

Minnesota FoodShare

Minnesota FoodShare joins members of the anti-hunger community to exchange ideas and collaborate to address the challenges of food insecurity.



Throughout the year, we are strong advocates at local, state, and national levels. Minnesota FoodShare seeks to educate the community about food insecurity and encourage legislators and community decision makers to lend a compassionate and objective voice to public policy debates that impact Minnesota families living in poverty.

UPCOMING CONCERT

Friday, April 11, 2025 | 7:00 pm
The Bernstein Players

Join us for the April Fridays in the Valley concert benefitting Beacon Interfaith Housing.

Whether in 17th-century England, the 20th-century American South, fin-de-siècle Vienna, Paris between the World Wars, or the modern global landscape of technology, musicians have always thrived through collaboration. In this epic musical program, seven extraordinary players—the Bernstein Chamber Ensemble—weave a centuries-long thread of musical friendship.

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The Fridays in the Valley concert series was established in 2012.  
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Fridays in the Valley 

Presents:

Boom Island String Quartet

Martha McDermott, violin
Alexandria Mueller, viola
Maya Lehmann, violin
Alia Mishra, cello



Friday, March 14, 2025 | 7:00 pm

**Valley Community
Presbyterian Church**



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Fridays in the Valley Chamber Music Series

Friday, March 14, 2025 7:00 pm



Polska from Dorotea.....Traditional Swedish
arr. Danish String Quartet

Five Sheep Four Goats.....Danish Traditional
arr. Danish String Quartet

Shine You No More.....Rune Tonsgaard Sørensen

Lullaby.....George Gershwin

Labyrinth of the Fae.....Alexandria Mueller

~Intermission~

5 Fantasiestücke.....Samuel Coleridge Taylor

I. Prelude

II. Serenade

III. Humoresque

IV. Minuet & Trio

V. Dance

Sky Dance.....Alexandria Mueller
World Premiere

While My Guitar Gently Weeps.....George Harrison
arr. Mark Adam Watkins

Featuring Bryan Nelson, Guitar

III. Go Big or Go Home from *Get into the Now*.....Jessica Meyer

Musician Biographies

The Boom Island String Quartet was founded in 2015 by four women who share a passion for bringing high-quality live chamber music to all. With a diverse repertoire spanning from classical favorites to popular songs, the group is equally at home in offbeat locations such as cafés and coffee shops as it is in the concert hall.

Martha McDermott is a Twin Cities-based violinist and a founding member of the Boom Island String Quartet. She is passionate about pushing string music beyond the classical canon, incorporating elements of folk, fiddle, rock, and jazz into her performances. In her free time, Martha enjoys spending time with her two rescue cats.

Maya Lehmann received her B.A. in Music from St. Olaf College, where she spent four years performing in the orchestra. She also plays in a local band, The Umamies, where she enjoys incorporating strings into original pop music. Maya joined the Boom Island String Quartet in 2019 and has loved the opportunity to explore diverse musical styles and perform around the Twin Cities.

Alexandria Mueller is an award-winning composer, arranger, and multi-instrumentalist. She is a founding member of the Boom Island String Quartet and performs with the Metropolitan Symphony and the Saint Paul Civic Symphony.

Alia Mishra received her B.A. in Musical Arts from Hamline University, where she studied cello and voice. Since joining the Boom Island String Quartet in 2016, she has collaborated with various ensembles throughout the Twin Cities. She enjoys exploring diverse genres and incorporating improvisation into her performances.

Bryan Nelson has been performing music across the Midwest for over 15 years in bluegrass, rock, and folk groups. He lives in South Minneapolis with his wife and two dogs, entertaining them with his guitars, mandolins, and piano.