

Diversity Statement

The Pierrot Chamber Music Festival holds the tenants of diversity, equity, and inclusion at the heart of its mission: to share the practice of chamber music with current and future generations of musicians. We believe that no limits apply to those who benefit from human connections through the art of music making. We are committed to maintaining an environment where all musicians feel respected and comfortable to participate in our community.

We recognize that classical music spaces have historically not included others based on their race, gender identity, sexual orientation and identity, socio-economic division, religion, and disability, and as a result, we support full efforts of inclusion. We encourage the highest standards for artistic quality and creative expression, while instituting and supporting policies and practices that foster and promote knowledge, respect, and understanding of all cultures, historical and global. Furthermore, we seek to acknowledge *Native American culture, honoring the land upon which we live.¹ We seek to spread these principles throughout our students, staff, faculty, guest artists, audiences, and programming.

*Native American Land Acknowledgment on Long Island:

<https://www.cooperationli.org/documents/land-acknowledgement>

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