

## Summer Music Associates Announces 2017 Concert Season

First event scheduled  
Saturday, June 24

### Press release

Bringing distinctive, diverse, and predominantly classical music concerts to the Lake Sunapee-New London region is the mission of Summer Music Associates and what a 44th season they have in store for us this year!

The esteemed Boston Civic Symphony, now in its 93rd year, will return for the sixth time to New London. Max Hobart, the long-time conductor of the Symphony has retired, but his love for performing in New London has brought him back to conduct the concert.

The program will feature two young soloists, Elizabeth McCormack, flautist, performing an exhilarating Fantasia by the French composer, Georges Hue; and the young and vibrant baritone, John Castillo, singing selections of Rossini, Mozart, and Bizet. The program also includes an overture by Rossini and the Brahms Symphony No. 2 in D major.

The Beacon Brass Quintet joins the roster again as well. These five musicians have delighted audiences with their brass arrangements ranging from Bach to Ellington. Two of the members recently performed in New London as a First Friday event co-sponsored by Center for the Arts and entertained the audience with examples of original instruments, types of mutes, and explanations of the role of the trumpet in orchestral settings.

This year's program includes works by Paul Dukas, Bach, Giovanni Gabrieli, Edvard Grieg, Malcolm Arnold, Debussy, and Duke Ellington. That is quite a range!

Walden Chamber Players bring two new musicians to our area by including in the quintet Bridget Kibbey, Harpist, and Marianne Gedigian, Flautist. Diana Cohen will perform on Violin, Christof Huebner on Viola, and Ashima Scripp on Cello. This year's program will include works by Arnold Bax, C. Saint-Saens, C. Debussy, M. Ravel, and Joseph Jongen.

Founded in 1997, the Boston based Walden Chamber Players has garnered a reputation for being one of the most exciting and versatile chamber groups performing today. Critics have hailed its performances of original compositions to our enthusiastic audiences. Chris is the son of the legendary jazz pianist and

composer Dave Brubeck, and many of the pieces in the program are Chris's arrangements of Dave Brubeck classics. Throw in some Mississippi Blues, outrageous harmonica playing by Peter Madcat Ruth, and stellar guitar work by Joel Brown as well as Chris on trombone, guitar, and keyboards, and you have the recipe for a rollicking everything from Bach to Schoenberg, Chamber Music America Magazine raves: "A season spent with the Walden Chamber Players is a time for discovery."

The award winning Altius String Quartet is coming to present a program featuring some of the most beloved string quartets in the repertoire. The program will open with Haydn's celebrated Sunrise String Quartet, a work that gets its moniker through its depiction of the sunrise in the first violin's opening theme. It is considered to be at the zenith of his compositional career and contains all the elements that make Haydn so loved. The program continues with Dvorak's famous American String Quartet, a work that was inspired by the composer's experiences while living in the new world... and concludes with Mendelssohn's masterful last String Quartet in F Minor, a mature work that includes all the sturm und drang a nineteenth century romantic can muster.

To end the season with a bang, Chris Brubeck's Triple Play will bring its jazz and blues renditions and a great time!

### Schedule of Concerts

- Boston Civic Symphony: Saturday, June 24, Sawyer Theater, Colby-Sawyer College, 541 Main Street, New London
- Beacon Brass Quintet: Thursday, July 13, First Baptist Church, 461 Main Street, New London
- Walden Chamber Players: Thursday, July 27, First Baptist Church, New London
- Altius String Quartet: Thursday, August 10, First Baptist Church, New London
- Chris Brubeck's Triple Play: Saturday, August 26, Sawyer Theater, Colby-Sawyer College, New London

All concerts begin at 7:30 P.M. Ticket prices are \$25 for adults and \$5 for students. Season tickets are \$100. Available on the website: [summermusicassociates.com](http://summermusicassociates.com); by phone 603-526-8234; by mail: PO Box 603, New London, New Hampshire 03257; or at the door. 

## The Flying Monkey Presents Carbon Leaf

Friday, May 5  
at 7:30 P.M.

### Press release

The Flying Monkey Performance Center presents Carbon Leaf on Friday, May 5 at 7:30 P.M. Carbon Leaf is known by legions of loyal fans as DIY indie rockers with energetic live shows. Me & My Brother will open the show. Tickets for this show start at \$25.

With 23 years together and 12 studio albums, the polish, precision, and maturity is palpable in the band's sound, which spans from rocky pop to folky, Celtic infused jams to twangy alt-country.

The group jumped into the national scene in 2002, winning an American Music Awards in the New Music Category performing its Irish tinged song, The Boxer, to an audience of 80 million TV viewers as an unsigned band.

Over the years, the quintet has shared the stage with such acts as The Avett Brothers, Toad the Wet Sprocket, Dave Matthews Band, Jason Mraz, and David Gray.

Tickets to see Carbon Leaf are \$25, and \$33 for premier seating. For more information on upcoming shows or to purchase tickets call the box office at 603-536-2551 or go online at: [flyingmonkeyNH.com](http://flyingmonkeyNH.com). 

## Hypnotism and Comedy at Franklin Opera House

Saturday, April 29  
at 7 P.M.

### Press release

Things are hopping at the Franklin Opera House with Ace Hypnotist Steve Coppola performing on Saturday, April 29 and Fred Marple's Comedy *Guide to New England* on Saturday, May 13.

Ace Hypnotist, Steve Coppola, will be performing a hilarious Comedy Hypnosis Show to benefit the Franklin New Hampshire PTA.

Coppola knows how to engage an audience and keep people rolling in the aisles. He has been entertaining audiences across New England with his special hypnotic talents. All you need to do is come with an open mind and lots of laughter! See the show or be the show! One thing is for certain; you will always remember the laughter. Tickets range from \$12 to \$15.

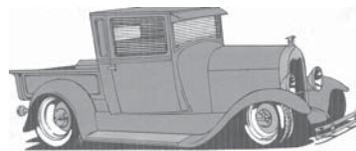
"*The Guide to New England* is a look at the way we Yankees dress, eat, talk, and behave," says Fred Marple. "There are a lot of things that seem to confuse outsiders, and even make us scratch our own heads at time".

Fred will explain life in a small town where everyone knows your business, often before you do. He will also explain the people who live in those towns, from the cheapskate native to the affluent transplant. He'll discuss Yankee food, including why we think baked beans and vegetables boiled with a piece of corned beef are examples of haute cuisine, and he'll examine Yankee fashion, from the ever present flannel to rummage sale ensembles. He'll discuss our love affair with old houses, which persists despite bats in the attic and wiring possibly installed by Ben Franklin.

Fred, also known as Humorist Ken Sheldon, has appeared on New Hampshire Chronicle, in the pages of Yankee Magazine, New Hampshire Magazine, and on his own variety show Frost Heaves. For a preview of the show visit: [fredmarple.com](http://fredmarple.com).

Tickets range from \$10 to \$14 and are available online at: [franklinoperahouse.org](http://franklinoperahouse.org), or call 934-1901.

Franklin Opera House is a historic community arts and entertainment center in Franklin, New Hampshire. 



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