



VOLUNTEER MUSICIANS  
— FOR THE ARTS, INC. —  
BECAUSE EVERYONE DESERVES ORCHESTRA SEATS



*Give Hope.*

Patients, visitors, and staff at Massachusetts General Hospital take a moment in their day to hear the VMA





Dear Friends,

Over the past 10 years we have played with our hearts to people with disabilities, diseases, and illnesses, as well as at-risk youth, victims of crime and abuse, and the economically disadvantaged. We selflessly share the gift of classical music, deeply enriching, healing, and educating the communities we serve. Our professional performances are free and accessible to all, with members living our mission in over 20 states, even internationally in Europe, Africa, and Asia.

While it can be enticing to rest on our laurels, pat ourselves on the back, and say our work is done, all of this is for naught if we don't continue carrying the torch with the next generation. In 2022 we launched the Junior Volunteer Musicians for the Arts ("JVMA") program to encourage high school students to become part of our grassroots movement. The VMA is now a federally certified organization with Americorps so that volunteers of all ages can earn service hours towards presidential recognition.

Though our organization consists of many volunteers who give of their talent and services without ever asking for anything in return, we still need to support our volunteer coordinators, staff, and overhead as a 501(c)3 organization. This booklet hopefully will give you a glimpse into what we do and ultimately encourage you to support our mission. Please consider giving a recurring or single financial contribution.

Thank you for your support, and let's keep giving everyone orchestra seats!

Best wishes,

Jonathan Yasuda

Executive Director, Volunteer Musicians for the Arts, Inc.



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# VMA Achieves Certification for President's Volunteer Service Award



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*The Volunteer Musicians for the Arts, Inc. was founded in 2012 to serve hospitals, nursing homes, shelters and schools, in order to provide our audiences with exceptional classical music.*

*85 cents of every dollar donation goes towards program expenses.*

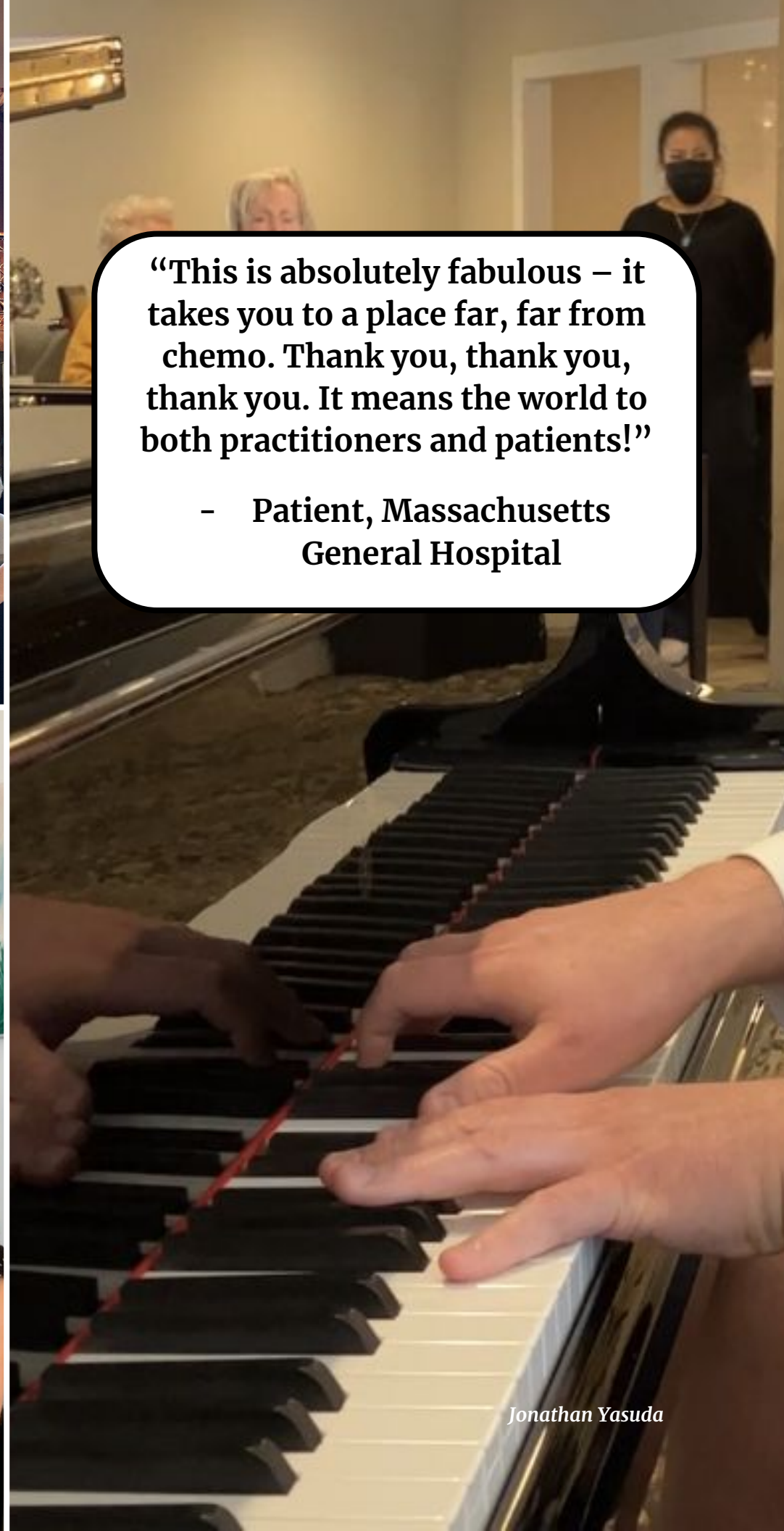
*Our motto remains we believe everyone deserves orchestra seats.*



