

# Out of Silence

The  
**LOTUS**  
Project

## 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT



Artwork by Tamara Torres  
"Silent Enough to Listen to Fragments of Your Soul"  
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## ABOUT US

We are The LOTUS  
Project.

**Musicians. Audiences.  
Artists. Humans.  
Stories.**

We believe that a true, honest,  
artistic encounter can serve as a  
doorway to transformation. That's  
our vision - to transform ourselves  
- and ultimately, our culture - for  
the better with powerful  
encounters with each other  
through the arts.

Our mission is to craft immersive  
musical experiences in which we  
can encounter the world with new  
eyes and a renewed sense of  
wonder.

## VALUES

We believe in the art ...

### ... OF ENCOUNTER

We value the strength of intimacy  
and exchange of vulnerability in  
sharing stories, discovering new (or  
forgotten) corners of the world,  
through bold, challenging, beautiful  
moments.

### ... OF RENEWAL

Stories of delight, wonder, the  
unexpected, and the shock of  
injustice illuminate our shared  
heritage and awaken the spirit.

### ... OF BECOMING

We value the power of the word "yet."  
To be human is to change, grow, and  
become.



# A NOTE FROM OUR ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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Hello there!

You're here because you know that beauty transforms people. And because of you, transformation wove around our community in a colorful tapestry of connections and threads among our artists and audiences. This booklet is not only our story, but yours.

Because of your support (yes, YOU) - in generosity, sharing our events, cheering us on, giving us a chance - so many lives were touched. Musicians and artists were able to move forward from years of silence. Community members heard and experienced music and art that they otherwise would not have. Children in Ukraine were given resources to continue dreaming of a future beyond war and fear.

To all of our musicians, volunteers, and supporters (both from a distance and nearby), we can't thank you enough for joining us. We are forever grateful. **I** am forever grateful.

Yours,



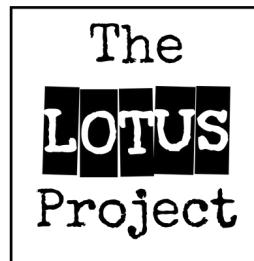
Alicia N. Brozovich  
Artistic Director

Listen to our  
first concert



need for joy; I needed to find joy! ... I found peace... I kept going  
for fear of never beginning again... I stayed courageous for fear of  
strong, directed, supportive, sympathetic, resilient, ent,  
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# 2021-2022 LEADERSHIP



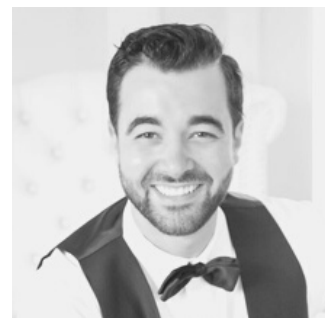
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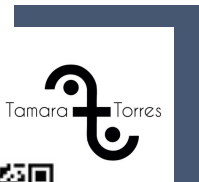
**Tamara Torres**

Artist-In-Residence



# ARTISTIC PARTNERSHIPS

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## **Tamara Torres** **Artist-In-Residence**

Tamara Torres is an interdisciplinary Afro-Caribbean feminist artist, community activist, and mother based in Trenton, New Jersey. Torres's artistic work is varied and presented in multiple mediums such as collaged narrative, mindscape abstract paintings, and performance. Her art and praxis are directly tied to her own family and experience, addressing advocacy for women's rights, racial equity, the stigma of mental illness, among other topics.



## **James R. Halsey Foundation for The Arts** **Community Partner**

The James R. Halsey Foundation of the Arts, in partnership with the community, enriches the quality of life for youth (ages 14 to 20) by providing a safe and educational environment where participants are inspired and encouraged toward a better future. This initiative is accomplished by fostering an interest in the creative process - while guiding participants/students through that process as it relates to the art of filmmaking, and by providing life-skills training that promotes success in business and the arts.



