

*Better Together!*



2023  
2024  
SEASON



Dear Wharton Arts Family and Friends,

Welcome to the 23-24 season at Wharton Arts! This season is dedicated to promoting excellence and equity in performing arts education, celebrating the power of collaboration, and the strength that comes from working together. We are **Better Together!**

We are thrilled to present a diverse lineup of events and performances showcasing remarkable talent within our community. From intimate **Salon Series** concerts with esteemed faculty to the intergenerational musical production of **Seussical** by the Wharton Community Players, to online workshops for students of all ages - there's something for everyone to enjoy. The **Signature Concert** series, presented by the New Jersey Youth Symphony, will feature performances by some of the state's most advanced young musicians.

I invite you to witness the incredible talent of our young musicians in **chamber music concerts**, the **Honors Recital**, and the ensembles of New Jersey Youth Chorus and Paterson Music Project. These performances celebrate the growth, dedication, and creativity of our students, highlighting the impact of their musical journey in supportive and inclusive communities.

Join us in celebrating the New Jersey Youth Symphony's **45th Anniversary Season** with an exciting Alumni Weekend on May 4-5, 2024. Throughout the season, you will experience premieres of new compositions and beloved music from our inaugural season in 1979. Alumni are warmly invited to perform alongside current students at the 2024 **Playathon** and our spring concerts in May. Let's honor the vibrant history and bright future of NJYS together.

During the month of December, we have exciting concerts and events to fill your hearts with joy and the holiday spirit. Enjoy the Wharton Players' production of **Beauty and the Beast Jr.**, New Jersey Youth Chorus' **Readings and Carols**, the **Holiday Kids-for-Kids Choral Festival** by the Paterson Music Project Choir, and the **All That Jazz Holiday Concert** featuring the NJYS Youth Symphony and Jazz Orchestra. These will be memorable experiences for all members of our community.

In addition to performances, we've planned informative **Parent Circle Series** offering insights into supporting student musicians. These discussions cover a range of topics, including preparing college applications and supporting neurodiverse children in their study of music.

Join us in experiencing the transformative power of performing arts in the 23-24 season at Wharton Arts. Together, let's create moments of beauty, connection, and inspiration that resonate for a lifetime. Wharton Arts is because YOU are, and WE are **Better Together!**

Musically Yours,

Helen H. Cha-Pyo  
Artistic Director & Principal Conductor

# WhartonARTS

## ANNUAL

# GALA

## Better Together!

### CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC

**March 7, 2024**

Cocktail Reception at 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner and Ceremony at 7:30 p.m.  
**Westmount Country Club**  
Woodland Park

Featuring performances by  
Wharton Arts Students and Faculty



# New Jersey Youth Chorus

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### Three Treble Festival Concert

April 21, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Morristown United Methodist Church

Morristown

FREE

NJYC Sola Voce: Joanna Scarangelo, Director

Accompanist: Phillip Steffani

Special Guest: The Children's Chorus of Washington;

Margaret Nomura Clark, Director

NJYC's Sola Voce ensemble will host The Children's Chorus of Washington along with another invited choir for two days of sharing, bonding, singing, and fun!



### Readings and Carols

December 3, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Morristown United Methodist Church  
Morristown

\$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors

NJYC Coriste: Trish Joyce, Director

NJYC Camerata: Dan Malloy, Director

Accompanists: Phillip Steffani and  
Andrew Macirowski

Special Guest: The Mountain Lakes  
High School Handbell Choir;  
Austin Vallies, Director

An afternoon of choral singing, handbells, and  
readings reflecting different cultural celebrations  
of the winter season.



### Winter Concert

January 21, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Ridge Performing Arts Center

Basking Ridge

\$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors

NJYC Primo Coro, Coriste: Trish Joyce, Director

NJYC Coro Vivo, Camerata: Dan Malloy, Director

NJYC Sola Voce: Joanna Scarangelo, Director

Accompanists: Phillip Steffani, Andrew Macirowski,  
and Ryan Bridge

All five NJYC choirs lift their voices to celebrate  
the joy of music and song. Come and enjoy a  
wide variety of repertoire performed with beauty  
and artistry.



### Songs of Our Childhood

March 16, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church of Montclair  
Montclair

\$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors

NJYC Primo Coro: Trish Joyce, Director

NJYC Coro Vivo: Dan Malloy, Director

NJYC Sola Voce: Joanna Scarangelo, Director

Accompanists: Phillip Steffani, Andrew Macirowski,  
and Ryan Bridge

Three NJYC ensembles will weave a story that  
includes timeless songs, favorite movie themes,  
and wonderful music. The audience is invited to  
raise their voices with the choir in this trip down  
memory lane.



