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Flint Jewish Federation announces
“The 9th Humanity in Harmony Music Festival-Daniel Pearl World Music Days”
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Where: Masterclass-Mott Community College
Music Around Town- MacArthur Recital Hall-FIM

Dates: Masterclass - Thursday October 21st , 2021 4 p.m.
Music Around Town Series Thursday October 21st 7p.m.

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The Flint Jewish Federation is pleased to announce the **9th Humanity in Harmony Music Festival-Daniel Pearl World Music Days**.

The program has had three parts, over the years. A concert, recognition of a Daniel World Music Days Journalist in Residence and, in cooperation with the Flint Institute of Music's Music Around Town Series a free concert and masterclass with world class musicians.

Daniel Pearl was a journalist; a reporter for the Wall Street Journal who was killed in Pakistan in 2002 while reporting on the unrest in that part of the world. Daniel Pearl was an accomplished violinist and that is why his family chose to remember their son for what he loved, not how he died, establishing the Daniel Pearl World Music Days. Daniel Pearl World Music days have been presented in over 120 countries in the last two decades plus. Humanity in Harmony is the only Daniel Pearl World Music Days event in Michigan.

The Humanity in Harmony Music Festival's goal is to remember Daniel Pearl, share his love for music, and remind everyone that despite our differences we can all harmonize. When words fail music can be a bridge that unites us across cultures, nationalities, religion, age, race, sex and gender identity. While our music festival and essay award event may not be able to be presented this year, due to the pandemic, we will move forward with two free programs for musicians and music lovers in our community.

On Thursday October 21 at 4 pm the Flint Jewish Federation will present a free **Masterclass** on the art of Jazz piano featuring New York City pianists Steve Ash and Kate Cosco, on the campus of Mott Community College.

Steve Ash is the ultimate sideman who has been featured with jazz stars like, Frank Wess, Jon Hendricks, Kurt Elling and Jimmy Cobb at New York Jazz Clubs such as: The Blue Note, Village Vanguard, Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola, Birdland and Smoke Jazz and Supper Club.

Kate Cosco, a talented New York City jazz pianist plays everything from jazz to pop. She has performed with big stars like; the world famous Four Tops, Smokey Robinson, Frankie Valli, The Temptations, Ben E. King and Billy Eckstein.

This **masterclass** is an opportunity for local music students to work, personally, with two of the finest musicians in the world, for free, but you have to **register at ashleymusser@flintfed.org**.

That evening, at 7p.m, on Thursday October 21, as part of the “**Music Around Town Series**” Steve Ash and Kate Cosco will present a free concert at the Flint Institute of Music's MacArthur Recital Hall. After the show you will meet and greet Mr. Ash and Ms. Cosco in the Anderson Room at the FIM.

The Ninth Humanity in Harmony Music Festival may be a little smaller than in the past, with no Saturday concert, but the music will continue reminding us that people everywhere make music, we just make harmony in different ways.

To register for the concert or for more information contact the Flint Jewish Federation (810) 767-5922 or email ashleymusser@flintfed.org.

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