

# *The* HAMPTONS FESTIVAL *of* MUSIC

Michael Palmer, Artistic Director

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## THE HAMPTONS FESTIVAL OF MUSIC SELECTS DANIEL'S MUSIC FOUNDATION AS 2022 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PARTNER

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East Hampton, NY— **The Hamptons Festival of Music** (“TH·FM”) is honored to collaborate with **Daniel’s Music Foundation** to develop programs that help raise community awareness of the crossroads of classical music and music therapy.

One of the core missions for TH·FM is to enhance the quality of community cultural life by supporting the experience of live performances of the great classical music masterworks, to cultivate a broader range of audiences and supporters for this art form.

“As a non-profit arts organization, TH·FM needs to expand its mission to develop programs to help advance and promote classical music’s importance to society’s health and wellness,” said **Michael Yip**, TH·FM’s Executive Director. “With this goal in mind, THFM will identify one special charitable organization, to establish accessible community programs and collaborations, whose mission is to transform lives through the power of music.”

Maestro **Michael Palmer**, TH·FM’s Artistic Director, underscored that thesis: “The common theme of personal struggle is prevalent among many of the greatest composers in the canon of the classical repertoire. As we seek to elevate and raise awareness of the importance of classical music and art as critical pathways to improving the balance of health and mental wellness in today’s society, we realized the importance of music therapy as one of our outreach goals.”

For TH·FM’s inaugural year, a portion of all passes and ticket sales will go towards Daniel’s Music Foundation, a New York-based charity focused on harnessing the power of music to improve the wellness and rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities. We invite you to explore Daniel’s Music Foundation at [www.danielmusic.org](http://www.danielmusic.org) for more details.

Be a part of this unique opportunity to participate in something new and exciting to the Hamptons arts and cultural scene. Show your support for bringing this exceptional orchestral experience to the Hamptons by securing your VIP passes and tickets, now available on the Festival’s website at [thehamptonsfestivalofmusic.com](http://thehamptonsfestivalofmusic.com), or by texting: THFM to 91999, and you will also help support the mission of two great charitable organizations. All passes and ticket purchases are considered charitable contributions and will receive a tax deduction.

## **ABOUT MAESTRO MICHAEL PALMER**

Michael Palmer (born 8 May 1945, Indianapolis, Indiana) is an American orchestral conductor.

Palmer began his professional career at age 21 when he became Assistant Conductor of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra in 1967, under its legendary Music Director Robert Shaw, and was later named Associate Conductor. In that capacity, he founded and became the first director of the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra in 1974. In 1975 he was one of the first young American conductors selected as an EXXON/Arts Endowment Conductor by the National Endowment for the Arts.

He left the ASO in 1977 to become Music Director of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra (1977– 1990), followed by the posts of Music Director of the New Haven Symphony Orchestra (1989– 1997) and the American Sinfonietta (1991–2002), with whom he toured Europe for 10 consecutive seasons. Since 1993 he has served as Founder and Artistic Director of the Bellingham Festival of Music (Bellingham, Washington); 2022 will be his final season as Artistic Director, after which he will become its Conductor Laureate.

Palmer also was Guest Conductor for three seasons for the Houston Symphony Orchestra (1978– 1981) and Co-Principal Guest Conductor of the Denver Symphony Orchestra (1979–1982) and has made international appearances as a conductor in Canada, Europe, and China. He has also held academic conducting posts as Director of Orchestras for Wichita State University (1999–2004) and Distinguished Professor of Orchestral Studies at Georgia State University (2004–present).

## **ABOUT THE HAMPTONS FESTIVAL OF MUSIC**

The Hamptons Festival of Music (TH·FM is the brainchild of Maestro Michael Palmer, who has established, maintained, and sustained the Bellingham Festival of Music, the premier orchestral music festival in the Pacific Northwest, for over 29 years. ([www.bellinghamfestival.org](http://www.bellinghamfestival.org))

Maestro Palmer recognized the artistic gravitational pull of Long Island's East End, which is deeply rooted in the works of many legendary artists. He set in motion plans to create a similar yet unique classical music and festival experience specifically serving the local, year-round residents in East Hampton and the surrounding hamlets and villages.

In this inaugural pilot season, over one weekend, concertgoers will have the opportunity to experience three genres of concert performance:

1. Concerto for small ensembles
2. Chamber music
3. Full concert for symphony orchestra

...all presented in intimate concert settings.

Festival performances will present audiences with unforgettable experiences of live performances of some of the greatest classical masterworks.

TH.FM features internationally recognized guest artists performing with The New American Sinfonietta, the resident orchestra of TH·FM. This orchestra comprises top orchestral musicians from across the US, Canada, and abroad, including many who hold principal positions with leading orchestras and ensembles.

## **ABOUT DANIEL'S MUSIC FOUNDATION**

Daniel's Music Foundation (DMF) is a non-profit organization founded in 2006 to empower individuals with developmental and physical disabilities through music. The foundation's mission is to provide a comfortable, educational and social environment in which individuals of all abilities can enjoy, learn, and practice the joy of music together. Our longstanding goal is to use the power of music to create opportunities for acceptance and respect while enriching the lives of individuals both within the community we serve and the greater community at large.

## **WEBLINKS:**

For more information about Maestro Michael Palmer, visit: [maestropalmer.com](http://maestropalmer.com)

For more information about TH.FM, visit: [thehamptonsfestivalofmusic.com](http://thehamptonsfestivalofmusic.com)

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## **VIP PASSES & TICKETS:**

VIP passes and tickets are available on the Festival's website at [thehamptonsfestivalofmusic.com](http://thehamptonsfestivalofmusic.com), or by texting: THFM to 91999.

All passes and ticket purchases are considered charitable contributions and are tax deductible.

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