Arpeggione Ensemble



Erin Hansen Janke



**“This is absolutely fabulous – it takes you to a place far, far from chemo. Thank you, thank you, thank you. It means the world to both practitioners and patients!”**

**- Patient, Massachusetts General Hospital**

Jonathan Yasuda



**“120 years ago my great grandparents immigrated to the US from Rovno which is now the city, Rivne in the Ukraine”**

*Becca Kasdan, violin, performing with Beatrix Roque Santana at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts (Urbana, IL) in a benefit concert for Ukraine.*

# BE THE *light*



"I hope that through my music, I will open a window of light to the world, touching the hearts of all."

ALBERT ZHOU, JUNIOR V.M.A. PRESIDENT

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*"Because everyone deserves orchestra seats"*

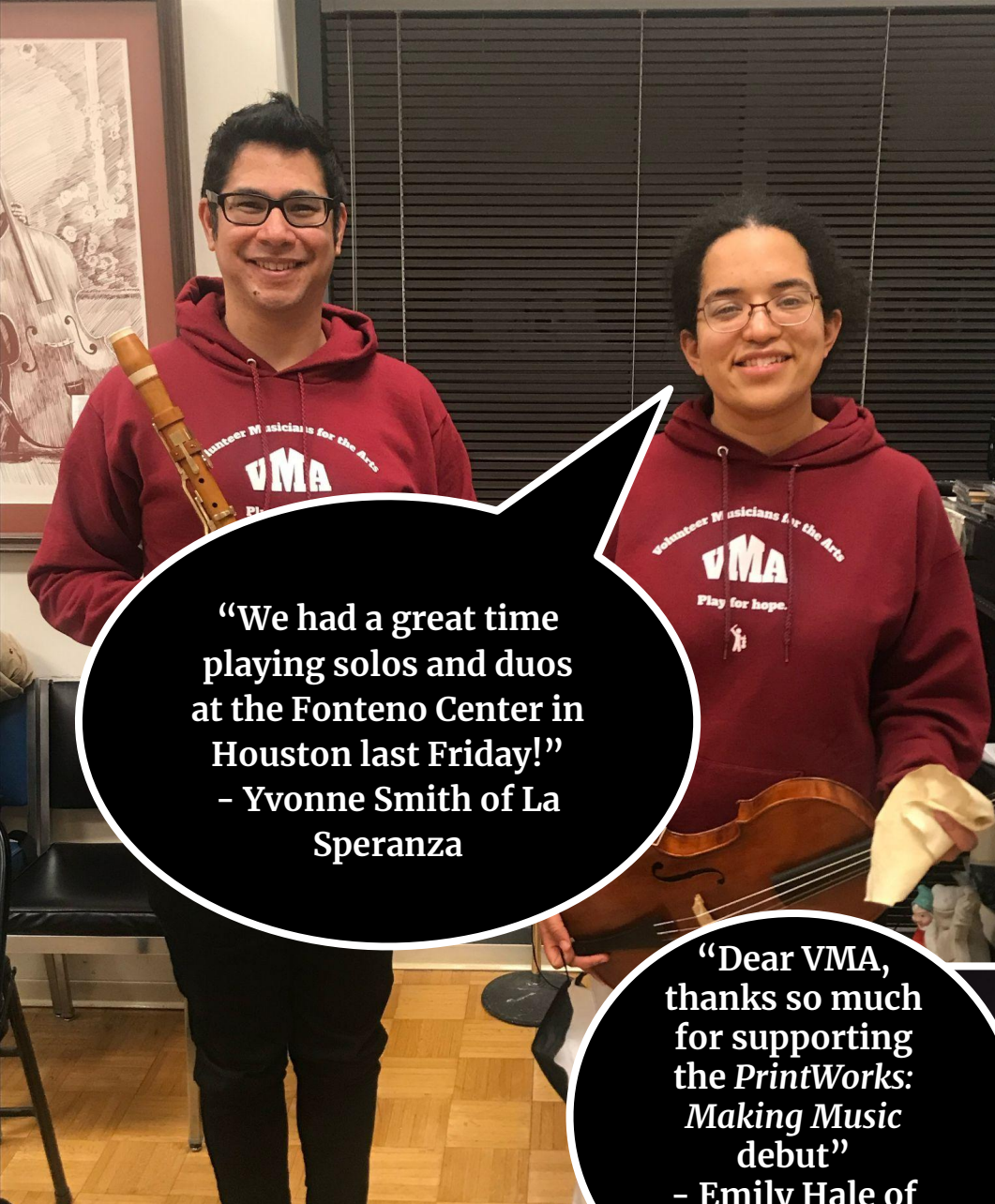
**H**igh school freshman, Albert Zhou, read Hellen Keller's autobiography many times. One quote stuck in his head day after day:

*"Perhaps I can best illustrate by imagining what I should most like to see if I were given the use of my eyes, say, for just three days" - Hellen Keller*

Albert couldn't believe how much he took for granted in life. He turned to the VMA, sharing his written reflections: **"if I couldn't physically bring sight to blind kids, then I would try my best using music and emotion."**

The VMA is a beacon of light and inspiration. Join Albert and support the mission today.





**“We had a great time playing solos and duos at the Fonteno Center in Houston last Friday!”  
- Yvonne Smith of La Speranza**

**The VMA supports ensembles and public charities who join the cause of performing, and educating, in places where hope is needed the most.**

**“Dear VMA, thanks so much for supporting the *PrintWorks: Making Music* debut”  
- Emily Hale of Halfmoon Ensemble**



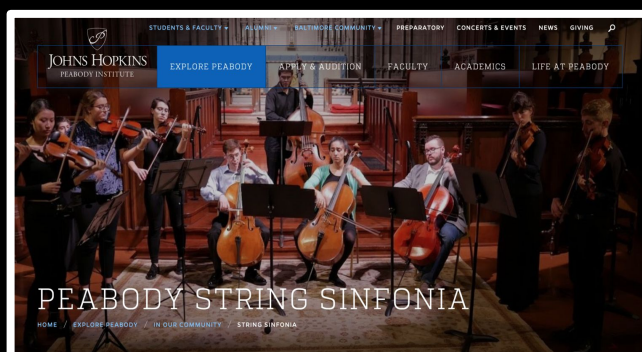
In the summer of 2015, the VMA gave a concert in the main lobby of Massachusetts General Hospital, forever changing the academic curriculum of The Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University:

*“I was a cancer patient undergoing a clinical trial treatment at Mass General in Boston. One day, after a particularly difficult treatment, I heard music coming from somewhere in the hospital. I followed the sound and came upon your wonderful concert in the lobby. It was such a meaningful moment for me as a musician to hear music from a patient's perspective that it inspired me to start this project at my school a year later . . . THANK YOU for the most transformative gift your concert gave to me!”*

That project became the Peabody String Sinfonia:

*“The Peabody String Sinfonia is a student-led, conductor-less string orchestra whose mission is to bring healing and beauty to people in our Baltimore community who are in challenging situations or in places where they cannot easily gain access to live music, including cancer treatment, incarceration, homelessness, hospitalization, addiction, and hunger. Our members are students and alumni of the Peabody Conservatory of Music who volunteer their time for this project.”*