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# SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

## HUMANS



400+ Audience Members  
72 Musicians  
20 Volunteers  
3 Visual Artists  
2 Living Composers  
2 Composition Premieres

Tamara Torres,  
Artist-In-Residence,  
sold three original  
paintings through her  
relationship with The  
LOTUS Project

2021-2022

## VENUES



Artworks Trenton, Trenton, NJ  
St. Mary Byzantine Church, Trenton, NJ  
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Trenton, NJ  
St. Dominic's Church, Brick, NJ  
Bristol Chapel, Princeton, NJ  
James R. Halsey Foundation for The Arts

## COMMUNITY



5 Live Concerts  
4 Local Venues  
3 Collaborative Partners

- James R. Halsey Foundation for The Arts
- Capital Philharmonic of New Jersey
- Westminster Community Chorus

## GENEROSITY



175+ Individual Donors  
10 Corporate Partners  
Nearly \$40,000 Raised  
35% of Income Donated to Partners\*

\*In 2021-2022 The LOTUS Project donated concert proceeds  
to James R. Halsey Foundation for the Arts and children in Ukraine







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## KEEPING VIGIL

*'Keeping Vigil' (2022) by Tamara Torres, available for collection now. 5x4' Acrylic and oil stick on canvas. 30% of proceeds will be dedicated to The LOTUS Project.*



"These last couple of years,

...we as a community had to lean on each other for love, patience, and light. The painting "Keeping Vigil" is a reminder that in the course of our struggles there is a beautiful light at the end. Together we create change, we forgive, we become one.

I've met some incredible people who have had an interest in my artwork. People who I've might not ever come across mainly because we travel in different circles. It has been a pleasure feeling incorporated through out the projects The Lotus Project has done; meeting new people and sharing my artwork to a different audience.

As an artist, when you collaborate with organizations, there is always a slight worry your artwork or message will get lost. However, working with The Lotus Project has allowed me freedom in the creative process and introduced me to a whole new genre that I never imagined my work to be a part of. During the pandemic and stresses of 2020, the inspired artwork emphasized that there is always light even in the dark moments."

-Tamara





# O VOS OMNES

## A CONCERT TO BENEFIT UKRAINE

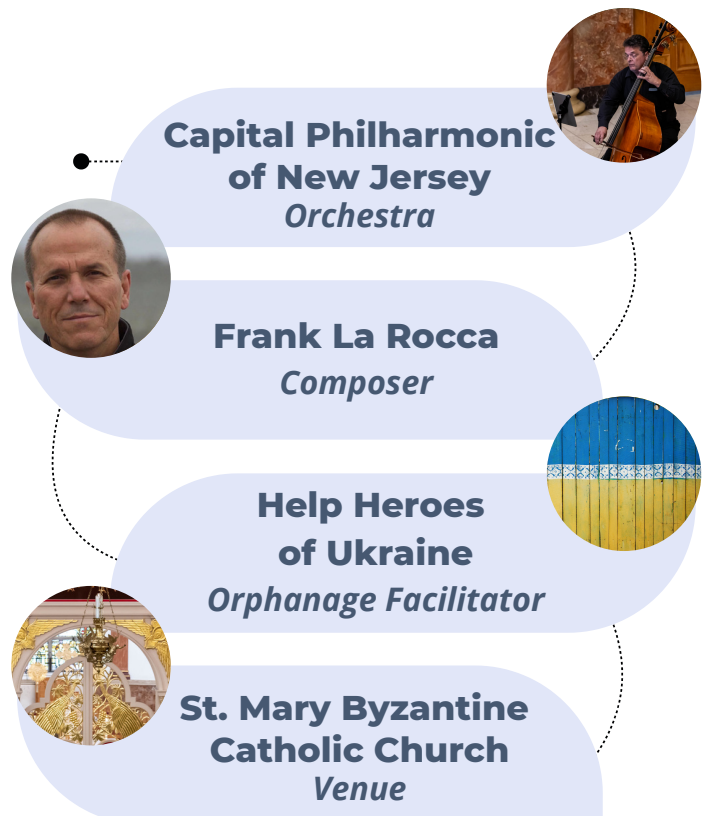


Listen to  
the music

The LOTUS Project and Capital Philharmonic of New Jersey hosted a benefit concert in July 2022. Over \$12,000 was raised for an orphanage in Ukraine unable to evacuate the devastating circumstances there. Selections include Ukrainian art and folksongs and a variety of smaller pieces for string instruments and voices. The centerpiece of the concert is the "Requiem for the Homeless" by living composer, Frank La Rocca, who inserts a setting of "O Vos Omnes" at the end of the traditional Requiem mass structure. La Rocca donated the scores due to his personal connection with Trenton and Ukraine. This was the East Coast premiere of the piece.



