

2025 Kids 4 Harmony SUMMER GALA CONCERT

JUNE 24

**SEIJI OZAWA HALL
TANGLEWOOD
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**WITH GUEST ARTIST
FRANCESCA
McNEELEY
CELLIST**



Welcome from our 2025 Gala Committee Co-Chairs

On behalf of our 2025 Gala and Kids 4 Harmony Advisory Committees, welcome to the annual Kids 4 Harmony Summer Gala Concert, now for the 4th year at Tanglewood. Tonight, we are pleased to honor Ed Bride, the founder of Berkshires Jazz, and a longtime member of our Kids 4 Harmony community. Ed has always believed in broadening horizons with new experiences through music. His dedication has been invaluable, leading to many Kids 4 Harmony collaborations over the years.

Tonight, you'll hear music from both classical masters and new composers, such as Davis Albayeros, a Kids 4 Harmony senior. We are excited to welcome cellist Francesca McNeeley to the stage alongside our Elayne P. Bernstein Ensemble. Francesca enjoys an eclectic career in the Boston area as a chamber musician, orchestral player, and modern music advocate. Meeting her and playing with her is an exciting moment for our young musicians. You can read more about all our Kids 4 Harmony performers in this booklet.

Because of the generosity of all of you here tonight and our community of supporters, Kids 4 Harmony continues to flourish and grow, connecting talent with opportunity for young people and their families in Pittsfield and North Adams.

We were thrilled to be Gala Co-Chairs this year, joining a stellar crew of longtime volunteers, many of whom are founding members of the Kids 4 Harmony Advisory Committee. We know you will be inspired and enjoy your experience tonight. Please join us in supporting this wonderful program! We cannot thank you enough.

With appreciation,

Gretchen Rennell Court & Mary Spina
2025 Gala Co-Chairs



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Tonight's Program

Honoring Ed Bride

CONDUCTOR, JORGE SOTO

Second-Year Students, Advanced String Ensemble, and the Elayne P. Bernstein Ensemble

Polar Vortex

Katie O'Hara LaBrie (b. 1982)

STUDENT WELCOME

Colorful Sunrise

Yukiko Nishimura (b. 1967)

Advanced String Ensemble and the Elayne P. Bernstein Ensemble

Fragile

Randall D. Standridge (b. 1976)

Elayne P. Bernstein Ensemble

Suite for Strings, Mvt I: A-Roving

John Rutter (b. 1945)

RECOGNITION OF SENIORS & TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Sean Elligers, Artistic Director

Kids 4 Harmony Chamber Players

Concerto Grosso No. 1, Mvt. I: Prelude

Ernest Bloch (1880–1959)

La Vida Siempre Cambia

Davis Albayeros (b. 2007)

CLOSING REMARKS

Stephanie Steed, President & CEO, 18 Degrees

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST ARTIST, FRANCESCA MCNEELEY

Elayne P. Bernstein Ensemble, with cellist Francesca McNeeley

Cello Concerto No. 1 in C major, Mvt. I

Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)

Francesca McNeeley

Guest Artist

Haitian American cellist Francesca McNeeley has received critical acclaim as a collaborator and soloist and enjoys an eclectic career in the Boston area as a chamber musician, orchestral player, and modern music advocate.



She is a core member of the twice-Grammy-nominated A Far Cry chamber orchestra and is a frequent performer with Castle of Our Skins and the Celebrity Series of Boston. She has also performed and toured with the Boston Symphony and Boston Pops orchestras as a substitute player.

Francesca graduated Princeton University Phi Beta Kappa and went on to receive scholarships to attend the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University and the New England Conservatory for her graduate degrees in cello performance. She has earned fellowships and prizes from the Tanglewood Music Center and was a New Fromm Player for two seasons. She is a recipient of the Sphinx Organization's 2025 MPower Artist Grant in support of her research into Haitian chamber music. Francesca is dedicated to community engagement through teaching and mentoring and serves on the faculties for the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra's Intensive Community Program, Project STEP, and the Charles Ives Music Festival.

Learn more at francescamcneeley.com.

We are thrilled to have Francesca joining the Elayne P. Bernstein Ensemble on stage this evening!



