



Chameleon

Arts Ensemble
of Boston

Transforming experiences in chamber music.

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Chameleon presents “Big Ideas!” a free family concert & instrument “petting zoo” on Saturday, June 3

May 4, 2023 – Boston, MA – The Chameleon Arts Ensemble of Boston will present a **Free Family Concert** titled *Big Ideas!* on **Saturday, June 3, 2023, at 11 AM** at the Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library. The program is interactive and intended for children of all ages and their families. **An instrument “petting zoo”** will follow the concert. Children will be able to handle and play percussion, violin, viola, cello, and double bass as guided by Chameleon’s musicians, and will be encouraged to touch, pluck, bow, and strike.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Where does music come from? Chameleon presents a colorful, creative morning – especially for kids – exploring sources of inspiration and the place where imagination and ideas meet. The program includes selections from Jessie Montgomery’s *Strum* for string quintet; Haydn’s Divertimento in C Major for violin, cello, and double bass; Bach’s Cello Suite in G Major; Astor Piazzolla’s *Milonga del Angel*; Marta Ptaszynska’s *Spiderwalk* for solo percussion; Enzo Rao’s *A Different World* for viola and frame drum; and a segment on Brazilian drumming.

ADMISSION AND DIRECTIONS

The event is **free and open to the public**. No tickets are necessary. The **Hyde Park Branch Library** is located at the corner of Winthrop Street and Harvard Avenue one block east of Hyde Park Avenue. The Library is wheelchair accessible.

ABOUT CHAMELEON ARTS ENSEMBLE OF BOSTON

Founded in 1998, **Chameleon Arts Ensemble** has distinguished itself as one of Boston’s finest, most versatile chamber ensembles. Chameleon and Artistic Director **Deborah Boldin** have earned

unqualified praise for integrating old and new repertoire into unexpected chamber music programs that are themselves works of art. Her innovative children’s programs received high praise in *The Boston Globe*: “Artistic Director Deborah Boldin has a special talent for making programs entertaining without ‘playing down’ to her audience, and she refuses to dumb-down her children’s concerts. The ear was always challenged...joy and learning went hand in hand.” The *Globe* also noted “Hats off to Boldin and her fine musicians. If serious music — music that brings soul and body together — is to survive, it has to begin with programs, and in places, like these.”

CALENDAR LISTINGS

Big Ideas! A free family concert & instrument “petting zoo”

Where does music come from? Composers are inspired by many sources: stories, songs, people, places, spiders, coyotes, and even other music. Join the Chameleons for a colorful morning of classical music exploring the creative muse and the place where imagination and ideas meet, with works by Bach, Haydn, Astor Piazzolla, Jessie Montgomery, and more. Afterward, kids can drum with the musicians and try out their instruments.

Selections from: J.S. Bach, Prelude from Suite No. 1 in G Major
Jessie Montgomery, *Strum* for string quintet
Frank Bridge, *Cherry Ripe* for string quintet
Michael Haydn, Presto from Divertimento in C Major for violin, cello, and bass
Astor Piazzolla, *Milonga del Ángel*
Marta Ptaszynska, *Spiderwalk* for solo percussion
Enzo Rao, *A Different World* for viola and frame drum
Connor Chee, *Coyotes* for violin and vibraphone

Date/Time: Saturday, June 3, 2023, 11 AM

Location: Hyde Park Branch Library, 35 Harvard Avenue, Hyde Park, MA 02136
Free parking, wheelchair accessible.

Admission: Free, no tickets required.

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