

Artist Biographies

Sofia Hirsch began violin studies at age four with her mother. Returning to professional music after college, she joined the Vermont Symphony in 2001. She helped create the Music in the Barn series in Richmond, playing in all six concerts in last year's culminating season. She plays in a string trio backing the folk duo Cricket Blue. Most recent projects include playing a solo (and acting!) in *Orpheus in the Underworld* with the Opera Company of Middlebury, and playing viola and singing in Hannah Dennison's Quarry Project in 15 live performances in the Barre Quarry. Sofia resides in South Burlington.

Laura Markowitz, violinist, hails from Pittsburgh, PA and played in the Santiago Philharmonic, the Ohio Chamber Orchestra, and the Florida Orchestra before joining the Vermont Symphony in the early 90's. Besides playing with various local ensembles, Laura loves Irish and Swedish music and leads summer fiddle classes with students in the area. She also plays for English Country Dances and plays viola with the band Cricket Blue. She maintains a private teaching studio in Richmond and lives in Jericho.

Ana Ruesink, violist, enjoys exploring musical styles and traditions. An active freelance musician, she performs with the Vermont Symphony, Dartmouth Symphony, Opera Company of Middlebury, and other regional ensembles. Some of her chamber groups include Improprity (English country dance music) and Skylark (contemporary Nordic folk tunes). Ana teaches viola at UVM and from her home studio in Burlington's south end.

John Dunlop, cellist, has been performing in the Northeast for over twenty-five years and is principal cellist with the Vermont Symphony and the Opera Company of Middlebury. He has performed as soloist with the VSO, premiering a commissioned concerto in October of 2021. He is cellist with the new music ensemble TURN and the VSO-sponsored Jukebox Quartet. John has composed and recorded soundtracks for short films, including a documentary on childhood hunger in Vermont, where he doubled on guitar and bouzouki. Most recently, he recorded on Cricket Blue's latest album. John teaches at Dartmouth College, privately in Richmond and lives in Jericho.



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The Eclectica String Quartet



Saturday July 29, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Island Arts Center, North Hero, Vermont





Upcoming Events

Full Circle Theater Collaborative Aug 4 through 6
James and the Giant Peach Jr., Children’s Musical Theater.

Alison Cerutti – Elizabeth Reid Duo Friday Aug 11, 7 PM
Piano & viola. Featuring works by Canadian-American composer David Jaeger and Vermont composer Carol Wood. First appearance at the Island Arts Center.

Jorge Garcia Herranz, solo piano Friday Aug 18, 7 PM
Granados *Goyescas* suite, Op. 11, & *Spanish Dances*, Op. 37

Vermont Jazz Ensemble Sunday Aug 20, 6:30 PM
A swingin’ big band for 40 years. Outside, weather permitting.

Sohyun Ahn, piano solo and 4-hands Friday Aug 25, 7 PM
Beethoven, Brahms, Ravel, & Faure “Dolly Suite” 4-hands with Eun Hee Park. Our audience raved about Dr. Ahn’s concert last year: “Absolutely superb”, “I was enthralled”, “a different experience from the big city hall where you are miles from the performer”.

About Island Arts

Our mission is to foster and provide creative artistic opportunities in Vermont’s Grand Isle County. We bring the arts and cultural diversity to residents and visitors in our rural county and the surrounding areas. All events are free for ages 18 and under.

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Program

- Sekstur from Vendsyssel/Peat Dance* Danish traditional
- Bosse Nordin’s Schottis* Bosse Nordin
- Sønderho Bridal Trilogy – Part I & II* Danish traditional
- Naja’s Waltz*..... Fredrik Sjolín
- Intermezzo* Fredrik Sjolín
- Shine You No More* RuneTonsgaard Sorensen
- Unst Boat Song*..... Shetland traditional
- Minuet No. 60*..... Rasmus Storm
- The Dromer*..... Danish traditional
- Shore* Fredrik Sjolín
- Polska from Dorotea* Swedish traditional
- Stædelil*..... Danish/Faroese traditional
- Waltz after Lasse in Lyby*..... Swedish traditional
- O Fredrik, O Fredrik* Johannes Rusten
- Tjonneblomen* Germund Haugen
- Old Reinlender from Sønndala* Norwegian traditional