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"Their playlist is unique, something few other groups would have considered putting together, but what is more important about this 'musical democracy' is that it has invented its own distinctive rules to performance, and that their inspired programming has been a hit." – ArtsFuse Online Magazine

SHUFFLE Concert

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The McCallum Theatre Institute seeks to enhance the role of the arts in our lives and in our community by inspiring greater awareness of their educational, cognitive, emotional and spiritual power. By encouraging an active and experiential study of the arts, the Institute advances the belief that all human beings are inherently creative. The programs developed by the Institute are designed to build on that creativity by equipping individuals with the skills necessary for a meaningful engagement with the arts and an understanding of their essential contribution to enlightened citizenship.

You Choose. They Play. Get ready for a genre-bending chamber music experience. SHUFFLE Concert changes the rules of performance as you know them. In this musical celebration, the audience chooses what pieces will be performed! Each player brings the colorful voice of a different instrument to the musical conversations that evolve as they joyfully dive into Astor Piazzolla's *Libertango*, Maurice Ravel's *Sonatine* and other works selected by the audience. From baroque, classical and romantic to jazz and pop, SHUFFLE Concert offers an exciting fusion of great music for every taste.



A modern day ensemble that delivers the unexpected

Inspiring and energetic, New York-based chamber music ensemble SHUFFLE Concert changes the rules of performance as we know it. Conceived by SHUFFLE's artistic director and pianist, Eliran Avni, SHUFFLE Concert was born while Avni was exercising on the elliptical machine at the gym. His MP3 player jumped from a Pretenders song to the first movement of Prokofiev's *Fifth Symphony*, nearly causing him to lose his balance...and thus, the idea for SHUFFLE Concert was born!

Unique to SHUFFLE Concert performances is the manner in which the program is selected. The audience is invited to actively participate in the selection of works to be performed by choosing from a menu of over 18 works derived from nine different categories, with works ranging from solos and duos, to trios, quartets, quintets and sextets. Genres vary from classical, baroque and romantic, to jazz, pop and Broadway. The result is a highly engaged audience and a high energy performance.

SHUFFLE's members are exceptionally accomplished chamber musicians; they are graduates of such schools as Juilliard, New England Conservatory, Oberlin, Manhattan School of Music and Bard College and have all individually won numerous prizes and have performed extensively as soloists and collaborative musicians throughout the world.

Since its inception, SHUFFLE Concert has performed in a variety of concert settings, including the Duplex, Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, the Rose Studio at Lincoln Center, and Rhinebeck Chamber Music Society Series in New York; Buck Hill Skytop Music Festival in Pennsylvania; Molloy College in Long Island; Los Angeles's L'Ermitage Concert Series, Lancaster Performing Arts Center and Pepperdine University Center for the Arts in California, and Canada's Chamberfest Ottawa, and presented residencies at East Stroudsburg University and Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania; Mirman School in Los Angeles; The Dalles Middle school, Oregon; and the International School in Herzeliya, Israel, to name a few. SHUFFLE Concert has made four tours of Israel to date, and will be returning for a fifth tour this fall. In December 2012 the ensemble made its Merkin Hall debut, which was broadcast on WWFM and WQXR, and which included the premieres of new works by Avner Dorman and Jonathan Keren. The ensemble's debut eponymous CD was released in October 2013, and in 2014, to celebrate its fifth anniversary, SHUFFLE Concert announced its first Composition Competition, awarding prizes to composers Piotr Szewczyk, Kevin Wilt and Oran Eldor for their original compositions for the ensemble. Future projects include the launch of the SHUFFLE app, which will allow audiences to vote via a smart phone application. The ensemble was recently selected as one of five ensembles presenting at the prestigious YPCA showcase at Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall.

Hassan Anderson	Oboe
Brendan Speltz	Violin
Sofia Nowik	Cello
Moran Katz	Clarinet
Ariadne Greif	Soprano
Eliran Avni	Piano

Upcoming engagements this 2015-16 season include performances at Cooperstown Music Festival and at Merkin Hall as part of Chamber-MusicNY's series in New York; Texas's Odessa College; McCallum Theatre, California State University, Chico, Bishop Community Concert Association, and Hutchins Street Square Performing Arts Theatre in California; Michigan's Berman Center for the Performing Arts; Ohio University's On The Edge Concert Series; Oregon's Florence Event Center, and the College of Idaho.

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