

## At-Home Fun-tainment

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### WIPA Hosts "Open House"

We will continue to expand our offerings on an ongoing basis as online learning will remain a crucial component of our education system moving forward and will be a priority in the strategic planning process of Wharton." Peter H. Gistelink, Exec. Director - WIPA

The Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts (WIPA) hosts a virtual "Open House" on Sunday, September 13 at 1:00 p.m. EST via Zoom. In addition to class demos and information sessions with the Performing Arts School, Artistic Director Helen H. Cha-Pyo, faculty, and staff, the event will include a



Wharton Players, 2019 - Photo / Wharton Arts

presentation on "What to Expect with Online Learning: Private Lessons and Group Classes" with

Director of Student Services Kristen Wuest and Director of Musical Theater Arts Timothy Maureen Cole.

Wharton's Performing Arts School, which launched a nationwide online learning platform this summer including virtual camps, Zoom private lessons, workshops, and master classes for the whole family to enjoy right from home, will continue this fall with expanded online program offerings. Dedicated to the highest quality performing arts education, Wharton has cultivated an online space for creativity, community, and collaboration through an array of affordable performing arts activities for all ages. All of the Performing Arts School's online programs can be found at [www.WhartonArtsOnline.org](http://www.WhartonArtsOnline.org).

Group class enrollments taken during the virtual Open House, get a discount. To attend the free event, sign up at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd54GJqV3WuPtZKKHElyXeP9oyxu2BklwjiXInCu3Ded3f-EsQ/viewform>

For more information, call (908) 790-0700  
To learn more about WIPA, visit [www.whartonarts.org](http://www.whartonarts.org)

## NJSO's LISTEN & LEARN: Music & Conversation

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra (NJSO), this fall, is launching new NJSO-at-Home donor events. Enjoy four special evenings of music and conversation on Zoom hosted by President & CEO Gabriel van Aalst and Director of Artistic Planning Patrick Chamberlain.

### New Listen & Learn Series Sep 10 & 17 at 8 pm

Start your September off with the new NJSO at Home Listen & Learn series exclusively for donors. Patrick Chamberlain and musical headliners take an in-depth look at composition and classical music, while Gabriel van Aalst discusses being a music director with NJSO's own Xian Zhang.

Sep 10: New Jersey composers Steven Mackey, Sarah Kirkland Snider and Paquito D'Rivera.

Sep 17: NJSO Music Director Xian Zhang talks about her life as a music

director.

Donor Broadcast & Chat with Special Guest Conrad Tao

### Sept 24 at 8 pm

Pianist Conrad Tao joins Patrick Chamberlain for a one-on-one conversation, followed by an audio rebroadcast of a recent NJSO performance of Tao's electrifying NJSO rendition of Bartók's Third Piano Concerto. Enjoy an engaging chat commentary throughout the broadcast.

### Live NJSO Couch Concert Featuring a Special Guest Oct 1

Pianist Stephen Hough is Special Guest for the Live NJSO Couch Concert.

Don't miss this special performance and live conversation! Enjoy a recorded performance by the special guest, followed by a live Ask a Musician Q&A.

Register Now

Advance registration is required. Join NJSO for a fee per household per event.

<https://support.njsymphony.org/event/njso-virtual-event-registration/e294994/register/new/select-tickets>

Current donors (see link for details) will receive complimentary tickets to all four events.

<https://support.njsymphony.org/event/njso-virtual-event-registration/e298077/register/new/select-tickets>

### About NJSO

Named "a vital, artistically significant musical organization" by 'The Wall Street Journal', the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra embodies that vitality through its statewide presence and critically acclaimed performances, education partnerships and unparalleled access to music and the Orchestra's superb musicians.

Music Director Xian Zhang-a



Xian Zhang - Photo / Courtesy, NJSO

"dynamic podium presence" 'The New York Times' has praised for her "technical abilities, musicianship and maturity"-continues her acclaimed leadership of the NJSO.

