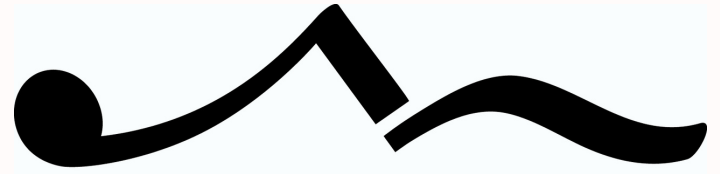


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PMMF Announces New Leadership!

We are very excited to welcome a new three-person leadership team to PMMF. Scott Flavin, Dr. Libby Meyer, and Danielle Simandl bring a myriad of skills and talents to the Festival.



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Scott Flavin, Artistic Director enjoys an incredibly versatile career. He is a professor at the Frost School of Music, where he teaches violin, conducting, and chamber music. As a violinist, he appears as concertmaster, chamber musician, and recitalist internationally, and is violinist in the Bergonzi Trio, first violinist of the Bergonzi String Quartet, and violinist of PULSE Trio. Scott is Resident Conductor of The Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra, and regularly appears on the podium in concert, on television, and in recordings. Also an active arranger, composer, speaker, and writer, his work has been heard across the globe.



Libby Meyer, Co-Executive Director is a composer whose work reflects the natural rhythms and patterns of the world around her. Her music including chamber, orchestral, choral, wind symphony, film, dance and theater has been commissioned and performed throughout the United States. Libby has served as Composer-in-Residence at Isle Royale National Park and the Visby International Center for Composers (Sweden). She has received awards from the National Endowment for the Arts, The Jackson Center for Teaching and Learning, The Michigan Tech Research Excellence Fund, The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, The Sorel Foundation and The American Composers Forum. Libby holds a DMA in Composition from Northwestern University and is a Senior Lecturer in Music Theory/Composition at Michigan Tech where she is the Artistic Director of the New Music at Michigan Tech Contemporary Music Series.



Danielle Simandl, Co-Executive Director is a violinist who grew up in the U.P. She performs as the Principal Second Violin of the Fox Valley Symphony in Appleton, Wisconsin in addition to many other orchestras throughout the Midwest. An equally dedicated chamber musician, Dani performs with the Superior String Alliance Chamber Players, the Tuuli Quartet, and the CHAI Collaborative Ensemble. Dani is the Executive Director of Superior String Alliance (SSA), the Music Director of SSA's Summer Music Camp, and the proud owner of countless tie-dye T-shirts. Dani holds a Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance and a Bachelor of Arts in Gender Studies from Lawrence University, and a Master of Music in Violin Performance and a Performance Certificate from DePaul University.



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News from the PMMF Leadership Team

I have had the privilege of being a part of the Pine Mountain Music Festival since 1998, performing countless concerts across the Upper Peninsula as a member of the Bergonzi Quartet and now the Bergonzi Trio, performing in the festival orchestra and opera orchestra, mentoring and playing for two generations (at least!) of children in the community, and working with our former High School Honors Orchestra Program. During that time, I've gotten to know so many wonderful people, have visited so much of the U.P.'s natural beauty, and in tallying up all the weeks I've spent here in almost 25 years, I can say that I've spent at least two years living as a proud Yooper!

Now it's my great honor to continue my passion for PMMF as Artistic Director of this beloved and vital artistic resource.

In reflecting on my nearly 25 years of association with PMMF and on what has been accomplished, I keep coming back to the greatest gift of this festival, the most important element in all that we do — YOU!

With Co-Executive Directors Danielle Simandl and Dr. Libby Meyer, we are planning a series of events this season that will delight, move, and illuminate.

2022 Season: A Sense of Place

We open our season with the Bergonzi Trio playing chamber music at the highest level; We will continue showcasing the great talent of young musicians from the U.P. who are making their mark in the world with our UPStarts concerts; and we will close the season with a chamber orchestra formed from the finest regional musicians, and joined by the Bergonzi.

