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AMATEUR MUSIC NETWORK PRESENTS NEW SEASON OF ONLINE WORKSHOPS AND CONVERSATIONS

Connecting Musicians with Mentors

Workshops and Conversations with Esteemed Artists



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SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 – Amateur Music Network (AMN) is proud to announce its new season of [music workshops and conversations](#).

Since April 2020, when AMN pivoted to online-only programs, AMN has presented over 60 online workshops with mentors from a wide variety of disciplines, spanning the music landscape from choral music to Negro spirituals, from bluegrass to samba, and from jazz to Baroque cello.

“With all the uncertainty in the world right now, it’s still comforting to be able to access top-quality active music experiences online,” says AMN founder Lolly Lewis. “We intend to build on the success of our online workshops and continue making them better.”

The new season of workshops will connect musicians with professional mentors with a wide diversity of styles and specialties.

“Amateur Music Network’s unique focus, shared by all our extraordinary mentors, is on reinforcing and nurturing a passion for music-making,” says Lewis. “Our affordable online workshops and conversations keep musicians feeling active, even when they can’t be together.”

ONLINE WORKSHOPS IN 2021

September 18, 2 p.m.: Destiny Muhammad

In *Harp and the Jazz Attitude*, this acclaimed jazz harpist will explore the history and practice of jazz on the harp, from the music of Dorothy Ashby and Alice Coltrane to composers and techniques of the present day.

September 25, 2 p.m.: Eleonor Bindman

This world-renowned Bach interpreter makes the music of Bach accessible for amateur pianists through her own transcriptions of the beloved suites for solo cello. This workshop will be a wonderful introduction to Bach's music for pianists and music lovers generally.

October 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15, 22; 5:30 p.m.: IMAGINE! with Scott Foglesong

This erudite and entertaining musicologist will be your musical guide in an engaging interactive listening series.

A partnership of AMN and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music Continuing Education Division. Sessions will be live at the Bowes Center in SF and streaming over Zoom.

October 23, 2 p.m.: Edwin Outwater

Our series of conversations with esteemed artists continues with an interview with AMN Curator **David Landis**. Edwin's exciting career has included work with the San Francisco Symphony, the Kennedy Center's 50th Anniversary celebration, and crossover collaborations with Metallica and Police drummer Stewart Copeland... so far!

October 26, 28, 7 p.m.; October 30, 2 p.m.: Jef Stott

Composer, producer, and SFJAZZ instructor Jef Stott will present a weeklong technology intensive focused on using Logic Pro software.

November 13, 2 p.m.: Justin Ouellet

Known in the Bay Area for jazz violin, this versatile artist is also a world-class violist who has developed the educational curriculum *VoiLa Viola* that focuses on helping musicians find a deeper engagement with the sound-production capacities of their instruments.

November 20, 2 p.m.: Diana Saez

This leading specialist in the field of Latin American music and accomplished choral conductor will lead an exploration of the indigenous folk music styles of South America. Participants will learn the elements of those styles and will sing choral works inspired by those traditions.

December 11, 2 p.m.: Ash Walker

David Landis leads an online conversation with this passionate community music advocate and newly appointed artistic director for the East Bay's **Pacific Edge Voices**.

About Amateur Music Network

Amateur Music Network (AMN) envisions a world where music is an integral part of life, where all people experience the joy of playing, singing, and listening, and where access to music-making is available, encouraged, and celebrated.

AMN makes the world more musical by connecting musicians with one another to share in active musical experiences, presenting educational and performance opportunities for musicians (both on our own and through partnerships with other arts organizations), and by providing access to resources for musicians.

Learn more at amateurmusic.org.

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San Francisco Symphony, Drew School, Blue Bear School of Music,
San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, Crowden Music Center,
Little Mission Studio, and Community Music Center*

Calendar editors, please note:

At Home with Destiny Muhammad

September 18, 2021 at 2pm

Tickets: \$25

At Home with Eleonor Bindman

September 25, 2021 at 2pm

Tickets: \$25

IMAGINE! With Scott Foglesong

October 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

In-person tickets: \$150 for six workshops, \$30 for single sessions

Online only: \$100 for six workshops, \$20 for single sessions

At Home with Edwin Outwater

October 23, 2021 at 2pm

Tickets: \$10

Technology Intensive with Jef Stott

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Tickets: \$25

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Workshop details and registration information available at amateurmusic.org/workshops.