- The Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University



# Peabody

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CAN THE CONCERT HALL BE  
**REIMAGINED?**



**“Gabriela Valencia enjoys using music and art to touch the lives of others for the greater good of society. Music education, the arts and community work are the foundation of her career.”**

**- Tampa Bay International School**

***The VMA is a fount of inspiration, drawing in volunteers, and providing over \$100,000 of free outreach services over 10 years.***

***But volunteerism alone is not enough to retain the talent and commitment of our volunteer coordinators, program staff, and cover administrative expenses.***

***Your gift sustains us.***



**“I never knew what  
classical music  
sounded like. Now  
I know.”**

**Rosie’s Place  
Women’s Shelter**



*From our VMA family to yours, thank you for believing in us.*

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### Volunteer Coordinators \$250

Volunteer Coordinators screen prospective musicians, scout hospitals, schools, shelters, and senior centers to organize concerts. They essentially find exceptional volunteers and suitable venues that can accommodate ensembles, all the while organizing a concert from start to finish. The VMA grants service stipends to these essential volunteers who seek financial assistance for the many days dedicated towards organizing and delivering a successful concert.

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### Performer Transportation \$100

Whether it's an Uber ride to a rehearsal, or taking a subway ride to a concert, or paying for city parking and gas, even these seemingly small financial impediments shouldn't weigh on a volunteer's mind. This is why the VMA reimburses volunteers who seek financial assistance for volunteer-related transportation costs.

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### Junior Program Scholarships \$500

We need a future orchestra to give everyone orchestra seats. The JVMA Scholarship Fund addresses this pressing need, advancing our mission to deliver exceptional classical music performance education to children. With your support, the VMA and our fellow VMA accredited classical music youth education public charities, can continue our shared mission to raise the next generation of chamber music leaders.

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### Administrative \$50

Please consider donating to help us "keep the lights on" and support our staff so we can continue our mission as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

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## Volunteer Musicians for the Arts, Inc.

*Presents*

### *Romantic Chamber Music*

#### ♪ Program ♪

- ❖ R. Schumann's *Märchenbilder* ("Fairy Tales"), 1<sup>st</sup> mvt, viola and piano
- ❖ C. Saint-Saëns' *Le Cygne* ("The Swan"), cello and piano
- ❖ R. Schumann's *Widmung* ("Dedication"), *Der Nussbaum* ("The Walnut Tree"), from his song cycle *Myrthen*, voice and piano
- ❖ A. Templeton's *Pocket Size Sonata*, 3<sup>rd</sup> mvt, clarinet and piano
- ❖ C. Saint-Saëns' *Romance*, Op. 67, horn and piano
- ❖ R. Schumann's *Märchenbilder* ("Fairy Tales"), 2<sup>nd</sup> mvt, viola and piano
- ❖ R. Schumann's *Aus den hebräischen Gesängen* ("From the Hebrew Melodies"), from his song cycle *Myrthen*, voice and piano
- ❖ F. Chopin's *Cello Sonata*, Op. 65, *Largo* (2<sup>nd</sup> mvt), cello and piano
- ❖ Beethoven's *Clarinet Trio in B-flat Major*, Op 11, *Adagio* (2<sup>nd</sup> mvt), clarinet, cello, and piano
- ❖ G. Finzi's *Five Bagatelles*, Op. 23, *Romance* (2<sup>nd</sup> mvt), clarinet and piano
- ❖ S. Rachmaninoff's *Vocalise*, Op. 34, No. 14, violin and piano
- ❖ F. Voigt, *Nocturne*, Op. 75, clarinet, horn and piano
- ❖ R. Schumann's *Du bist wie eine Blume* ("Thou art so like a flower"), from his song cycle *Myrthen*, voice and piano
- ❖ Handel-Halvorsen's *Passacaglia*, violin and viola
- ❖ R. Schumann's *Kinderszenen* ("Scenes from Childhood"), Op. 15, *Träumerei* ("Dreaming"), cello and piano
- ❖ R. Schumann's *Märchenbilder* ("Fairy Tales"), 4th mvt, viola and piano

♪ *Listen before or after meals*  
*upon consulting with your doctor* ♪

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