



NEW MUSIC

Festival & Symposium

March 26–28, 2026





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WELCOME!

Welcome to the First Biennial Heidelberg New Music Festival and Symposium! When we founded the Heidelberg New Music Association two years ago, we had always hoped to hold a festival to bring the new music tradition to our community. It is incredible that within just two years, this dream has come true! We were grateful to be met with energy and excitement by the students, faculty, and staff on this campus who collaborated to bring this event to life. Thank you so much for coming, and we hope you enjoy everything we have to offer at the Festival!

Cameron Gaietto and **Sarah Jewell**
Co-Executive Directors

This festival is the culmination of years of quiet, serendipitous moments. Throughout my career, I have found new music festivals to be vital spaces for community and shared discovery; networks built not on opportunism, but on genuine curiosity, meaning-making, and the expansion of our creative circles. I am profoundly grateful to share this experience with our guest artists, composers, and audience members over the next three days.

The students at Heidelberg University and the Heidelberg New Music Association have far surpassed my every expectation. This event simply would not exist without their tireless energy and consummate professionalism. We also stand on the shoulders of Dr. Brian Bevelander (1942–2026), Professor Emeritus and the original Artistic Director of the Heidelberg New Music Festival. For decades, Brian championed excellence in contemporary music within the liberal arts tradition. His legacy will loom large over every iteration of this festival to come. Sail on, Brian. Thank you for everything.

Matthew Kennedy
Artistic Director

THURSDAY

March 26, 2026

○ **New Music Concert I**
Prism Concert I

○ **Scholar Presentations I**

○ **New Music Concert II**
Neonautica



NEW MUSIC CONCERT I

Prism Concert I

Thursday, March 26, 2026
Ohl Concert Hall, 2:30 PM

A Little Clown Music *Morti the Clown*

Morti the Clown, Voice

Rémiges *Richard Pressley*

Tower Duo

Erin Helgeson Torres, Alto Flute
Michael Rene Torres, Alto Saxophone

Firefly *Sam Eifert*

Sam Eifert, Vibraphone

Worlds of Wonder *Dominic Dousa*

Nayeli and Dominic Dousa, Piano
(Four Hands)

Euphoria *Hannah Wolkowitz*

Alesha Pennock, Alto Saxophone
Cynthia Ramsdell, Piano

Nightmare Rag *Lauren Greenberg*

Cynthia Ramsdell, Piano

Remaining Unmotionless (after BADBADNOTGOOD) *Orson Abram*

Alesha Pennock, Bass Clarinet
Scott Kretzer, Percussion
Cynthia Ramsdell, Piano

Plain of Ash and Sand *Evan O'Dell*

Evan O'Dell, Euphonium

The Widow Who Hated Everything *Jude Duane*

Garrett Evans, Alto Saxophone
Alesha Pennock, Baritone Saxophone
Jacob Koch, Vibraphone

Pastoral Scenes: A Fugue on Pentatonic Scales *Whitney Sheng*

Cynthia Ramsdell, Piano

Wind Chimes Nikki Krumwiede

Onyx Tedder, Flute
Cameron Gaietto, Clarinet
Rylan Clarkson, CC Tuba
Lily Brown, Glass Jars
Sarah Jewell, Piano
Phoenix Blackburn, Violin
Rory Mott, Baritone Ukulele

Death Dance Mary Simoni

Cynthia Ramsdell, Piano 1
Greg Ramsdell, Piano 2

Phoenix Rising Stacy Garrop

I. Dying in embers
II. Reborn in flames

Garrett Evans, Soprano Saxophone

SCHOLAR PRESENTATIONS I

Thursday, March 26, 2026
Herbster Chapel, 4:30 PM

Rhythm as Musical Identity

Kervy Delcy | 4:30 PM

Julius Eastman: The Connection between Music & Identity

Han Hitchen | 5:00 PM

Navigating Interdisciplinary and Collaborative Communication

Dylan Findley | 5:30 PM

NEW MUSIC CONCERT II

Neonautica

Megan Ihnen, Voice • Alan Thiesen, Saxophone

Thursday, March 26, 2026
Ohl Concert Hall, 7:30 PM

Black Meridian

Part One: Event Horizon

Prelude:

Once Upon Another Time Sara Bareilles

Constant Jeremy Valley & Alan Thiesen

Quand le bleu rencontre le vert Scott Johnson

The Clockmaker's Doll Mara Gibson

Dark Star Garrett Schumann

||: Pop, Chew, Swallow :|| Neil Anderson-Himmelspach

Part Two: Singularity

ein ton. eher kurz. sehr leise. Antoine Beuger

Postlude:

Outside of Space and Time David Byrne & St. Vincent

Exit music designed and produced by SkyFaux.

FRIDAY

March 27, 2026

○ **HNMA Member Presentation**

○ **Scholar Presentations II**

○ **New Music Concert III**
Prism Concert II

○ **New Music Concert IV**
andPlay



HNMA MEMBER PRESENTATION

Friday, March 27, 2026
Herbster Chapel, 9:30 AM

Bravo and Encore! A History of the Performing Arts at Heidelberg 1850–2025

Cameron Gaietto | 9:30 AM

SCHOLAR PRESENTATIONS II

Friday, March 27, 2026
Herbster Chapel, 10:00 AM

Why Classical Music Is Not European: Rethinking Music Through a Global Lens

Vincent Sneed | 10:00 AM

Artistic Direction, Community Engagement, and New Music Programming

Thomas Schuttenhelm | 10:30 AM

NEW MUSIC CONCERT III

Prism Concert II

Friday, March 27, 2026
Trinity United Church of Christ
12:30 PM

The Transformation of Jane Doe Stacy Garrop

Libretto by Jerre Dye

Hello, City

The Letter

Carol Dusdieker, Soprano
Francisca Freitas, Piano

cup Treya Nash

Audience, Cellphones

(8, 12) Alan Sentman

Shi-An Costello, Piano

Block It Out Mateo Wojtczack

Garrett Evans, Alto Saxophone
Alesha Pennock, Baritone Saxophone

Ad Lucem Kelly-Marie Murphy

Michael Hall, Viola
Shi-An Costello, Piano

Unity Connor Gibbs

Eric Funk, Violin
Haley Harrison, Clarinet
Francisca Freitas, Piano

Marble & Blood Justin Giarrusso

Tower Duo
Erin Helgeson Torres, Flute
Michael Rene Torres, Soprano Saxophone

A Lunar Anamnesis Cameron Cummins

Garrett Evans, Alto Saxophone

introvert language Ty Bloomfield

Michael Hall, Viola
Shi-An Costello, Piano

Duck & Roll..... Wenbin Lyu

Eric Funk, Violin
Haley Harrison, Clarinet
Francisca Freitas, Piano

Until You Return..... Jerry Tabor

Jerry Tabor, Guitar

Those Who Follow..... Maggie Johns

Maggie Johns, Piano

Repair the World..... Stacy Garrop

Michael Hall, Viola

HNMA MEMBER SHOWCASE

Friday, March 27, 2026
Ohl Concert Hall, 4:00 PM

Triumphant Valliance..... Phoenix Blackburn

Cynthia Ramsdell, Piano

Out of Reach..... Regan Gibson

Regan Gibson, Piano

Crunch!..... Rory Mott

Kathrine Sayre, Cole Brandon, and Bradyn Frankart, Percussion

Sky Bound..... Phoenix Blackburn

Michael Hall, Viola

Alumni Feature

Aulos..... Ashtyn Wolph

I. The Symposium
II. Aulêtris

Garrett Evans, Soprano Saxophone
Cynthia Ramsdell, Piano

President and Vice President Feature

I Never Saw Another Butterfly

Lori Laitman

Text by:

- I. The Butterfly** Pavel Friedmann
- II. Yes, That's The Way Things Are** Koleba
- III. Birdsong** Anonymous
- IV. The Garden** Franta Bass
- V. Man Proposes, God Disposes** Koleba
- VI. The Old House** Franta Bass

