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### **Appalachian Chamber Music Festival Announces 2025 Winter Residency Concert Series** **Five-Year Milestone Season Culminates with Festive Performances Across Jefferson County, WV**

The Appalachian Chamber Music Festival (ACMF) invites audiences across West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland to celebrate the close of its fifth season with the return of the Winter Residency Chamber Music Concert Series, running December 27–31, 2025.

Bringing world-class chamber music to the panhandle of West Virginia, this year's Winter Residency offers four distinct programs performed in four beautiful and historic Jefferson County venues, from Harpers Ferry and Charles Town to Shepherdstown. Each concert showcases the versatility and artistry of ACMF's musicians in programs that weave together classical masterworks, festive favorites, and new musical discoveries.

Led by Artistic Director and cellist Katie Tertell, ACMF's 2025 Winter Residency features returning festival artists Rachelle Hunt and Chris Jusell (violins), Danielle Wiebe-Burke (viola), and Sam Suggs (bass), joined by pianist Ellen Hwangbo for select performances. Together, these exceptional artists bring warmth, joy, and musical brilliance to audiences of all ages as the festival marks five years of chamber music-making in the Appalachian region.

Each Winter Residency performance offers a one-hour program with no intermission, thoughtfully curated to reflect the season's spirit of reflection and renewal.

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#### **About the Appalachian Chamber Music Festival**

The Appalachian Chamber Music Festival is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit performing arts organization serving communities in Jefferson County, West Virginia, and the surrounding region. Founded in 2020 and based in Jefferson County, West Virginia, the Appalachian Chamber Music Festival connects the region's rich cultural heritage with the artistry of world-class performers. Through its annual summer and winter festivals, ACMF celebrates the history, nature and culture of the regions through bringing classical music into intimate settings.

Learn more at [www.appalachianchamber.org](http://www.appalachianchamber.org)

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## CONCERT LISTINGS

### **Duo Delights: Festive Treats**

*Shepherdstown Train Station*

*December 27, 2025, 2:00 PM*

Experience ACMF's beloved Duo Delights as our Winter Residency returns to the charming Shepherdstown Train Station for an early-afternoon musical treat! Enjoy a unique "round robin" of festive duets as our stellar string musicians pair off in ever-changing combinations, offering a delightful sampler of musical morsels in an intimate setting. Tickets include a hot chocolate and a sweet seasonal treat from our friends at Bolivar Bread Bakery.

### **Holiday Highlights**

*Camp Hill–Wesley United Methodist Church, Harpers Ferry*

*December 28, 2025, 4:00 PM*

Holiday Highlights offers something for everyone, a one-hour festive program filled with cheerful and uplifting music. Hear inspired arrangements of beloved holiday classics, sparkling selections from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker, selections from Handel's Messiah, spirited works by Mozart, and Peter Warlock's lively Capriol Suite to get you in the dancing mood.

### **Splendor and Brilliance**

*Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town*

*December 30, 2025, 7:00 PM*

A dazzling evening of chamber music featuring pianist Ellen Hwangbo. Splendor and Brilliance pairs Vaughan Williams' glowing Piano Quintet in C minor with Beethoven's beloved Pathétique Sonata and Reena Esmail's moving rendition of Christmas Carol "I Wonder as I Wander" for piano trio. A program filled with warmth, introspection, and light for the perfect midwinter musical escape.

### **A Celebration of Togetherness: Reflection, Gathering, and Looking Forward**

*War Memorial Building, Charles Town*

*December 31, 2025, 7:00 PM*

Ring in the New Year with ACMF's festive finale, a heartfelt reflection on five years of music, friendship, and community. This special New Year's Eve features music spanning centuries, from Mozart and Warlock to Golijov, Rhiannon Giddens, and Paul Wiancko, concluding with a sparkling toast to the new year at a post-concert champagne reception with the artists.

### **Tickets and Festival Passes**

Tickets are priced from **\$28–\$37** per concert.

A **Festival Pass** for \$90 includes admission to three performances:

- Holiday Highlights, Splendor and Brilliance, and A Celebration of Togetherness

Students attend for just \$10, and under-18s are free, making it a perfect holiday outing for families and young music lovers.

Tickets and full details available at: [www.appalachianchamber.org](http://www.appalachianchamber.org)