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“THIS WILL BE OUR  
REPLY TO VIOLENCE:  
TO MAKE MUSIC  
MORE INTENSELY,  
MORE BEAUTIFULLY,  
MORE DEVOTEDLY  
THAN EVER BEFORE.”

—Leonard Bernstein

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Join us in putting Leonard Bernstein’s words into action, by making a meaningful difference in the lives of so many with the **healing power of music**. Music brings us together, calms our souls, engages our minds, and instills a sense of hope, especially when personal and worldly events can completely overwhelm us.

In 2023, **Jazz & Classics for Change (JCfC)** brought live music to our communities in Columbia and Berkshire counties with not only **5 public concerts** but also **7 outreach concerts**: “music in action” initiatives that bring the gift of live music to those unable to come to us. Presently, these outreach audiences include young adults and adults with special abilities, seniors in assistant living homes, and the children of incarcerated parents.

In 2024, our public concerts will be performed again at **Tydeman Farm** in May and September, with a stellar group of musicians including violinist **Eugene Drucker** (founder of the famed Emerson String Quartet), cellist **Roberta Cooper**, and members of the **Orchestra of St. Luke’s**. Grammy®-nominated clarinetist **Anat Cohen** and **Marcello Gonçalves** will join us in the Fall at **Saint James Place** in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. In 2024 we also plan to offer as many as **12 outreach concerts**, and hope to bring live concerts to those in correctional facilities.



Tydeman Farm

The funding — and all of the associated costs for some of these programs — is the sole responsibility of JCfC and now we need you, our generous supporters, to partner with us so that these programs can continue and flourish.

■ TO CONNECT AND TO HEAL THROUGH MUSIC IN OUR CHANGING WORLD



**Music in action:** an outreach concert for children of incarcerated parents in Hudson, New York, organized in coordination with **The Greater Hudson Promise Neighborhood** ([greaterhudsonpromise.org](http://greaterhudsonpromise.org)).



**Anat Cohen** and **Marcello Gonçalves** performing at Saint James Place in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

A generous donor has offered us a **matching grant** of \$7,500, a golden opportunity to help meet our fundraising goal! Your donation will have twice the impact towards making a major difference in the lives of those who are so deserving and appreciative of our music offerings.

I hope you will help us make it possible for more people to share in the experience and the lasting value of live music. When I meet you at concerts and events, I am filled with gratitude: the excitement you experience and the profound connection you feel towards the music and our world-class musicians is palpable and deeply gratifying.

*“THANK YOU FOR CREATING A SPACE FOR LIGHT IN THESE DARK TIMES. As always, the music was stunningly beautiful and a reminder of how sensitive our species can be.”*

—2023 audience member

As president and artistic director of **Jazz and Classics for Change**, join me in making it possible for more people to share in the experience and the lasting value of live music. Visit our website ([jazzandclassicsforchange.org](http://jazzandclassicsforchange.org) or [www.JCfC.info](http://www.JCfC.info)) to make a donation, and to learn more about our concerts, programs and artists. If you prefer, you can mail

your donation (made payable to “Jazz and Classics for Change”) to us by mail to 56 Fern Hill Rd., Ghent, NY 12075. With your help, we can put Bernstein’s words into action and make a meaningful difference in the lives of so many, with the healing power of music.

The board members of **Jazz & Classics for Change** and I are deeply grateful for your continuing and unwavering support. Your generosity makes it all possible!

**Gili Melamed-Lev**, President and Artistic Director