Sarah Jewell, Soprano

HNMA Vice President

Cameron Gaietto, Clarinet

HNMA President

The lyrics to this work are poems written by children who were killed in the Holocaust:

Pavel Friedmann (1921–1944)

Koleba, a combination of the names of 3 poets:

Kosek (1932–1942), Löwy (1931–1942), and Bachner (died 1944)

Anonymous and Franta Bass (1930–1944)

NEW MUSIC CONCERT IV

andPlay

Maya Bennardo, Violin • Hannah Levinson, Viola

Friday, March 27, 2026
Gillmor Atrium, 7:30 PM

Bezier *David Bird*

dormant gardens i *Maya Bennardo*


DUO *Geli Li*

Finura *Yanina Vargas*

My Loves are in America *Carolyn Chen*

SATURDAY

March 28, 2026

- **New Music Concert V**
Tower Duo
 - **Park Meditations Performance**
 - **New Music Concert VI**
Prism Concert III
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NEW MUSIC CONCERT V

Tower Duo

Erin Helgeson Torres, Flute • Michael Rene Torres, Saxophone

Saturday, March 28, 2026
Gillmor Atrium, 9:30 AM

Flora y Fauna

Atmospheres Matthew Kennedy

Fauna Robert McClure

O, Aderyn Pur Claire Polin

Are they here to rescue us Michael Rene Torres

PARK MEDITATIONS PERFORMANCE

Saturday, March 28, 2026
Hedges-Boyer Park, 12:30 PM

Repeat After Me Tyge Thomas

Cameron Gaietto, Clarinet
Olivia Freeborn, Alto Saxophone
Rylan Clarkson, Trombone
Regan Gibson, Voice
Sarah Jewell, Voice
Rory Mott, Baritone Ukulele

Sonic Meditations Pauline Oliveros

XIV. **Tumbling Song** (Led by Regan Gibson)

III. **Pacific Tell** (Led by Sarah Jewell)

XVI. (Led by Rory Mott)

NEW MUSIC CONCERT VI

Prism Concert III

Saturday, March 28, 2026
Ohl Concert Hall, 3:30 PM

Torque..... Stacy Garrop

I. Momentum
II. Stasis

Michael Hall, Viola
Shi-An Costello, Piano

Chant..... Rylie (Toom) Klein

Tamara Kagy, C Flute and Bass Flute

Prelude Inna Onofrei

Cynthia Ramsdell, Piano

do not derail the train of thought..... Matthew Huang Mailman

The Big Su
Garrett Evans, Soprano Saxophone
Jake Loitz, Alto Saxophone
Adam Hanna, Tenor Saxophone
Sam Valancy, Baritone Saxophone

Sidewinder John Savage

John Savage, Mandocello

Ecosystem Music Kyle Bergler

Grant Terry, Clarinet
Marissa Bennett, Alto Saxophone
Rylan Clarkson, E Flat Alto Horn
Simon Fletcher, BB Flat Tuba
Sarah Jewell, Piano
Rory Mott, Baritone Ukulele

Grand Jeu..... Timothy Kramer

The Big Su
Garrett Evans, Soprano Saxophone
Jake Loitz, Alto Saxophone
Adam Hanna, Tenor Saxophone
Sam Valancy, Baritone Saxophone

Old-World Blues..... Alexander Skelton

Wesley Nielsen, Trombone

Soul Searching.....*Kerrith Livengood*

The Big Su
Garrett Evans, Alto Saxophone 1
Jake Loitz, Alto Saxophone 2
Adam Hanna, Tenor Saxophone
Sam Valancy, Baritone Saxophone

A Wildflower Celebration *E.M. Gaspar*

Heidelberg University Symphonic Band
Ben Herrick, Director

Flute

Onyx Tedder
Amelia Harness-Koehnle
Dylan Reid

Alto Saxophone

Marissa Bennett
Nicholas Chambers
Olivia Freeborn

Tenor Saxophone

Kyleigh Clark

Baritone Saxophone

Ella Wank

Percussion

David Bauer
Ace Bragg
Izea Dimaun
Sophia "Sho" Holt
Kathrine Sayre
Alexandria Sica

