

## Week Two at ChamberFest

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Week Two of ChamberFest Cleveland is packed full of events. As the Festival's executive director Jessica Peek Sherwood says — “there is something for everyone.”



On Monday, June 15, “Celebrating Frank” is everyone's opportunity to pay tribute to Franklin Cohen, the Founding Father of ChamberFest Cleveland. His professional highlights include his tenure as Principal Clarinet of The Cleveland Orchestra and 50 years on faculty at CIM. Cohen's colleagues, alumni, friends, and musical family will share the stage to say thank-you.

Week two will also welcome three artists who will be making their ChamberFest debuts on Wednesday, June 17.



This year's composer-in-residence, Benjamin Yusupov (left), will perform his own *Piano Trio No. 2*, “From Jewish Traditions.” A talkback with Yusupov follows the concert. The composer's solo piano work, *Crossroads*, will be presented on June 18, and his *Quintet for Marimba and Strings* will be heard on June 20. Read an interview [here](#).

Percussionist Jeff Stern (center) will add a bit of spice to Spanish Baroque composers Josep and Joan Baptista Pla's *Trio Sonata in D minor*. Stern will also play Benjamin Yusupov's *Quintet for Marimba and Strings* on June 20. Read an interview [here](#).

Rising Star oboist Izaiah Cheeran (right) will also be part of the ensemble for the Pla brothers' *Sonata*. On June 18 he'll join his ChamberFest colleagues in Sergei Prokofiev's *Quintet* and Louis Spohr's *Nonet in F*, and on June 20 in Samuel Barber's *Summer Music* for Woodwind Quintet. Read an interview [here](#).

On Saturday, June 20 beginning at 11:00 am enjoy Jurassic Jamboree, an exploration of music and science at the Museum of Natural History. This all-ages free event features live music performances and hands-on activities, including a musical petting zoo and activities from Cleveland Museum of Natural History teaching artists.

For a complete schedule and ticket information click [here](#).

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