A Reflection from This Year's Honoree: Ed Bride



Music has been an interest of mine (maybe an obsession) my whole life, from my early exposure to classical music as a child to my teenage discovery of jazz and other forms. During my career as a high-tech journalist and marketing consultant I had the opportunity to write about cultural matters for national publications such as *All About Jazz* and regional magazines like *The Artful Mind*. Advocating for music education has gone hand in hand with my appreciation of this art form, which has a unique ability to improve our quality of life in many ways.

It has been well-documented that the study of music enhances a student's learning abilities in all subjects, especially STEM subjects that are vital to our country's future and innovation. I marvel at the fact that some of the best collegiate jazz programs in the northeast are based at such prestigious institutions as Harvard, M.I.T., and Yale. Early exposure and musical learning are the keys to success, and that's why Kids 4 Harmony is so important.

Attending a Kids 4 Harmony concert is thrilling for me — seeing the pride in the smiles of family members and the joy on the faces of the musicians — it's the best feeling you can have. Bringing new students and new audiences to music through Kids 4 Harmony has been personally rewarding beyond measure. It's humbling to be recognized for participating in something that is so meaningful to me — thank you! I hope you enjoy tonight's festivities.

Ed Bride

Ed has been a longtime member of the Kids 4 Harmony Advisory Committee, past chair of the Gala Committee, and passionate supporter of the program. Many people know him as the president and founder of Berkshires Jazz, Inc., whose mission is to present jazz performances and encourage jazz education in Berkshire County. Through his influence, Kids 4 Harmony has been able to collaborate with jazz artists including Ted Rosenthal and Grace Kelly. We're so grateful to Ed for his years of service to 18 Degrees as a volunteer and donor, ensuring the lasting success of the Kids 4 Harmony program.

Thank you, Ed, for all that you do to bring music to the Berkshires!

A Letter from Our President

Stephanie Steed, President & CEO of 18 Degrees

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2025 Kids 4 Harmony Summer Gala Concert! On behalf of our 18 Degrees Board of Directors, I am happy to join you in celebrating Kids 4 Harmony, a program of 18 Degrees, committed to musical excellence, strengthening well-being, and family support. This evening is a tribute to the hard work, perseverance, and passion our young musicians have poured into their journey with Kids 4 Harmony.

Tonight is truly special, not just for the remarkable performances put on by Kids 4 Harmony and our guest artist, Francesca McNeeley, but also for the engagement and enthusiasm each of you brings to this event. Your presence here reinforces our mission to create access, opportunity, belonging, and well-being to build thriving communities.

We are excited about our special guests with us this evening. This year, we proudly honor Ed Bride, a longtime friend of Kids 4 Harmony and the founder of Berkshires Jazz. Ed's generous sharing of his time and resources with Kids 4 Harmony and his promotion of jazz music in the Berkshires have been invaluable and make him highly deserving of tonight's recognition.

We are thrilled to have Francesca McNeeley, an acclaimed cellist, performing on stage with our students. Her dedication and artistry complement the values of Kids 4 Harmony, and we are so grateful to have her share her talents with our students and this audience.

We are also delighted to have former state representative Smitty Pignatelli with us as well to celebrate and share his passion for this program, the beginnings of which he saw brought to light over a decade ago. It is a privilege and honor to have him with us this evening.

To our families, friends, and supporters — thank you for believing and investing in the promise of Kids 4 Harmony and our next generation of musicians. Your generosity connects talent with opportunity for young people and their families, helping them to grow as musicians and leaders.

With gratitude,

Stephanie Steed

President & CEO, 18 Degrees



Tonight's Performers

Elayne P. Bernstein Ensemble

Remembering the generosity of the late
Elayne P. Bernstein and her family.

