



Dear Friends of the Arts,

We are pleased to share the Pine Mountain Music Festival's 2026 season. This summer's lineup brings together returning guest artists and emerging performers from the Upper Peninsula, with concerts presented primarily in beautiful churches throughout the region. These sacred spaces provide an ideal environment for chamber music and vocal performance, and we look forward to sharing this season of music with audiences across many U.P. communities.

We hope you will join us for this year's concerts!

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### **Bergonzi Trio**

**Wednesday, June 17** – Iron Mountain High School, Iron Mountain

**Friday, June 19** – Messiah Lutheran Church, Marquette

**Saturday, June 20** – Saints Peter and Paul Lutheran Church, Houghton

The internationally recognized Bergonzi Trio returns to Pine Mountain Music Festival for a series of chamber music performances. Known for their thoughtful programming and expressive musicianship, the trio brings together violin, cello, and piano in works from the chamber repertoire. Their performances have long been a favorite with festival audiences.

### **Free Children's Concerts**

**Thursday, June 18** – Children's Concert (2:00 pm), Peter White Public Library, Marquette

**Saturday, June 20** – Children's Concert (TBD), Portage Lake United Church, Houghton

Families are invited to attend our free children's concerts featuring the Bergonzi Trio. These performances introduce young audiences to live chamber music in a welcoming and engaging setting and are appropriate for children and families of all ages.

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### **A Little Light Music**

**Saturday, June 13** – Grace United Methodist Church, Houghton

**Sunday, June 14** – St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Marquette

**Tuesday, June 16** – Iron Mountain High School, Iron Mountain

Soprano Julie Tabash Kelsheimer (PMMF Resident Opera Artist 2012, 2013, & 2017) returns to the festival with tenor Drake Dantzler to present an evening of selections from light opera and musical theatre. The program will include well-known favorites from the lighter side of the vocal repertoire, offering an accessible and engaging concert for a wide range of listeners. Accompanied by Jon Ensminger.

## UPstarts!

**Wednesday, June 24** – Ontonagon Theatre, Ontonagon

**Thursday, June 25** – First Presbyterian Church, Iron Mountain

**Friday, June 26** – First Presbyterian Church, Marquette

**Saturday, June 27** – Portage Lake United Church, Houghton

Our **UPstarts!** program highlights talented young musicians with ties to the Upper Peninsula.

- **Liv Arney, flute** – A flute performance student at Central Michigan University and graduate of Houghton High School.
- **Joel Greene, oboe** – Principal oboist of the Keweenaw Symphony Orchestra. He recently graduated from the University of Michigan, where he performed in the university orchestras. Joel lives in Hancock and works as an engineer.
- **Aubrie Jacobson, piano** – Collaborative pianist with a DMA in collaborative piano from the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Aubrie is originally from Marquette.
- **Shane Niland, trumpet** – Principal trumpet of the Superior Wind Symphony. Shane holds a degree in trumpet performance from Oberlin Conservatory and lives in Houghton, where he works at the Michigan Tech library.
- **Jessica Schrader, soprano** – A vocal performance student at Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

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## Your Support Makes It Possible

Pine Mountain Music Festival depends on the generosity of our community. Contributions of every size help us bring high-quality performances to the Upper Peninsula and support opportunities for emerging artists. If you have donated in the past, please accept our sincere thanks. Your continued support is what allows the festival to return each summer and continue serving audiences throughout the region.

If you are considering making a gift this season, please know that **every contribution helps**. Even a donation of **\$5 or \$10** makes a meaningful difference when combined with the support of others. Our goal is broad community participation—many small gifts together help sustain the festival just as much as larger ones.

We invite you to support this season with a gift of any amount. Donations may be made online at [pmmf.org/donations](http://pmmf.org/donations) or by using the enclosed envelope.

- **\$50** helps cover transportation and rehearsal expenses
- **\$100** supports community outreach and free children's concerts
- **\$200** sponsors an UPstarts! musician and supports a young artist's festival experience
- **\$500** helps sponsor a professional chamber music or vocal performance
- **\$1000+** helps sponsor next season's fully staged opera

Thank you for your continued support of Pine Mountain Music Festival! We look forward to sharing this season of music with you.

Sincerely,

The Pine Mountain Music Festival Team

Lara Neves, Executive Director  
Joel Neves, Artistic Director  
Linda Ott, Board President

**P.S. Even small gifts  
make a real difference for  
the festival. Thank you for  
supporting classical music  
in our community!**  
~Lara