

CELEBRATING Our 27th Anniversary Season in the Berkshires!

# CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH MUSIC

Where Music Meets Ideas

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## MISSION

*To further the public's enjoyment and appreciation of music by providing the opportunity for people to encounter music.*

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## HUMANITIES EXPERTISE

More than twenty years ago, Close Encounters' artistic director and cellist Yehuda Hanani began presenting thematic concerts of chamber music with commentary—at the time a novel and innovative format that has since become ubiquitous in the concert hall. In addition to tours that have taken the series to cities such as Chicago, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, Omaha, Calgary, and Kansas City, Scottsdale, Fort Lauderdale and Miami, Close Encounters presents concerts each season in the Berkshires.

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## HUMANITIES RESOURCES & PROJECTS

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### PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

To date, over 100 themes have been explored in the series' programs. In addition to a full performance schedule, CEWM has presented master classes and concerts for children. Close Encounters With Music is particularly proud of its innovative educational programs—Conversations With, a series of talks with notable writers, artists, and thinkers—and the Catskill High Peaks Music Festival, a teaching and performance summer festival in the Northern Catskills, as well as its community outreach efforts, audience enrichment activities, and artist development initiatives.

- [Berkshire High Peaks Master Classes](#): An opportunity to experience and understand the inner workings of the festival and artistic goals of young performers as they interact with guest faculty. Participants will hear works in progress and understand what transforms a merely good performance into a great one. Free to the public. \* *Videos of master classes are available [online](#).*

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## EVENTS

- [Berkshire High Peaks Music Festival](#): Berkshire High Peaks Festival is a 10 day summer intensive seminar in Sheffield, MA for cellists, violinists, violists & pianists.

\* *Performance schedule and other calendar events listed [online](#).*