To learn more, visit [njsymphony.org](http://njsymphony.org)

## NJPAC CREATOR SERIES: Newark Resilience

### 10 NEWARK CREATORS

Instagram Live @njpac  
EVERY TUESDAY AT 6 P.M.  
SEPTEMBER 15 - NOVEMBER 24

In a time of constant change and overlapping challenges, how are Newark's most creative thinkers working, evolving - and thriving?

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) Launches a New Virtual Series: 10 NEWARK CREATORS. Meet some of Newark, New Jersey's brightest creative talent. Instagram Live visitors can join the conversation with the young innovators who've made Newark's tight-knit community one of the most diverse, interesting, and active in the state. Viewers will be able to ask questions about their work, their response to the pandemic, and the Black Lives Matter movement - and learn more about the energy that's making New Jersey's largest city resilient. The Series kicks off with Chrystofer Davis, a Newark-native fine art photographer and filmmaker.

The 10 Newark Creators Series goes Live starting Tuesday September 15th at 6PM. Join the conversation by following NJPAC's Instagram Live @njpac

### September 15, 2020

**CHRYSOTOFER DAVIS** : Chrystofer Davis, a Newark-native fine art photographer, teaching artist and filmmaker, whose work is influenced by street and portrait photography and contemporary culture. Chrystofer has worked with companies and celebrities including Michelle Obama, New York Magazine, Leica Camera, Puma, Urban Outfitters, MTV, Vogue Italia, and Rutgers University over the course of his career. Named one of the best fine art photographers in the city by Peerspace, he's now engaged in teaching photography workshops, and documenting Newark's architecture and people through his own unique lens.

### September 22, 2020

**LISA CONRAD** : Lisa Conrad is the founding executive director of the Newark Print Shop, a community printmaking facility in Newark. To learn more about Lisa and her Print Shop, visit [www.newarkprintshop.org](http://www.newarkprintshop.org)

### September 29, 2020

Layqa Nuna Yawar. To learn more about Layqa, visit [www.layqa.info](http://www.layqa.info)

### October 6, 2020

Diana Candejeo. To learn more, visit

[www.dianacandejeo.com](http://www.dianacandejeo.com)

### October 13, 2020

**MIRA ABOU ELEZZ** : Elezz is the Muslim Chaplain at Providence Health & Services, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and University of Pennsylvania Health System. She is also a Blogger/Writer for Miss Muslim and Muslim Girl educating young women about their sexuality. She is a firm believer that sex plays an important component within Muslim spirituality. She is also a Vegan entrepreneur.

### October 20, 2020

Adam Bergo. He runs Black Swan Espresso in Newark. To learn more, visit [bse.coffee](http://bse.coffee)

### October 27, 2020

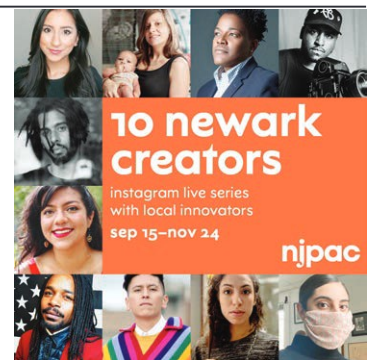
Sally Helmi. To learn more, visit [www.sallyhelmi.com](http://www.sallyhelmi.com)

### November 10, 2020

Isaiah "Zay" Little. To learn more, visit [newarkbusinesshub.com/team/isaiah-little](http://newarkbusinesshub.com/team/isaiah-little)

### November 17, 2020

**JESSICA VALLADOLID** : Jessica "JV" Valladolid, a sexuality educator and Board member at the Newark-based Masakhane, a youth-driven organization promoting healthy outlooks on sex and sexuality. To



Newark Creators poster - Photo / CourtesyNJPAC

learn more, visit [masakhanecenter.org](http://masakhanecenter.org)  
**November 24, 2020**

**SHARRONDA "LOVE" WHEELER:** Sharronda Wheeler is a Newark native spending her entire professional career helping others. Wheeler's provided support to various populations including mothers and children, teens, developmentally disabled, homeless, and senior citizens. Her motto is, "Be the change you seek."

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