"My grandparents came to Trenton in 1918 from Ukraine to escape the Bolsheviks. They lived and worked among other Ukrainian and Polish immigrants. Stepan and Anna Siminowicz were good, simple people who loved their adopted country, but remained immersed in their native tongue and customs within their Ukrainian-Polish enclave in Trenton." - Frank La Rocca





# Season Donors

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Proceeds  
from the July concert to  
benefit Ukraine were sent  
to an orphanage unable to  
evacuate. Our deepest  
gratitude to the  
volunteers, musicians,  
and donors for their  
generosity.

\$12,000+  
raised for  
Ukraine

## Thank You For Your Generosity

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of  
this list. For corrections, please contact  
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Alicia Jenks	Ginger Nelson
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Catherine Katona	Claudia Parris
Virginia Kerr	Pauline Perkins
James Kinzel	Nick and Jen Petrillo
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Nadia Kirzecky	Lawrence and Bernadette Pietras
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# Musicians

## Core Singers

Michael Thaddius Banks  
Margaret Bergmark-Williams  
Alicia Brozovich  
Aaron Cafaro  
Ari Carrillo  
Peter Carter  
Roy DeMarco  
David Falatok  
Megan Page Gallagher  
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Andrew Maggio  
Colton Martin  
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Peter Schertz  
Kamala Cafaro  
James Splond  
Jessica Stanislawczyk  
DeSaun Stewart  
Joslyn Thomas  
Josh Wilson

## Westminster Community Chorus

Brielle Cordingley  
Kristina Bobo  
Percy Brown  
Francesca Consoli  
John Cook, Jr.  
Marcia Feldheim  
Nardelly Ferrara  
Mary Giovannoli  
Shirley Hailstock  
Verlee 'Dee' Harris  
Georg Huellstrunk  
Anne Hoppenot  
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Janet Shaw  
Matt Smith  
Sylvia Stengle  
John Teague  
RuthMarie Thomas  
Stephanie Thomas  
Bill VanZandt  
Teddy Zhou

## Instrumentalists

Madeline Cabano, violin  
Cheryl Cunningham, harp  
John Enz, cello  
Nick Gatto, oboe  
Russell Hoffman, violin  
Dan Kujala, cello  
Colton Martin, organ  
Steve Mejias, viola  
Bob Peterson, double bass  
Jody Rajesh, violin  
Roy Richardson, saxophone  
Marjorie Selden, viola  
Stephanie Sussmeier, harp  
Ingrid Tang, violin  
Josh Wilson, piano; percussion

## Corporate Partners

1100 Dental  
Altenburg Piano House  
Elks of Bordentown: Lodge 2085  
ETS Cares  
Healthy Living Acupuncture  
Knott's Colonial Funeral Home  
LMT Mercer Group  
Switlik Parachute Co.  
The Plowman Stained Glass  
Front Row Seat Productions, LLC  
Wright Brother's Real Estate

## Special Thanks

Alice Brown  
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Dawana Richardson  
Alex Underwood





Alicia Brozovich,  
Artistic Director

# Fields of Light

2022-2023 Season

Kile Smith:

# Consolation of Apollo

A multimedia concert under the stars

Saturday, 12.03.22 at 7:00pm



Inspiration. On display.  
Performance co-sponsored by

New Jersey State Museum: Planetarium  
205 W State Street, Trenton NJ  
Free parking adjacent to The Museum

Suggested Donation: \$25  
Scan the QR code to RSVP

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Our mission is to craft immersive musical experiences in which we can encounter the world with new eyes and a renewed sense of wonder. We do this through: Immersive concerts in non-traditional performance venues; Compelling stories about our shared human experience; Highlighting historically excluded voices; Humanitarian partnerships that engage with and elevate the local community. Our ultimate vision for The LOTUS Project is to develop a thriving summer arts festival together with the numerous artistic organizations in the Capital City.