

Manchester Music Festival
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MANCHESTER MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCERT SERIES
FEATURES DAZZLING LINEUP OF CLASSICAL ARTISTS

Manchester's mountains will come alive with the music of old masters and new on July 7 when the Manchester Music Festival opens its 37th classical concert series.

"The audience can expect to hear a completely different musical experience every week," said Ariel Rudiakov, violist and Artistic Director of the Manchester Music Festival. "I am very excited about this season."

The theme of the 2011 season is Crossing Borders—Your Passport To Great Music. "We will cross not only geographic borders but sound borders as well," Mr. Rudiakov said.

The seven-week series will spotlight a dazzling array of highly-acclaimed musicians including classical pianist and public radio host Christopher O'Riley, who will perform with the Manchester Festival Orchestra conducted by Rudiakov.

The Thursday concerts will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Southern Vermont Arts Center's Arkell Pavilion in Manchester. "We're going to start off the season with a high-ranking 2009 Van Cliburn Competition finalist, Di Wu," Rudiakov said.

Subsequent concerts feature classical superstars Adam Neiman, two-time winner of Juilliard's Gina Bachauer International Piano competition; marimbist and composer Pius Cheung, 2008 Young Artist Competition Winner; and Nathaniel Rosen, a gold-prize winner at the International Tchaikovsky Competition. Full concert details are listed on MMF's website, www.mmfvt.org.

"What we try to do is take something old and something new and create a concert repertoire of fresh and engaging performances with the gravitas of veteran musicians combined with talented newcomers," Rudiakov said. "That's partly what is so exhilarating about designing a summer series."

The cost of individual tickets varies from \$35 to \$45 (plus tax) per concert. Subscriptions, season passes and single tickets are available online at www.mmfvt.org or by calling (802) 362-1956. (800) 639-5868 if outside Vermont.