

NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY

XIAN ZHANG MUSIC DIRECTOR

COMMUNITY PARTNERS MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

NOVEMBER

In November, musicians served more than **1,500** community members of all ages, through **nine** events across **five** New Jersey counties.



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RELAXED PERFORMANCE



Relaxed Performances are designed to accommodate the differing needs of our patrons of all abilities. These concerts provide additional support for patrons with physical and cognitive disabilities, while delivering an enjoyable experience for all. Prior to the concert on November 7, Greg LaRosa and Debra Biderman were stationed at Instrument Discovery Zones in the lobby, sharing percussion and string instruments with patrons and allowing them to touch, play and understand key components of what they were about to hear on stage.

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

On November 12, Naomi Youngstein, Sasha Neglia, David Blinn, and Angelique Montes shared the Leadership Quartet program with the Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris Inc., giving insight into leadership and collaboration through musical examples. The active listeners gleaned insight on how deep listening, body language, and open communication often yields greater outcomes within a team. This group of directors gave the quartet a standing ovation!





AMADEUS CIRCLE LUNCHEON

Set against the dramatic backdrop of the NYC skyline, Brennan Sweet, Thierry de Lucas Neves, Brett Deubner and Jonathan Spitz treated Amadeus Circle level donors to a fantastic performance of Mendelssohn and Dvořák on November 17. Following lunch, a moderated Q&A session was provided where the musicians spoke about their involvement in the Symphony's Education and Community Engagement programs.



SANZARI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

On November 19, Héctor Falcón, Helen Vassiliou, Frank Foerster and Ted Ackerman performed a Music and Wellness event at Sanzari Children's Hospital. Many nurses, doctors, and patients stopped to listen, with remarks ranging from, "This is the most beautiful thing I've heard all day," to "Is that the tune from *Frozen*?".



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As always, thank you for your support of the Community Partners program. Stay tuned for the next edition of Monthly Highlights!