★ Kids 4 Harmony Chamber Players

VIOLIN

Davis Albayeros, Grade 12 ★
Jenny Daley, Grade 12 ★
2024–2025 Teaching Assistant
Atlas Lescarbeau, Grade 12 ★
Andrew Tullock, Grade 12 ★
Nicolina Paredes, Grade 11
MarlieAnna Auger, Grade 10
Bailey Manley, Grade 9
Isabella Cortes Mendez, Grade 9
Akemi Bonilla Guandinango, Grade 8
Emma Proskin, Grade 5

VIOLA

Lisa Chen, Grade 12 ★
Mady Wilson, Grade 12 ★

CELLO

Zoë-Ruth Brizan, Grade 12 ★
Bella Maisonneuve, Grade 12 ★
Jason Sosa, Grade 12 ★
2024–2025 Teaching Assistant
Allison Albayeros, Grade 11
Sirus Frenkel, Grade 11
Miguel Henao Calle, Grade 11
Jaden Snow, Grade 8
Anastasia Maguire, Grade 6

Advanced String Ensemble

VIOLIN

David Ortiz, Grade 7
Jassiel Almanzar, Grade 6
Debora Annor-Baah, Grade 6
Liz Almanzar, Grade 5
Maria Lescarbeau, Grade 6
Brook Phillips, Grade 6
Caroline Sanchez-Perez, Grade 6
Sofia Martinez, Grade 5
Ramona Miksic, Grade 5

VIOLA

Santi Bedard-Torres, Grade 7
Emma Hall, Grade 6
Nevaeh Kenner, Grade 6
Isabella Lewis-Sondrini, Grade 6

CELLO

Alaisia DiSola Staples, Grade 6
Kaylani Wells, Grade 6
Rujo Moore, Grade 6
Alejandra Sanchez-Perez, Grade 5



Second-Year Students

VIOLIN

Caitlin Breznick, Grade 4
Oliver Brooks, Grade 4
Cherrina Dozier Miller, Grade 4

Celeste Hernández, Grade 6
Mariapaz Marin, Grade 6
Amaia Hernandez Coto, Grade 4
Saphire Lewis, Grade 4
Jadzia Yong, Grade 4

CELLO

Guadalupe Hernández, Grade 8
Willow Vitolo, Grade 5
Melanie Lytle, Grade 4

Kids 4 Harmony Alumni

Heather Cruz, Cello
Ithaca College '28
Geivens Dextra, Violin
Kids 4 Harmony Teaching Artist
Tyler Garrett, Viola
Westfield State University '28
Gerdlie Jean Louis, Viola
Clark University '25, B.A. Music
Ethan Maisonneuve, Viola
University of Missouri–Kansas City '28
Leila Paredes, Violin
UMass Amherst '26

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James Bergin, Viola
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Donald Padrick, Viola
Rachel Powers, Violin
Assistant Artistic Director
Jahna Stanton, Violin
Alicia Stevenson, Violin

Guest Musicians

OBOE

Terry Keevil

PIANO

Charles Tsui
Zoë-Ruth Brizan, Grade 12



Meet Our Alumni & Students



Heather Cruz, Cello
Ithaca College '28

I'm working towards my Bachelor of Music with a combination of political science and legal studies. I also joined the symphony orchestra at Ithaca. Post-grad I plan to either go to graduate school for music performance or law school. I appreciate the sense of community and musicianship that K4H has built for me. I'll always cherish that for the rest of my life!



Geivens Dextra, K4H Teaching Artist, Violin

I'm currently taking classes at BCC and working here at Kids 4 Harmony! I plan to transfer to MCLA this fall to pursue music production, film scoring, and violin performance. From when I started in the program about 12 years ago to today, Kids 4 Harmony and its amazing teaching artists have been there whenever I need support, both in and outside the music world.



Tyler Garrett, Viola
Westfield State University '28

I'm going to be a sophomore this fall majoring in music education. I've also been exploring liberal arts and other music instruments like clarinet, flute, and trumpet. Kids 4 Harmony has been a support team for me while I was a student and even today while I'm at college. The program gave me everything I needed to succeed in taking my next steps in life.



Gerdlie Jean-Louis, Viola
Clark University '25, B.A. Music

I earned my degree with concentrations in Musicology and Viola Performance and a minor in Philosophy. While at Clark, I served as president of the Symphony Orchestra, performed with the Goddard Quartet, and joined a local band. This fall I start full-time work at Neighborhood Strings, an El Sistema-inspired program run by the Worcester Chamber Music Society. I have also been accepted into the META Fellowship at Berklee College of Music.