### Spring Concert

May 19, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Ridge Performing Arts Center, Basking Ridge

\$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors

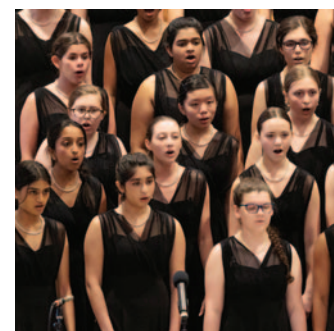
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and Ryan Bridge

See and hear what makes NJYC such a special  
home for our young choral artists.





# New Jersey Youth Symphony

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## Signature Concerts



### 45th Season Opening Concert

**October 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton

\$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors

**NJYS Youth Symphony:** Helen H. Cha-Pyo, Conductor

**NJYS Youth Orchestra:** Simon Lipskar, Conductor

Experience the grand opening of the NJYS 45th Season featuring the NJYS Youth Symphony and Youth Orchestra performing works by Louise Farrenc, Jennifer Higdon, Giacomo Puccini, Ottorino Respighi, Jean Sibelius, and Dmitri Shostakovich.



Helen H. Cha-Pyo



### All That Jazz Holiday Concert!

**December 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.**

Margaret Williams Theatre

at New Jersey City University, Jersey City

\$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors

**NJYS Youth Symphony:** Helen H. Cha-Pyo, Conductor

**NJYS Jazz Orchestra:** Gregory O. Williams, Guest Director

Join us for a family-friendly Holiday Concert featuring the NJYS Youth Symphony and Jazz Orchestra performing music by Duke Ellington, George Gershwin, Pyotr Tchaikovsky, and more.



Lance Bryant



Donna Weng Friedman



Diana Solomon-Glover

### Black History Month Celebration Concert

**February 25, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.**

Union County Performing Arts Center, Rahway

\$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors

**NJYS Youth Symphony:** Helen H. Cha-Pyo, Conductor

**Guest Artists:** Lance Bryant, tenor saxophone

Donna Weng Friedman, piano

Diana Solomon-Glover, narrator

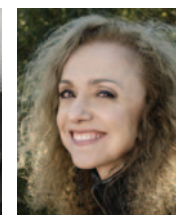
Celebrate Black History Month with a special concert featuring works by Duke Ellington and William Grant Still. Also featuring a world premiere performance of *Microvids* for Piano and Orchestra by Stefania de Kenessey.



Duke Ellington

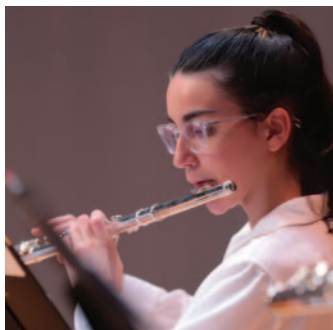


William Grant Still



Stefania de Kenessey





## 2023 New Jersey Flute Fair

Partnering with New Jersey Flute Society

October 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Burgdorff Hall at NJYS

New Providence

**Guest Artist:** Lorna McGhee, Principal Flute of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

An exciting day filled with all things flute including competitions, masterclasses, exhibitors, and performances by the NJYS Flute Ensembles led by conductor Natasha Loomis.



## New Jersey Youth Symphony PLAYATHON Festival March 24, 2024

12:30 p.m.: Jazz Combos, Jazz Workshop, Big Band, Jazz Orchestra, Clarinet Ensemble, Fortissimo Flutes

3:00 p.m.: Festival Concert

The Mills at Jersey Gardens, Elizabeth

FREE

Join us at the 2024 NJYS Playathon! This beloved annual tradition is our largest fundraiser. Come hear 500 young musicians perform iconic cinematic scores and show tunes. Don't miss out on this unforgettable pops concert.

Alumni welcome. Come watch or perform!



We need your support to reach our 2024

Playathon fundraising goal of \$90,000!

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## Alumni Night

January 2, 2024 at 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Burgdorff Hall at NJYS

New Providence

Free, Register Online at NJYS.org

Gather with fellow alumni for an evening of music! Reminiscence as we celebrate the NJYS community and its 45th Anniversary.