Oboe

Cecilia Groth

Violin

Phoenix Blackburn

Trumpet

Alex Criss
Clara Drummond
Miranda Fisher
Jesse McDaniel

Horn

Jacob Clarkson
Nyxie Lukac
Cole Miller

Trombone

Jaite Blanco
Emma Miller-Steinmetz
Kade Nelson
Amber Parks

Clarinet

Toni Bradley
Cameron Gaietto
Bree Johnston
Grant Terry

Bass Clarinet

Jonathan Nominee

Bassoon:

Alesha Pennock

Euphonium

Rylan Clarkson
Kaeden Davidson
Regan Gibson

Tuba

Garrett Backus
Simon Fletcher

Heidelberg University Chamber Singers
Greg Ramsdell, Director

Soprano I

Lily Brown
Lavannah Hamilton

Alto I

Caleigh Barton-Kashmer
Sophia "Sho" Holt
Jesse McDaniel

Tenor I

Simon Fletcher
Jerahmy Marshall

Bass I

Phoenix Blackburn
Ethan Kohler
Caleb Silvia
Aidan Walker

Soprano II

Clara Drummond
Onyx Tedder
Kathrine Sayre

Alto II

Syd Mendez
Becca Young

Tenor II

Cole Miller
Dylan Reid

Bass II

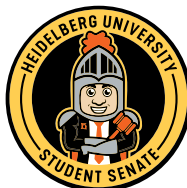
Cole Brandon
Dermot Healy
Elijah Shiley
Daniel Wahl

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SARAH JEWELL



PRISM CONCERT III

Saturday, March 28th, 2026

Ohl Concert Hall, 3:30pm



Featuring Music by Bergler, Garrop, Gaspar, Kilstofte, Klein, Kramer, Livengood, Mallman, Onofrei, Savage, Skelton, and Viana



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INTO THE WOODS

APRIL 16–18 | 7:00 PM

APRIL 19 | 2:00 PM

Gundlach Theatre

Fairy tales collide in this Tony Award-winning musical that explores what happens after “happily ever after.”

SYMPHONIC BAND

APRIL 25 | 7:00 PM

Ohl Concert Hall, Brenneman

This semester the Heidelberg University Symphonic Band explores the music of North America. You’ll hear a wide variety of styles and genres steeped in the traditions that this continent has given to the musical world. Featuring music by many well known composers.

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HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY | CAMPUS MAP



● RESIDENCE HALLS & HOUSING

1. Student Houses
2. College Hill Apartments
3. Main Street Townhomes
4. Stadium View Apartments
5. Talmage Hall
6. Brown Hall
7. France Hall
8. Miller Hall
9. Williard Hall
10. Krieg Hall
11. King Hall

■ VISITOR PARKING

Lots A, D, F & G



◀ SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE FOR A DIGITAL VERSION OF THE CAMPUS MAP

● ACADEMIC & ADMINISTRATIVE

12. Aigler Alumni Building
13. Brenneman Music Hall
14. Fine Arts House
15. University Hall
16. Founders Hall
17. Gundlach Theatre
18. Brynton Honors Center
19. Krammes Service Center
20. Lavelly-Shedenhelm Education Center
21. Beeghly Library
22. Pfleiderer Center
23. Adams Hall
24. Bareis Hall
25. Gillmor Science Hall
26. Saurwein Health & Wellness Center
27. GEM Center

● CAMPUS LIFE

28. Bookstore
29. Campus Center
30. Stoner Health & Counseling Center
31. University Commons
32. Ubuntu House

● DINING

33. Berg Bistro
34. The HeidelBean
35. Hoernemann Refectory
36. Rock Creek Cafe
37. The Pulse

● ATHLETICS

38. Tennis Courts
39. Seiberling Gymnasium
40. Hoernemann Stadium
41. Riesen Field
42. Frann's Fieldhouse
43. Peaceful Valley & Hidden Valley