Ethan Maisonneuve, Viola
University of Missouri-Kansas City '28

I am going into my second year studying Music Education and have been fortunate enough to play concerts in Helzberg Hall in Kansas City and continue studying viola with Professor Scott Lee. After I graduate, I hope to teach while studying for my master's in musicology/music journalism. Kids 4 Harmony has supported my growth and been invaluable to me.



Leila Paredes, Violin
UMass Amherst '26

I am currently studying Violin Performance, Music History, and am receiving my certificate in Arts Management. I've been lucky to explore jazz music with both the violin and my voice. I'm so glad for my experience with Kids 4 Harmony and I'm really happy to be able to continue studying music!



Andrew, Violin, Grade 12

Plans for Next Fall: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Aerospace Engineering
I was so proud of our performance of *Dancing Strings* at last year's Gala. It was exemplary and displayed our collective ability to listen and respond to each other. It was a very special performance that I'll always remember.



Atlas, Violin, Grade 12

Plans for Next Fall: St. Michael's College, Theater Arts
My favorite memories are the concerts with Grace Kelly and La Voz de Tres! It was fun to explore jazz, and they were great people to work with. I was proud to get a picture with Grace Kelly. I want to tell my K4H friends that I love you all and I'm so grateful for you.



Bella, Cello, Grade 12

Post-Graduate Plans: Applying to schools for entry in Spring '26
One of my proudest K4H moments was being a Teaching Assistant last year. K4H has taught me so many skills. I have learned so much in the program and will carry that with me even outside of musical settings. Everyone deserves to be a part of a community like K4H!



Davis, Violin, Grade 12

Plans for Next Fall: Berklee College of Music/Boston Conservatory, Violin Performance
I'd like to tell my friends that I'm so proud of each of you. My favorite memory is performing with the Natalia Bernal Quintet at the Linde Center. I'm also proud of being accepted into the Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles's Colombia Tour in Bogotá last year and playing with students from around the world!



Gina, Cello, Grade 12

Plans for Next Fall: Boston University, Cello Performance
My proudest moment was being accepted into Youth Orchestra Los Angeles for the first time on my 12th birthday! I also really enjoyed playing concerts at Longy School of Music. To my friends — growing up in this program and playing music together has been so special to me. Keep taking advantage of the opportunities around you!



Jason, Cello, Grade 12

Plans for Next Fall: University of Rochester, Electrical and Computer Engineering

I'll always remember being an El Sistema USA Youth Ambassador and traveling to Chicago and Indianapolis! Learning and performing the Dancing Strings solo for the Gala last year made me really proud of myself. To all my K4H friends: You guys are already amazing. Keep up the good work!



Jenny, Violin, Grade 12

Plans for Next Fall: Berkshire Community College

I'll always remember playing with the Natalia Bernal Quintet at Tanglewood. It was incredible to be part of something so rich in culture and sound. I'm grateful for Mr. Jorge and how he recognized and believed in my abilities. He's someone I look up to.



Lisa, Viola, Grade 12

Plans for Next Fall: Princeton University

My favorite classical piece is Jean Sibelius's Violin Concerto. My proudest moment was being accepted into the YOLA Festival for the first time my freshman year. To my K4H friends — even though we are going to be apart, I wish the best for all of you!



Mady, Viola, Grade 12

Plans for Next Fall: Westfield State, Music Education

My favorite artists are Jeff Buckley and Pierce the Veil. My proudest moment has been getting accepted into all the schools I applied to thanks to my time in this program and the guidance of Kids 4 Harmony staff. For my K4H friends: I'm so proud of you all — especially the seniors!



Zoë-Ruth, Cello & Piano, Grade 12

Plans for Next Fall: Howard University, Piano Performance

My favorite artist right now is Rachmaninoff. I was very excited to be accepted into the Youth Ambassadors Cohort and present at the El Sistema USA symposium in Indianapolis. I'm proud of being able to accompany the Chamber Players on piano for the Bloch piece.



Allison, Cello, Grade 11

My favorite artist is Vicente Fernandez. My proudest moment has been singing *I Wish You Love* by Laufey at a K4H concert! It was really exciting. I appreciated it when our cello teacher, Mr. Austin, brought us homemade cookies one day. Yum!