# Concerts

**Clarinet Ensemble, CL4tet:** Bryan Rudderow, Conductor

**Fortissimo Flutes:** Natasha Loomis, Conductor

November 5, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Sieminski Theater at Fellowship Village

Basking Ridge

FREE, Reserve Tickets at NJYS.org

**Primo Strings, Concertino Strings:**

Michelle Hatcher, Conductor

**Flute Choir, Flute Forum:**

Natasha Loomis, Conductor

December 3, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Dolan Performance Hall, Annunciation Center at

Saint Elizabeth University, Morristown

\$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors

**Concertino Winds:** Bryan Rudderow, Conductor

**Philharmonia:** Mark Gunderman, Conductor

**Sinfonia:** Nevena Bojovic, Conductor

December 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Dolan Performance Hall, Annunciation Center at

Saint Elizabeth University, Morristown

\$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors

**Percussion Ensemble:**

Colleen Bernstein, Conductor

December 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Dorothy Young Performing Arts Center

at Drew University, Madison

\$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors

**Jazz Orchestra:** Dion Tucker, Director

**Big Band:** Gregory O. Williams, Director

**Jazz Workshop:** Dave Schumacher, Director

December 9, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Dorothy Young Performing Arts Center

at Drew University, Madison

\$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors





## Open Rehearsals Week

February 26 - March 3, 2024

Join us for a behind-the-scenes look at any of our 15 ensembles. Meet the passionate NJYS conductors and immerse yourself in a live rehearsal. Young musicians in grades 2-11 are warmly welcomed! Discover the joy of making music with NJYS. FREE. Register Online at [NJYS.org](https://NJYS.org).



### NJYS Jazz Festival & Concert

January 28, 2024 at 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Plainfield High School

Plainfield

**Concert at 5:00 p.m.** Open to the Public

**Concert Only:** \$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors

Get ready for an exhilarating afternoon filled with inspiring clinics, jam sessions, and workshops with guest clinicians at the NJYS Jazz Festival! The festival will culminate in a concert featuring participating NJ high school jazz ensembles, including all NJYS Jazz groups.



**Youth Orchestra:** Simon Lipskar, Conductor

**Clarinet Ensemble, CL4tet:**

Bryan Rudderow, Conductor

**Fortissimo Flutes:** Natasha Loomis, Conductor

**February 4, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.**

Nicholas Music Center at Rutgers University

New Brunswick

\$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors



### An Evening of Jazz with the Charles Mingus Combo

February 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Sieminski Theater at Fellowship Village

Basking Ridge

FREE, Reserve Tickets at [NJYS.org](https://NJYS.org)



### Education Concert Celebrating Black History Month

February 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Union County Performing Arts Center

Rahway

**NJYS Youth Symphony:** Helen H. Cha-Pyo, Conductor

**Special Guest:** Lance Bryant, Tenor Saxophone

Immerse your students in a captivating educational concert presented by the New Jersey Youth Symphony! Designed for elementary and middle school children, this special performance celebrates Black History Month with powerful music by Duke Ellington and William Grant Still. Music Educators can reserve seats for their students by visiting [NJYS.org](https://NJYS.org).

**Youth Orchestra:** Simon Lipskar, Conductor

**Philharmonia:** Mark Gunderman, Conductor

**April 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

Morristown United Methodist Church

Morristown

\$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors

Featuring the 2024 Concerto Competition Winner



## Open Auditions

Season 2024-25 | May 14 - 31, 2024

Requirements posted on January 15 and excerpts posted on April 1.

Registration Open from April - May 1, 2024.





45th Anniversary

# New Jersey Youth Symphony

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Helen H. Cha-Pyo, Artistic Director & Principal Conductor

## 45th Anniversary Festivals & Alumni Weekend

Save the Date! **May 4-5, 2024**

Join us for an exciting 45th season of the New Jersey Youth Symphony! Experience premieres of new compositions as well as beloved music from our inaugural season in 1979. Alumni are warmly invited to perform alongside current students at the 2024 Playathon and at our spring concerts in the month of May. Let's honor the vibrant history and bright future of NJYS. We are **Better Together!**

**NJYS Alumni are invited to sign up online at [NJYS.org](https://www.njys.org) to participate in any concert indicated with [A]**

