

2022–2023 Impact Report

Erica Washburn, director of choral activities, coaches Maggie Storm '24 MM, Choral Conducting.

A NOTE FROM **PRESIDENT KALYN**

Thank you for supporting New England Conservatory. We had a wonderful 2022-2023 academic year and made significant progress toward our ambitious goals for the future. We offered new integrative courses in the college curriculum that deepened our students' learning. Through a gift from an anonymous foundation, we established a partnership with Mayor Michelle Wu and the City of Boston to increase access to early childhood music education and expand scholarship opportunities at NEC Prep. Our Community Performances and Partnerships (CPP) program continued to bring music to new audiences, and the excellence of our students, alumni, and faculty was recognized again and again through an impressive number of competition wins, honors, and noteworthy achievements. Thanks to your generosity, we had a remarkable year of fundraising that energized us to continue to strive for new heights. We feel your impact on NEC and our students deeply every day, and I hope you enjoy reflecting on a remarkable year.

With gratitude,

Andrea Kalyn, President

THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

More than

of students received scholarships.

\$15м raised for NEC's endowment.

747

teaching hours performed by students, on campus and in the community.

98%

of alumni surveyed reported that CPP was a significant aspect of their NEC education.

60%

ANNUAL

GIVING

(10%)

2022-2023

FUNDRAISING RESULTS

\$39,883,849

raised from

2,243 donors

PLANNED

GIVING

(8%)

MAJOR

GIFTS

(82%)

increase in the number of alumni events, with a 22% increase in attendance.

\$**14.5**M

gift received from an anonymous foundation to increase NEC Prep scholarship capacity by 150% and expand early childhood music education access in Boston.

ALUMNI MAKING **AN IMPACT**

Evren Ozel '15 Prep, '21, '23 MM, '25 AD, Piano, received an Avery Fisher Career Grant, awarded to those with potential for significant careers in classical music.

Stephanie Economou '12, **Composition,** was awarded the first-ever Grammy Award for best soundtrack for video games for her work on "Assassin's Creed Valhalla: Dawn of Ragnarök."

Nicolette Marie Sullivan-Cozza '25, Viola, and Allyson Bennett '20, '22 MM, '23 GD, Vocal **Performance,** were among the winners of the 2023 VSA International Young Musicians Competition, which celebrates the talent of young musicians living with disabilities.

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Annie Jacobs-Perkins '20 MM, '21 GD, Cello, won the 2023 Pierre Fournier Award with pianist Dina

Seokyoung Hong, NEC Prep student, took the top prize and audience award at the 2023 Cliburn International Junior Piano Competition.

Anthony León '21 MM, Vocal Performance, won the 2023 Metropolitan Opera Eric and Dominique Laffont Competition for promising young opera singers.

Brittany Bryant '23, Vocal Performance, received a Fulbright fellowship to study the evolution of gender-neutral terminology in the Italian language.

Amir Siraj '23 MM, Piano, a Harvard-NEC dual-degree student known for his work in theoretical astrophysics, performed with Yo-Yo Ma and Emanuel Ax in Paris at UNESCO's Creating the Future.

MM, '15 GD, Conducting, was appointed resident conductor of the Los Angeles Opera, and is dedicated to highlighting new and unknown works by Latin American composers.

Chad Smith '95, '98 MM, Vocal **Performance, and Matthew** Spivey '03, Clarinet, were named as CEOs of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the San Francisco Symphony, respectively.



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Celebrating Milestones

Contemporary Musical Arts turns 50

The Contemporary Musical Arts program (formerly Contemporary Improvisation) marked 50 years as one of the most distinctive conservatory programs in the world. NEC celebrated the anniversary with residencies throughout the year featuring many incredible artists including singer-songwriter Aoife O'Donovan '03, genrebending clarinetist Don Byron '84, and composer Fay Victor. Concerts and workshops featured performances of works by CMA faculty members and paid special tribute to both pianist Ran Blake, CMA's visionary founding chair, and Gunther Schuller, NEC's president at the time of the department's founding. In November, a weeklong festival featured events, master classes, and CMA: Pushing the Limits, a celebratory performance that showcased decades of contributions to the program from faculty and alumni.

Choral Department turns 75

The choral department hosted a spring doubleheader performance in Jordan Hall to celebrate 75 years at NEC. First Something Old: An Origin Story led the audience through a sensory experience of Renaissance and Neo-Renaissance a cappella sacred and secular repertoire. Then the late-night performance, Something New: The Line Between, featured DJ Lenox in collaboration with the Chamber Singers. Together, with an original choral composition by Andrew Haig, they created a highintensity improvisational work of electronic dance music using the vocalists as sonic source material, transforming Jordan Hall into a rave environment. The Symphonic Choir also celebrated the anniversary with a performance of Gabriela Lena Frank's Conquest Requiem with Philharmonia at Boston's Symphony Hall on April 26.