I so look forward to seeing you this Summer!

Scott Flavin
PMMF Artistic Director

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PMMF Enters its Fourth Decade

We are excited to be part of launching the Pine Mountain Music Festival into its fourth decade! When we reflect on the many, many people who through their love of classical music, the U.P., and the Pine Mountain Music Festival have helped to shape this organization, we appreciate that we have been entrusted with something rare and precious: a festival that means so much to so many people. We are both honored to be able to continue what Laura Deming started many years ago.

As we look forward to next summer, we are planning exciting and thought-provoking events that will inspire and captivate audiences with experiences that will extend beyond the concert stage. Summer 2022 will see the return of the Bergonzi Trio's popular children's concerts along with the UPStarts concerts featuring pre-professional musicians from the UP. Many of the UPStarts alumni have returned to become regular members of the PMMF chamber orchestra.

We have all experienced the uncertainty of the past few years and we don't know what this next year will bring. You may see a more pared down festival next summer as we make plans for presenting the highest quality performances while keeping our performers and audiences safe. In the next few weeks we will be launching the new PMMF website! Please check back regularly to find more information about upcoming events and PMMF health and safety protocols.

With next summer's theme being "a sense of place" we want to involve members of our community through shared images and stories about this beautiful region we call home. Look for information on the website and upcoming newsletters for how your personal stories and images can help shape the festival.

As we move into the next decade of excellent, inspiring and exciting classical programming we ask that you consider supporting the Pine Mountain Music Festival. Your generous gift will allow us to present the highest quality live classical music in the U.P. for generations to come!

Warmly,

Libby Meyer and Dani Simandl
PMMF Co-Executive Directors

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Thank you to Diane Eschbach!

Diane is retiring from the PMMF Board, being term limited after serving for several years. She has been a part of PMMF serving with all Executive Directors beginning with Kathy Thompkins through Doug Day. She wishes the new leadership much success going forward.

Diane's twenty-two year tenure with PMMF began with an invitation from Norma Nominelli to "gather a few items for the Pine Mountain Music Festival Gala Auction." In the following years Diane has served as PMMF Gala Chair, Keweenaw Volunteer Chair, PMMF Board Member, Secretary, and Vice President, and then as President of the Board. In 2013, Diane served as Interim Executive Director and in 2018 received the "Laura Deming Award" for outstanding service.

"I consider it a privilege to serve such an iconic organization as PMMF. Our unique niche of bringing quality classical music in the festival format to the Central and Western Upper Peninsula for 30 years is a tribute to our community's support and the importance of the Pine Mountain Music Festival."



PMMF Welcomes New Board President, Linda Ott

I'm excited and honored to be taking on the role of Board President for the Pine Mountain Music Festival. PMMF has been an integral part of my summer plans for decades now. I have enjoyed so many wonderful performances over the years. And it was at a PMMF workshop for beginning string players years ago that I first played a violin. Although my career has not allowed me the time to seriously play the violin since then, that experience and the lessons I took after really deepened my appreciation for the beautiful music that we hear each summer. I truly look forward to being part of making more great music happen for all to enjoy.

Speaking of joy, this past summer's 30th anniversary season was particularly special. For many of us, the PMMF concerts were the first live performances that we attended in over a year. Planning this season was a real challenge as we didn't know if we would be able to have indoor performances. But ultimately to everyone's great relief and pleasure, we heard the Bergonzi live and indoors in Marquette, Crystal Falls, and Houghton and the UPStarts and our 30th Anniversary Show in Marquette and Houghton. A big thank-you goes out to Doug Day for the PMMF 2021 season!

It is now time to look forward to next summer and our 31st season. I am delighted that we have a new team to take us into our next decade. Danielle Simandl and Libby Meyer are our new Co-Executive Directors and Scott Flavin is our Artistic Director. I am thrilled with the talent and enthusiasm these three are bringing to the Festival. I hope you join me in looking forward to another great PMMF season in June 2022.

Linda Ott
PMMF Board President



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