singing and Strumming</i></p> <p>Artists: Alessio Bax, Tessa Lark, Philip Setzer, Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu, Paul Watkins, Ivalas Quartet</p>
<p><b>Thursday June 17</b> -- 5 p.m. &amp; 7:30 p.m. EDT</p> <p><i>Dreams of the Past</i></p> <p>Artists: Soyeon Kate Lee, Tessa Lark, Philip Setzer, Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu, Paul Watkins, Dušan Balarin, Nicholas Phan</p>	

### July 10-24 Virtual Festival

<p><b>Sunday July 10</b> – 7 p.m. EDT</p> <p>See June 13 Festival program</p>	<p><b>Saturday July 17</b> – 7 p.m. EDT</p> <p>See June 17 Festival program</p>
<p><b>Monday July 12</b> – 7 p.m. EDT</p> <p><i>Shouse Showcase: Seeking Home</i></p> <p>Artists: Ivalas Quartet, Viano String Quartet</p>	<p><b>Wednesday July 21</b> – 7 p.m. EDT</p> <p>See June 19 Festival program</p>
<p><b>Wednesday July 14</b> -- 7 p.m. EDT</p> <p>See June 15 Festival program</p>	<p><b>Thursday July 22</b> – 7 p.m. EDT</p> <p><i>Shouse Showcase: Impressionist to Realist</i></p> <p>Artists: Ivalas Quartet, Viano String Quartet</p>
<p><b>Thursday July 15</b> – 7 p.m. EDT</p> <p><i>A Soul's Journey</i></p> <p>Artists: Alessio Bax, Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu, Nicholas Phan</p>	<p><b>Saturday July 24</b> – 7 p.m. EDT</p> <p>See June 20 Festival program</p>