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Call Out for Performers

Open Mic Classical
(aka the mic-less open mic)

An "Open Mic" is for popular music only, right?
WRONG!

We are bringing you Open Mic Classical, a new experience in classical music, to help our community's musicians share their music with a friendly, and supportive audience, helping them network and foster a community.

Are you a doctor with a classical horn habit, or an orchestra member who misses playing in small ensembles? Are you an aspiring young student who doesn't ever get a chance to play with a pianist, but would like to develop your performing skills? Or a composer eager to try out your newest work?

Dust off your flugelhorn, oil your keys, drink your raw egg, and come share your talent in an intimate and casual atmosphere. Admission is by donation, and classical musicians of all ages and levels are welcome. Pianist on request is available to accompany you.

Open Mic Classical, started 3 years ago in Brewster is spreading its wings, expanding its outreach.

A special **Open Mic Classical** event in collaboration with the **Sandwich Arts Alliance**

and the help of **Amy Lynn Barber** will be held **Sunday, May 20th, 3:00pm** at **Sandwich Town Hall**. We heartily invite musicians of all ages and levels of experience, both singers and instrumentalists, to come and perform.

All you need to do is get on our list by 2:30pm on the day of the event, and we will provide you a spot in our program.

OMC fills the time slots on a first come, first serve basis. Our goal is to have a 1.5 hour program with a 10-15 minute intermission, and a featured guest performer who gets a 20-30 min spot. Each performer is allotted up to 5 minutes per time slot. If you want more than one time slot please sign up for two different slots, time permitting you can play up to two 5 minutes time slots. If you need a piano accompanist, please let us know at least 1-2 weeks earlier. Some easier pieces are accepted to sightread on the spot, rehearsal on the day of the event at 2:00pm. We welcome performers with disabilities, who sometimes may require an assistance dog. To request a sign-up sheet visit www.openmicclassical.org or contact openmicclassical@gmail.com, Ph. 774-353-0244.

Featured guest performer on May 20th will be **Trio Vivo & Klarinetista: Bruce Abbott** (saxophone), **Mariellen Sears** (flute), **Lucy Banner** (piano), and their guest, clarinetist **Monika Woods**. Collaborative pianist of the day will be pianist **Ben Healey**.

All performers and the public are invited for a post event refreshment and networking time.

Open Mic Classical (www.openmicclassical.org) was co-founded and launched in 2015 by clarinetist Mónica Woods (774-353-0244), winner of the Cape Symphony's 2013 Soloist Competition, and amateur violist and sculptor Robert Marcus (508-945-0832), with Lucy Banner as our first collaborative pianist. Community outreach Ellen Adamson, and a great list of collaborative pianists joined since, including Elizabeth Tipton, Anne Perrault, Sylvia Karkush Furash, Ana Glig, Ben Healey.

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