Miguel, Cello, Grade 11

I want to tell my friends, thank you for receiving me with open arms and thanks for all the fun moments! One of my favorite memories is playing at Longy's Side-by-Side concert. I was proud of my ability to play through most of the piece *Suite for Strings*.



Nicolina, Violin, Grade 11

My favorite artist is Arctic Monkeys. I'm really proud of composing my own song. It was performed by the Elayne P. Bernstein Ensemble! My favorite memory is when we all got to sign each other's Kids 4 Harmony T-shirts.



Sirius, Cello, Grade 11

My favorite artist these days is Lil Tecca. I think that playing at the Galas are my favorite K4H memories. My proudest achievement was playing at the Grace Kelly concert. Message for my K4H friends: don't give up!





MarlieAnna, Violin, Grade 10

My favorite artists right now are Tchotchke and Cass Elliot. My favorite K4H memory was getting my instrument for the first time. One of my proudest moments was performing at Tanglewood for the first time! I'm so proud of you all and wish you the best of luck in the future!



Bailey, Violin, Grade 9

I love John Williams' movie scores! My favorite K4H memory is traveling to Chicago to perform at Ravinia Festival.



Isabella, Violin, Grade 9

I had fun on the Kids 4 Harmony trip to Ravinia last summer! My proudest moment was getting accepted as the only freshman in the El Sistema USA Youth Ambassador Program. I want my friends to remember that discipline and pushing yourself is the key to being successful and achieving your goals.



Akemi, Violin, Grade 8

My favorite artist right now is Lindsey Stirling. My favorite memories at K4H so far are performances and taking lessons with Mr. Jorge. My proudest achievement is playing my first Kids 4 Harmony concert.



Jaden, Cello, Grade 8

One of my favorite artists is Frank Sinatra. I loved traveling to Boston for the Longy Side-by-Side Orchestra. I'm most proud of how much progress I have made with the cello. I want to tell my friends that learning an instrument can be hard sometimes but just keep going!



David, Violin, Grade 7

Message for my K4H friends: I TOTALLY love you guys, and I had fun hanging out at Longy! My proudest moment in K4H has been learning how to shift into 3rd position. My favorite artist is Lil Tecca.



Santi, Viola, Grade 7

One of my favorite K4H memories is playing soccer outside during breaks. One of my proudest achievements is learning how to play in third position! My message for K4H friends: if you want to get better, keep practicing!



Alaisia, Cello, Grade 6

My favorite artist is Tyler, the Creator. One of my favorite K4H memories is hanging out backstage at Ozawa Hall with my friends during the gala last year. I'm really proud of myself for learning how to shift on the cello.



Anastasia, Cello, Grade 6

My favorite K4H memory is playing *Festival Rondo* for the first time. My proudest achievement at K4H has been helping other students. I'd like to tell my friends — don't give up on something because you can always improve when you work at it!



Caroline, Violin, Grade 6

My favorite artist right now is Zach Bryan. One of my favorite K4H memories is playing at the Gala for the first time last year and one of my proudest achievements is learning *Polar Vortex* because it was hard to learn at the beginning, but now I can play it!



Debora, Violin, Grade 6

My favorite artists are Tyler, the Creator and Billie Eilish. I had fun this year when we did sound effects for a movie with Mr. Sean. My proudest moment in K4H has been learning how to shift into new positions on my violin.



Emma H., Viola, Grade 6

I love Ariana Grande, and her perfume! I want to tell my K4H friends to think positive thoughts! I'm proud that I've learned so much. I'm happy I can show my parents how amazing I'm doing on the viola.



Jassiel, Violin, Grade 6

One of my proudest achievements is learning how to play harmonics on the violin. A message I'd like to send to my friends is to be brave and never give up. My favorite memory was when we had a pizza party after one of our concerts.



Kaylani, Cello, Grade 6

I had fun making yearbooks with Ms. Alicia. My proudest moment so far is playing my first concert, and my favorite piece is Polar Vortex! Message for your K4H friends: I sentence you to 10 scales! LOL



Maria L., Violin, Grade 6

My favorite song is *Golden Hour* by JVKE. My favorite K4H memory is one-on-one lessons with Mr. Jimmy. I'm really proud of learning how to shift to different positions!