## Full Orchestras Festival: NJYS 45th Anniversary Concert

**May 5, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.**

New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark  
\$20, \$35, \$50

**Jazz Orchestra:** Dion Tucker, Director

**Philharmonia:** Mark Gunderman, Conductor

**Youth Orchestra:** Simon Lipskar, Conductor

**Youth Symphony:** Helen H. Cha-Pyo, Conductor

With Special Guest Artists and Alumni [A]

Experience the grand celebration of our full orchestras as they come together with alumni for a memorable concert to celebrate the 45th Anniversary season. Anniversary Reception immediately following the concert. **For ticket information, please visit [NJYS.org](https://www.njys.org).**

## Flute Festival

**May 4, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.**

Dorothy Young Performing Arts Center at Drew University, Madison  
\$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors

**Fortissimo Flutes, Flute Forum, Flute Choir, and Alumni [A]**

Natasha Loomis, Conductor

## Clarinet Festival

**May 4, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

Dorothy Young Performing Arts Center at Drew University, Madison  
\$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors

**Clarinet Ensemble, CL4tet, Concertino Winds, and Alumni [A]**

Bryan Rudderow, Conductor

## String Festival

**May 11, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.**

Memorial Auditorium at Montclair State University  
\$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors

Immerse yourself in the world of strings as talented young musicians from Primo Strings, Concertino Strings, and Sinfonia perform together.

**Primo Strings, Concertino Strings:**

Michelle Hatcher, Conductor

**Sinfonia:** Nevena Bojovic, Conductor

With Alumni [A]

## NJYS Percussion Ensemble Concert

**May 12, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.**

Dolan Hall, Annunciation Center at  
Saint Elizabeth University, Morristown  
\$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors

Colleen Bernstein, Conductor

With Alumni [A]

## NJYS Jazz Concert

**May 12, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

Dolan Hall, Annunciation Center at  
Saint Elizabeth University, Morristown  
\$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors

**Jazz Orchestra:** Dion Tucker, Director

**Big Band:** Gregory O. Williams, Director

**Jazz Workshop:** Dave Schumacher, Director

With Alumni [A]



# Salon Series

at WhartonARTS

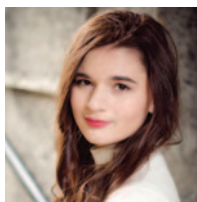
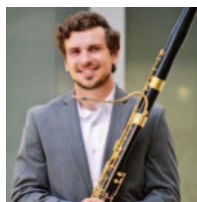
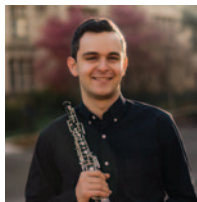
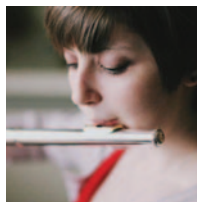
All concerts are at the **Wharton Black Box Theater**  
60 Locust Avenue, Berkeley Heights  
\$12/Adults, \$6/Students & Seniors

## An Afternoon of Song

Tharanga Goonetilleke, soprano  
and Ryan Bridge, piano

**October 1, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.**

Allow yourself to be transported by the warmth and power of the human voice.



## Wharton Wind Quintet

Dana Nix, flute; Noah Kay, oboe;  
Daniel Choi, clarinet;  
Joe Swift, bassoon;  
Samantha Slockbower, French horn  
**November 5, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.**

Enjoy an afternoon of wind quintet music featuring Eric Ewazen's *Roaring Fork Quintet* and works by Beach, Crowe, and Taffanel.

## Sounds of Holiday Brass

Wes Krygman, tuba and  
Julie Passaro Krygman, trombone  
**December 17, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.**

Holiday cheer for the whole family featuring tunes to put you in the spirit of the season!



## CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

**November 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

Dorothy Young Performing Arts Center at Drew University, Madison  
Free

Enjoy a showcase of talented young chamber musicians from the New Jersey Youth Symphony and Wharton Performing Arts School.

# Workshops

FREE and open to the public, must register to attend at [WhartonArts.org](https://WhartonArts.org).

## Parent Circle Series

Wharton Arts Conference Room  
60 Locust Avenue, Berkeley Heights

Join Helen Cha-Pyo and Deb Joyal, moms and musicians, in a series of three informal conversations exploring the ins and outs of supporting student musicians.

## Preparing Your College Applications: Using Music as a Supplement

**October 16, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

## Supporting Your Neurodiverse Child in Their Study of Music

**January 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

## Fostering Joy in the Pursuit of Musical Excellence

**April 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

## ONLINE WORKSHOPS

## How to Improve Your Sight Reading Skills

**March 15, 2024 at 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.**

Online

FREE

Bryan Rudderow, Clinician

This FREE online workshop offers practical tips to rapidly improve your sight-reading ability. Musicians of all ages and levels welcome!

