

KALLOS
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TAKE ME HOME

2026-2027 SEASON NINE

WELCOME TO OUR 9TH SEASON!

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Kallos Chamber Music Series' 2026–2027 season, Take Me Home.

This season invites us to reflect on some of life's most enduring questions: Where do we come from? Where do we belong? What do we carry with us as we move through the world? Through music shaped by memory, longing, identity, and connection, Take Me Home explores the many ways we find our way back—to places, to people, and to ourselves.

Our journey begins with The Place We Begin, celebrating heritage and storytelling through works by Tessa Lark, Seth Grosshandler, Schumann, and Dvořák. The season continues with Reflections Within, a solo recital by award-winning pianist Carter Johnson, and Beyond the Threshold, featuring Sirena Huang and Aaron Wolff in a program honoring Beethoven's enduring legacy. We conclude with Carry Me Forward, a celebration of music's power to connect generations and leave lasting impressions across time.

Thank you for being part of the Kallos community. We are honored to share this journey with you and look forward to welcoming you at the beautiful Gotham Arts Salon throughout the season.

Min Young Kang
Artistic Director



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Founder/Artistic Director

The Place We Begin

Sunday, October 25

Tessa Lark / Schumann / Grasshandler / Dvořák



Reflections within

Friday, February 12

Bartók / Schnittke / Schumann



Beyond the Threshold

Friday, March 19

Jessi Montgomery / Clara Schumann /

Penderecky / Beethoven



Carry Me Forward

Sunday, April 25

Clarke / Gabriella Smith / Strauss / Tchaikovsky

All concerts will be held at the Gotham Arts Salon
in Chelsea, New York City.

We are grateful for our partnership with Gotham Arts,
whose support has made this exciting expansion possible.



Sunday, October 25 6:00 PM

Gotham Arts Salon

THE PLACE WE BEGIN

Lun Li
Violin

Matthew Lipman
Viola

Audrey Chen
Cello

Graeme Steele
Johnson
Clarinet

Min Young Kang
Piano

Tessa Lark

Jig and Pop for violin solo

Seth Grosshandler

Miniature for Piano, Cello and Clarinet

Robert Schumann

Märchenerzählungen, Op. 132

Antonin Dvořák

Piano Quartet No. 2, Op. 87 in E-flat major

The season opens with music shaped by storytelling, memory, and imagination. From the Appalachian spirit of **Tessa Lark** and the intimate reflections of **Seth Grosshandler** to the poetic world of **Schumann** and the expansive lyricism of **Dvořák**, these works illuminate the traditions, memories, and experiences that continue to shape us across generations. **Brought to life by a remarkable ensemble of some of today's most celebrated musicians**, the program offers a vibrant exploration of heritage, identity, and shared memory.



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-Gramophone

Carter Johnson

Friday, February 12 8:00 PM

Gotham Arts Salon

REFLECTIONS WITHIN

Carter Johnson

Piano

Robert Schumann

Arabeske, Op. 18

Alfred Schnittke

Prelude and Fugue

Robert Schumann

Ghost Variations, WoO 24

Béla Bartók

Sonata, Sz. 80

Robert Schumann

Davidsbündlertänze, Op. 6

Award-winning pianist Carter Johnson, First Prize winner of the Dublin International Piano Competition and Silver Medalist at the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition, brings to life a program that explores the echoes of home and memory. Long after we leave a place behind, its traces remain within us; through music of tenderness, longing, and resilience, this recital reflects on the experiences that continue to shape our inner landscape. Interweaving **Schumann**'s gracious *Arabeske* and luminous *Ghost Variations* with the contrasting voices of **Schnittke** and **Bartók**, the journey culminates in the *Davidsbündlertänze*, a work that traverses the full spectrum of human emotion.



Sirena Huang



Aaron Wolff



Min Young Kang

Friday, March 19 8:00 PM

Gotham Arts Salon

BEYOND THE THRESHOLD

Sirena Haung
Violin

Aaron Wolff
Piano

Min Young Kang
Piano

Jessi Montgomery

Duo for Violin and Cello (2015)

Clara Schumann

Piano Trio, Op. 17

Krzysztof Penderecki

Suite for Solo Cello, I. Preludio

Ludwig van Beethoven

Sonata for Piano and Violin No. 9,
Op.47 "Kreutzer"

Home is not only a place we return to, but also a voice we come to recognize as our own. From **Jessie Montgomery**, **Penderecki** and **Clara Schumann** to **Beethoven's** revolutionary **Kreutzer Sonata**, this program celebrates bold artistic voices across three centuries. Marking the 200th anniversary of Beethoven's death, it honors a legacy of resilience, courage, and the enduring triumph of the human spirit. Joining Kallos Artistic Director Min Young Kang are award-winning violinist Sirena Huang and cellist Aaron Wolff.



Nathan Meltzer



Laurel Gagnon



Leland Ko



Luosha Fang



Jordan Bak



Josh Halpern

Sunday, April 25 6:00 PM

Gotham Arts Salon

CARRY ME FORWARD

Nathan Meltzer

Violin

Laurel Gagnon

Violin

Jordan Bak

Viola

Jordan Bak

Viola

Leland Ko

Cello

Josh Halpern

Cello

Rebecca Clarke

Two Pieces for Viola and Cello

Gabriella Smith

Carrot Revolution for String Quartet

Richard Strauss

Sextet from *Capriccio*, OP. 85

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Sextet for Strings in D minor, Op. 70
"Souvenir de Florence"

Performed by an extraordinary ensemble of musicians, **Carry Me Forward** reflects on the enduring echoes of music across time. Spanning the intimate lyricism of **Rebecca Clarke** and **Richard Strauss**, the inventive voice of **Gabriella Smith**, and the expansive emotional landscape of **Tchaikovsky**, the program illuminates how artistic expression continues to inspire long after its creation. As the final chapter of the season, it offers a meditation on memory, connection, and the lasting impressions that remain with us.

ABOUT KALLOS

Founded in January 2019, the mission of the Kallos Chamber Music Series (www.kalloscms.org) is to cultivate a thriving community around a vibrant, intimate, and profound chamber music experience. Hailed as "resonant with the time, and offering understanding, catharsis, and consolation" by the New Haven Independent, KCMS is a destination for captivating programs, extraordinary music-making, and wonderful moments with family and friends. KCMS hosts international musicians in our artists-in-residence venue, the historic New Haven Lawn Club, to offer live performances of the highest artistic level to the New Haven community.

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