ROCKPORT MUSIC
ROCKPORT CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL PREMIERES

August 14, 2021
EAST COAST PREMIERE: Home, for string quartet (2019) by Kevin Puts
Miró Quartet
(co-commissioned by Rockport Music)

June 20, 2019
US PREMIERE
Sonata Posthume, Op. 27, No. 7 (no. 6bis) by Eugene Ysaÿe
Discovered, completed and performed by Philippe Graffin

June 9, 2016
WORLD PREMIERE: The Worlds Evolve by Elena Ruehr
Borromeo Quartet | Donald Berman, piano

July 12, 2015
MASSACHUSETTS PREMIERE: Misericordia for flute and strings by Yuko Uebayashi
Carol Wincenc, flute | Escher Quartet

June 13, 2015
US PREMIERE: The Seafarer—for voice and piano trio by Sally Beamish
Boston Trio | William Hausman, narrator

US PREMIERE: La Mer by Claude Debussy/Sally Beamish
Boston Trio

July 6, 2014
WORLD PREMIERE: Kalushar for solo marimba by Serban Nichifor
Mika Yoshida Stoltzman, marimba

US PREMIERE: Crescent Moon, Let me Love You by Matthew Tommasini
Richard Stoltzman, clarinet | Mika Yoshida Stoltzman, marimba

June 30, 2012
MASSACHUSETTS PREMIERE: Orizzante by Missy Mazzoli
Bruce Brubacker, piano
July 16, 2011
WORLD PREMIERE: Weekend Traveler by David Cutler
New Century Saxophone Quartet

June 9, 2011
WORLD PREMIERE: Song Without Words by David Alpher
In Memory of Founder Lila Deis
David Alpher, piano | Anne Akiko Myers, violin | Andres Diaz, cello | Margaret Dyer, viola

June 10, 2010
WORLD PREMIERE: Piano Trio No. 4 Granite Coast by Scott Wheeler
Borromeo String Quartet | Paula Robison, flute | John Ferrillo, oboe
William and Catherine Hudgins, clarinets | Richard Svoboda, bassoon | Eric Ruske & Laura Carter, horns | Bayla Keyes, violin | Michael Reynolds, cello | Edwin Barker, bass

June 14, 2008
WORLD PREMIERE: Quartet No. 3 by Charles Shadle
Commissioned by Rockport Chamber Music Festival
Daedalus String Quartet

June 6, 2008
WORLD PREMIERE: Piano Quintet No. 2 by Charles Wuorinen
Peter Serkin, piano | Brentano String Quartet

June 18, 2006
WORLD PREMIERE: Abu Ghraib for Cello and Piano by John Harbison
Rhonda Rider, cello | David Deveau, piano
Commissioned by Rockport Chamber Music Festival

June 9, 2006
WORLD PREMIERE: Revolutionary Etudes by David Lang
New Century Saxophone Quartet
Commissioned by Rockport Chamber Music Festival

June 30, 2001
WORLD PREMIERE: Quodlibet by Gunther Schuller
Peggy Pearson, oboe | Thomas Haunton, French horn | Joanna Kurkowicz, violin | Rhonda Rider, cello | Ann Hobson Pilot, harp
June 23, 2001
WORLD PREMIERE: String Quartet by Elena Ruehr
Borromeo String Quartet

June 7, 2001
Opening Night: 20th Anniversary Season Tribute to RCMF Founders
WORLD PREMIERE: Songs on the Passage of Time by David Alpher
David Alpher, composer-pianist | Lila Deis, soprano | Renée Jolles, violin | Anthony Cecere, French horn | Jonathan Spitz, cello

June 30, 2000
WORLD PREMIERE: Elena Ruehr’s Song of the Silkie
Shanghai String Quartet | Stephen Salters, baritone

June 13, 1993
WORLD PREMIERE: Cinc Dibulxos Animats [5 Cartoons] by Carlos Arroyo
Manhattan String Quartet | Arthur Brooks, French horn

June 26, 1992
WORLD PREMIERE: Brahmanirvana by Joseph Packales
Figaro Trio | Lark Quartet

June 14, 1991
WORLD PREMIERE: Deep Ellum: Three Sketches for clarinet and piano
Jonathan Cohler, clarinet | Simon Sargon, piano/composer

June 13, 1991
MASSACHUSETTS PREMIERE: Blackberry Trio by David Alpher
Fidelio

June 9, 1991
WORLD PREMIERE: Out Side Time: Cape Ann by David Alpher
Eric Lewis, violin | Judith Glyde, cello | David Alpher, piano/composer

June 21, 1990
WORLD PREMIERE: Jabberwocky by Robert J. Lurtsema
Robert J. Lurtsema, narrator | Linda Comparone, flute | Misha Amory, viola | Elizabeth Anderson, cello | David Alpher, piano
June 10, 1990
Celebrating Rockport Sesquicentennial
MASSACHUSETTS PREMIERE: Shemá by Simon Sargon
Lila Deis, soprano | Virginia Sindelar, flute | Jonathan Cohler, clarinet | David Premo, cello | Tatyana Dudochkin, piano
WORLD PREMIERE: Returnings for harp and piano by David Alpher
Cynthia Price-Glynn, harp | David Alpher, piano

June 11, 1989
WORLD PREMIERE: The Walrus and the Carpenter by David Alpher
(Poem by Lewis Carroll)
Robert J. Lurtsena, narrator | Peggy Schecter, flute | Robert Dan, viola | David Alpher, piano

June 18, 1988
WORLD PREMIERE: Kerouac by David Alpher
Vincent Ferrini, narrator | Lila Deis, soprano | Peggy Schecter, alto flute | Bonnie Thron, cello | David Alpher, piano

June 27, 1987
WORLD PREMIERE: String Quartet in Syzygy by David Alpher
Manhattan String Quartet

June 18, 1987
NEW ENGLAND PREMIERE: Federico’s Little Songs for Children by George Crumb
Jubal Trio | Trio Dell’Arte

June 14, 1987
WORLD PREMIERE: Serenata for two violins and piano by Enrique Granados
David Langer, violin | Robert Zubrycki, violin | Douglas Riva, piano
US PREMIERE: Four Songs by Joaquin Nin
Lila Deis, soprano | Douglas Riva, piano | Ravel String Quartet

June 14, 1986
WORLD PREMIERE: Transformations by David Alpher
(Poems by Virginia Milchun-Hardman)
Lila Deis, soprano | Betty Hauck, viola | David Alpher, piano
June 15, 1985
WORLD PREMIERE: Antoniobaloneyo by David Alpher
David Alpher, piano

June 8, 1985
WORLD PREMIERE: The Jig is Up by Gary M. Schneider
Sue Ann Kahn, flute | Eliot Chapo, violin | Daniel Rothmuller, cello | Susan Jolles, harp | Gary M. Schneider, piano

June 4, 1983
RCMF’S FIRST WORLD PREMIERE: David Alpher’s Trio for flute, violin & horn
Randy Bowman, flute | Eric Lewis, violin | Pamela Paikin, horn