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# Concert Program

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# Welcome to NEC!

I am thrilled to share New England Conservatory's 2024-25 concert season—a celebration of the power of music to connect and inspire one another.

Whether you are seated in one of our concert halls or watching online, we hope you are uplifted by the performances of our students, faculty, and guest artists.

Above all, we thank you for your support of our students as they cultivate their artistry and contribute to the world through music.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrea Kalyn', with a long, sweeping underline.

Andrea Kalyn  
President

# Petra

2024-2025 NEC CMA Honors Ensemble

Kayden Carter, voice, flute

Pitiki Aliakai, voice, nanga

Peter Vazquez, piano

Ben Walker, bass

Paul July Joseph, drums, percussion

Farayi Malek and Joseph Copeland, coaches

Monday, March 31, 2025

7:30 p.m.

NEC's Jordan Hall

PROGRAM

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**Jill Scott**

(b. 1972)

(arr. Petra)

*It's Love*

**Traditional Haitian**

arr. Esli Honore

*Peze Kafé*

**Lalah Hathaway**

(b. 1968)

*On Your Own*

**Larnell Lewis**

(b. 1984)

*Essence of Joy*

**BeBe and CeCe Winans**

*Love of My Life*

**Esperanza Spalding**

(b. 1984)

*I Know You Know*

**Pitiki Aliakai**

*Lalila*

**Petra** is a vibrant blend of sounds, where the rhythmic pulse of Haitian/African Diaspora music meets the melodic beauty of R&B, Jazz and Brazilian Music. Coached by Farayi Malek and Joseph Copeland, Petra features Paul July Joseph (drums/percussion - Haïti), Pitiki Aliakai (voice/nanga - Uganda), Kayden Carter (voice/flute - USA), Ben Walker (bass - USA), and Peter Vazquez (piano - USA). The ensemble explores a sonic landscape that is both familiar and excitingly new. Their songs explore the universal themes of love, loss, and hope, told through the lens of their diverse cultural backgrounds, creating an experience that is both deeply personal and universally resonant. Expect to hear the soulful cries of the vibrant energy of the bass, piano, drums, flute, and voices and the unique harmonies that emerge from their intercultural collaboration.

### **Upcoming 2024-2025 Honors Ensemble Concerts**

#### *Hear Your Story (Jazz)*

Thursday, April 3, 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

#### *Elise String Quartet*

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#### *Alira String Quartet*

Saturday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

#### *Calandra Quartet*

Monday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

#### *242 Strings*

Saturday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

#### *Nth° Wind Quintet*

Sunday, May 4, 8:00 p.m., Jordan Hall

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