THE WALDEN SCHOOL

CREATIVE MUSICIANS RETREAT

June 10 – 18, 2023

WOLFEBORO, NEW HAMPSHIRE

compose | improvise | perform | sing

- For adult (18+) composers, performers, music teachers, and improvisers
- Exceptional faculty mentors and guest artists
- Inspiring artistic community
- Lessons, coachings, and master classes
- Composers Forums and concerts
- Electronic music and contemporary topics classes
- Two choral ensembles
- ***Financial aid available***

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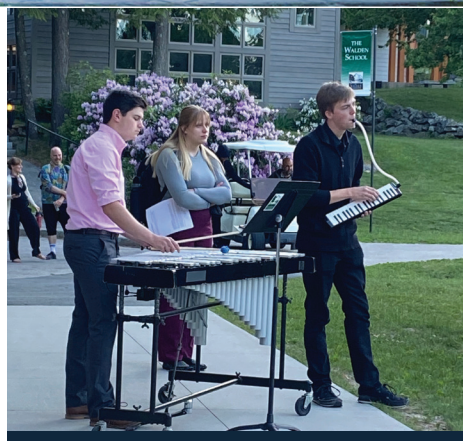
New Skills for Lifelong Learners

Want to invigorate your musical training, participate in a rich and diverse musical community, and engage in creative music making? Join us at the Creative Musicians Retreat (CMR) to:

- write music for resident artists or chamber chorus
- take composition lessons with expert faculty
- present your music in master classes
- have private lessons and coachings with resident artists
- perform contemporary chamber music and give world premieres by retreat participants
- attend seminars in contemporary music, electronic music, musicianship, and more
- participate in daily choral rehearsals and sing newly composed music in chamber chorus
- improvise in collaborative workshops with fellow participants, faculty, and artists
- explore Walden's innovative musicianship and theory pedagogy

Inspiring Performances

Visiting artists at the Creative Musicians Retreat have included Mivos Quartet, International Contemporary Ensemble, Wet Ink Ensemble, Matthew Gold, David Friend, and many others. Composers-in-Residence have included Lei Liang, Marcos Balter, Lisa Bielawa, Annie Gosfield, George Lewis, Chris Theofanidis, and Michael Daugherty. A concert of new music kicks off the week, and participants have the opportunity to write for and work with the artists-in-residence. Everyone participates in three Composers Forums, where we hear brand-new compositions and discuss them with the performers, composers, visiting artists, faculty, and the Composer-in-Residence, who is on campus all week. Performers at the retreat spend afternoons in rehearsals and coaching sessions and present an exciting evening of contemporary chamber music at the end of the week.



"I came away with an inspiring performance of my latest composition, new skills to apply to my craft, and new allies for the journey ahead."

— Joel Hobbs
CMR Participant

"Walden fosters an explosively creative dialogue between composers and performers, challenging all of us to become inventors together."

— Claire Chase, co-founder of the International Contemporary Ensemble

A Creative Cross-Section

Walden's Creative Musicians Retreat (CMR) offers a nine-day program appealing to musicians of various ages, skill levels, and interests. The retreat is designed for a range of adult participants: undergraduate and graduate students, as well as professional and amateur musicians. Inspiring interactions between composers, performers, and improvisers, as well as scholars, choral singers, and music teachers are what makes a musical retreat at Walden such a unique opportunity for professional development.

A Beautiful Setting

Founded in 1972, The Walden School convenes each summer in New Hampshire. Surrounded by the natural beauty of New England and away from day-to-day distractions, musicians from all over the world join Walden's artistic and intellectual community. CMR is like no other summer festival. Walden is where people gather to invigorate their musical training, participate in a vibrant and talented musical community, and engage in creative music making through composition, improvisation, musicianship, choral singing, electronic music, and much more. In 2023, CMR will take place at Brewster Academy.

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