Nevaeh, Viola, Grade 6

My favorite artist is SZA. My proudest moment in K4H is when I finished learning my first full song. It took a long time, but I learned all of it! I enjoyed the bus trip to Longy in Cambridge.



Rujo, Cello, Grade 6

My favorite memory is playing games with Mr. Don! I'm really proud of learning every song. They were all super challenging, and I didn't like them until I finally learned them!



Alejandra, Cello, Grade 5

My favorite music artist is Taylor Swift. Some of my favorite memories is going outside with my friends during breaks. One of my proudest achievements is staying calm even when I get frustrated with myself.



Annabelle, Viola, Grade 5

My favorite artists are Frank Ocean and Billie Eilish. I'll always remember my first year at Longy because I had fun with a bunch of my friends and the teachers were really nice!



Emma P., Violin, Grade 5

I wish all my friends in Kids 4 Harmony good luck at this year's Gala! I'm really proud to have joined the Elayne P. Bernstein Ensemble and be playing harder music. My favorite artist is Chappell Roan.



Liz, Violin, Grade 5

My favorite artists right now are Jhene Aiko and SZA. One of my proudest achievements has been learning how to play in third position. My message to my friends would be to never give up on your dreams.



Sofia, Violin, Grade 5

My favorite artists right now are SZA and Jop. One of my favorite K4H memories is the first time I performed at Tanglewood. Getting to go to Boston to play in the Longy Side-by-Side Orchestra made me feel very proud of myself.



Our Second-Year Students & Beginners



PITTSFIELD SECOND YEARS

Front, left to right: Melanie, Amaia, Willow, Cherrina, Sofia, Caitlin, Sapphire, Jadzia, Oliver, Juan
Back, left to right: Celeste, Guadalupe, Mariapaz



NORTH ADAMS BEGINNERS

Front, left to right: Jamison, Freddy, Xena, Sadie, Helena
Back, left to right: Babas, Michael, Dannae, Emma, Marcy, Doyan

The Kids 4 Harmony Team

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*Artistic Director & Theory/
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10 years with K4H; MA in Music Education and Trumpet Performance, UMass Amherst

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3 years with K4H; BM in Violin Performance, University of Michigan-Flint; Executive Graduate Certificate, Global Leaders Institute

En-Ting Hsu

Lead String Teaching Artist

3 years with K4H; Doctor of Musical Arts in Viola Performance, University of Missouri-Kansas City; Master of Music and Performer Diploma in Viola Performance, Indiana University Bloomington; Berkshire Symphony Member

Jorge Soto

Conductor & Teaching Artist

12 years with K4H; MM in Conducting, New England Conservancy; Principal Conductor of the New Philharmonia Orchestra, Newton, MA

James Bergin

Teaching Artist

9 years with K4H; BA in Music Theory, New England Conservatory of Music; Artistic Director, CIAO! Ensemble; Music Director at BART (Berkshire Arts and Technology Public Charter School); Berkshire Symphony member

Geivens Dextra

Teaching Artist

First year as K4H Staff; K4H Alumni '23, Violin

Dorian Jackman

Teaching Artist

2nd year with K4H; BM in Double Bass Performance, Illinois State University; DM and MM in Double Bass Performance, Indiana University-Bloomington; Berkshire Symphony Member

Austin McCann

Teaching Artist

First year with K4H, Cello; BM in Cello Performance, Crane School of Music, SUNY Potsdam; MM in Cello Performance, UMass Amherst

Georges Mefleh

Teaching Artist

First year with K4H, Viola; BM in Music Education and Viola Performance, DePaul University; MM in Viola Performance, UMass Amherst

Donald Padrick

Teaching Artist

3 years with K4H, Violin/Viola

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Teaching Artist

3 years with K4H, Cello; BA in Music & BA in Social Thought and Political Economy, UMass Amherst; MM in Cello Performance, Boston University



Jahna Stanton

Teaching Artist

2nd year with K4H; BM Saint Rose College, MM Kent State University

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Teaching Artist & Former Artistic Director

13 years with K4H; MA in Music, Education, Longy School of Music

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6 years with K4H; LICSW in Medical and Clinical Social Work, Intellectual and Physical Disabilities

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