



DownEast New Music

PRESS RELEASE

DOWNEAST NEW MUSIC announces its inaugural season July 7-15, 2023.

Tickets available now at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/downeastnewmusic>.

[Mount Desert and Blue Hill, Maine] - [DownEast New Music](#), a new organization dedicated to bringing classical music by living composers and performances by highly accomplished young musicians to DownEast Maine, is thrilled to announce its inaugural season this July 7-15, 2023. Over four performances and two weeks, DownEast New Music will celebrate the exciting and diverse body of music that speaks to the lives and experiences of modern audiences. DownEast New Music's season will showcase music by composers of different generations and cultures, familiar and unique combinations of instruments, rising performers in the field of contemporary classical music, and a chance for all music lovers to gather in scenic DownEast Maine to celebrate the sounds and stories of the classical music of our lifetime.

DownEast New Music's first season will feature [two programs of music](#) that will be performed twice, once on MDI and once in Blue Hill:

Program I: Isolation/Togetherness

[Friday, July 7 at 7:30 pm / St. Mary's Church / Northeast Harbor](#)

[Saturday, July 8 at 7:30 pm / Blue Hill Congregational Church / Blue Hill](#)

Caroline Shaw, *in manus tuas* (2009) for solo cello

Mikhail Johnson, *Evil's Peak* (2019) for soprano and double bass (*Maine premiere*)

György Kurtág, *Scenes from a Novel* (1982) for soprano, violin, double bass, and cimbalom

Jessie Montgomery, *Duo for violin and cello* (2015)

Program II: Celestial Bodies

[Friday, July 14 at 7:30 pm / Blue Hill Congregational Church / Blue Hill](#)

[Saturday, July 15 at 3:30 pm / Jesup Memorial Library / Bar Harbor](#)

Brett Dean, *Voices of Angels* (1996) for violin, viola, cello, double bass, and piano

Stephen Hartke, *King of the Sun* (1988) for violin, viola, cello, and piano

Libby Larsen, *Up, Where the Air Gets Thin* (1985) for cello and double bass

New commission (2023) by DownEast New Music pianist Danny Holt (*world premiere*)

Tickets are available for \$20, which can be purchased on our website in advance or at the door. Free tickets for Maine students will be offered for all concerts, and the festival's final performance at the Jesup Library will be free for all. For free tickets, please contact us at downeastnewmusic@gmail.com.

Co-artistic directors [Clare Monfredo \(cello\)](#) and [Edward Kass \(double bass\)](#) will be joined by [Michelle Barzel Ross \(violin\)](#), [Julia Danitz \(violin\)](#), [Carrie Frey \(viola\)](#), [Danny Holt \(piano\)](#), [Nina Guo \(soprano\)](#), and [Nicholas Tolle \(cimbalom\)](#).

Please click on the following links to find more information about our [programs](#) and [artists](#), or go to the "[Press](#)" page on our website.

Clare Monfredo and Edward Kass, Artistic Directors

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