## How to Prepare Orchestral Excerpts

**April 19, 2024 at 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.**

Online

FREE

Proper preparation of orchestral excerpts is critical to a successful audition. In this FREE online workshop, learn important tips on how to prepare exceptional excerpts from professional orchestral musicians.



# Paterson Music Project

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### Winter Concert

**February 3, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.**

**John F. Kennedy High School**

Paterson

\$10/Adults, \$5/Students & Seniors

The Paterson Music Project's first double header of the season will feature all guitar and string students at 1pm with all PMP bands performing at 5pm.



### Spring Concert

**May 18, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.**

**West Side Presbyterian Church**

Ridgewood

\$10/Adults, \$5/Students & Seniors

The Paterson Music Project's second double header of the season will feature all Prelude ensembles at 1pm. Symphonic Band, Concert Orchestra, and the new PMP Symphony Orchestra will perform at 5pm.



### Holiday Kids-for-Kids Choral Festival

**December 16, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.**

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

Paterson

Freewill Offering. Proceeds benefit Eva's Village and St. Paul's Church Outreach.

**Paterson Music Project Choir:** Jeremy Watson, Conductor

The PMP Choir will present a concert benefitting Eva's Village as well as St. Paul's Church Outreach. Eva's Village is a non-profit committed to providing care and support for people struggling with poverty, hunger, homelessness, and addiction.



### Music Changes Lives

Help Wharton Arts offer accessible, high quality performing arts education that sparks personal growth and builds inclusive communities.

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### Paterson Community Music Festival

**June 1, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Paterson, NJ**

**FREE**

Celebrate the joy of community music-making at the Paterson Community Music Festival! Featuring performances by PMP students and local professional musicians. Bake sale, free family fun activities, and food for purchase.



# Performing Arts School

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## Fall Festival & Suzuki Halloween Playdown

**October 27, 2023 at 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Wharton Performing Arts School  
60 Locust Avenue, Berkeley Heights  
FREE

Calling all goblins and ghouls! Wear your costume and join us for Halloween treats and spooky festivities.



## Holiday Cabaret

**December 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

Wharton Black Box Theater  
60 Locust Avenue, Berkeley Heights  
\$10

Join us for the fourth annual Holiday Cabaret, a night of fun, voices, and holiday cheer. Performances by voice students, group classes, and Wharton Arts faculty.



## Super Sunday Recital

**February 11, 2024 at 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Wharton Black Box Theater  
60 Locust Avenue, Berkeley Heights  
FREE

Before you settle in for the big game, come and enjoy musical performances by Wharton Performing Arts School students of all ages.

## Honors Recital

**April 28, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.**

Burgdorff Hall at NJYS  
New Providence  
FREE



## Wharton Players in *Beauty and the Beast JR.*

**December 8 & 9 at 7:00 p.m.**

**December 10 at 3:00 p.m.**

Wharton Black Box Theater  
60 Locust Avenue, Berkeley Heights  
\$15/Adults, \$10/Students & Seniors

Our Wharton Players' production of *Beauty and the Beast JR.* is a not-to-be-missed event! Experience the magic of this beloved fairy tale as our premiere group of student players takes you into the magical setting of 18th century France.

Directed by Timothy Maureen Cole



## Wharton Community Players in *Much Ado About Nothing*

**January 12, 13, 19 & 20, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.**

**January 14 & 21, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.**

Wharton Black Box Theater  
60 Locust Avenue, Berkeley Heights  
\$25/Adults, \$20/Students & Seniors

Our adult company, Wharton Community Players, kicks off their second season with the classical farce, *Much Ado About Nothing*. Join us to see who ends up with whom!

Written by William Shakespeare  
Directed by Jenna Burke

## Wharton Community Players in *Seussical*

**June 20, 21 & 22, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.**

**June 22 & 23, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.**

Wharton Black Box Theater  
60 Locust Avenue, Berkeley Heights  
\$25/Adults, \$20/Students & Seniors

Join us for our first Wharton Community Players musical production and our very first intergenerational community theater showcase. Calling all actors and audience members to join the whimsical world of beloved author Dr. Seuss.

Directed by Timothy Maureen Cole





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for tickets and more information



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