



For Immediate Release:

THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL STRETTO PIANO FESTIVAL: June 18 to June 26, 2022

Co-Artistic Directors, Rhonda Boyle, Carol Leone & Hannah Reimann

Featuring 33 Pianists from Five Continents Playing Narrower-than-Standard "Stretto" Pianos

[In-Person and Streaming Tickets Available Now](#)

Conceived by the New York City-based pianist, educator and singer **Hannah Reimann**, the second annual **International Stretto Piano Festival** is a celebration of the "Stretto", a piano keyboard with narrower-than-usual keys, to better accommodate players with smaller hands. Over nine exciting days from June 18 to June 26, audiences and critics are invited to experience in-person, live streamed and pre-recorded performances from dozens of Stretto piano concerts on stages, universities, private studios and homes from around the globe. The festival features solo piano works, chamber ensembles and music of all sorts from Bach and Chopin to Rachmaninoff, contemporary jazz to the music of Joni Mitchell, culminating in a live LGBTQ+ Pride Cabaret, featuring nine excellent vocalists, plus a final concert by Co-Artistic Director, virtuoso Carol Leone, Debussy Fêtes with Friends.

In 1997, Ms. Reimann independently rebuilt her Steinway piano to better accommodate her hand size. Her success with the instrument has made her the face of the Stretto as a producer of concerts. Reimann was featured on the front page of the Wall Street Journal as a "musician on a mission to make the world safe for small pianists." She is currently the liaison for anyone wanting an original Steinway Stretto piano.

The Stretto Piano Festival has become a unique global performance phenomenon and a showcase for players of the instrument as well as a nexus for Stretto collaboration. Fellow pioneers and Stretto experts Carol Leone, classical artist and Professor of Piano at SMU in Dallas, and Australian Rhonda Boyle, coordinator of Pianists for Alternately Sized Keyboards (PASK), have greatly helped popularize the instrument, leading to dozens of individuals playing and owning pianos with Stretto keys. Most of the pianos played in the Stretto Piano Festival are retrofits created by David Steinbuhler and his non-profit DS Standard Foundation, located in Pennsylvania, which serves a worldwide network of pianists.

To arrange for press tickets for rehearsals, performances or live streams for any show as part of the Stretto Piano Festival; to request high-resolution images for print; or to arrange an interview with Ms. Reimann, Dr. Leone and Ms. Boyle, contact info.strettopianofestival@gmail.com

See next page for full schedule and ticket links.

Full Performance Schedule — Live concerts will also be live-streamed

- Saturday, June 18: [Hannah Reimann & Yaniv Taubehouse](#) + collaborators (Live NYC)
- Sunday, June 19: Anna Arazi, [Manuele Carli Balollo](#) (Streaming Online) and Peter Fancovic (Live NYC only)
- Sunday, June 19: [Lucas Gonzales](#) & [Jess Johnson](#) (Live NYC)
- Monday, June 20: [Caleb Salizzo & friends](#), [Eliana Yi](#), [Ran Feng](#) and [Mariana Rodrigues](#) (Streaming Online)
- Tuesday, June 21: Swedish pianist [Roland Pöntinen's](#) Ukraine Fundraiser (Live NYC)
- Tuesday, June 21: [Julia Hastings](#) and [Amelie Protscher](#) (Streaming Online)
- Wednesday, June 22: [Amanda Pang](#) and Karolinka de Bree (Streaming Online)
- Wednesday, June 22: [Duo Pianists Artina McCain & Jonathan Tsay](#) and [Tina Chong & Warren Hagerty](#) (Streaming Online)
- Thursday, June 23: Music Lovers Concert & Kids Concert for Non-Professionals (Live NYC)
- Thursday, June 23: [Kahoru Amano](#), Artem Arutyunyan and [Linda Gould](#) (Streaming Online)
- Friday, June 24: [Sine Winther](#), [Kathryn Mientka](#) and [Barbara Lister-Sink](#) (Streaming Online)
- Saturday, June 25: [Mami Shikimori](#) and [Anna Bulkina](#) (Streaming Online)
- Saturday, June 25: [Steve Sandberg and NYC vocalists](#) PRIDE show (Live in NYC)
- Sunday, June 26: [Erica Booker with Ashleigh Wong & Clive Guo](#) and [Esther Chung Marks](#) (Streaming Online)
- Sunday, June 26: [Carol Leone](#) - Closing Concert (Streaming Online)