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CONVERSATIONS WITH... Intimate & Stimulating Conversations about Music & Ideas

Sunday, November 10 @ 3 PM | Seven Hills Inn, Lenox, MA

Three Gentlemen of Vienna—Beethoven, Schubert and Mahler

Melinda Haas

Music speaks the language of the irrational, and it serves, as Freud so insightfully found, be intellectualized or rationally explained. Musician and analyst, Melinda Haas is ideally suited to explore the interface between music and psyche. In her research, she has focused on the "inner offer": displacement, isolation and outsider status as a rite of passage that accompanies the creative act. Seven through the prism of Jungian analysis, with Vienna as the built-background for all of these three of musical giants, she takes special note of their late music, Beethoven, Schubert and Mahler—each composer juxtaposes drama and joy, suffering and elation in their end-of-life oeuvres, endowing posterity with transcendent beauty. Haas will share highlights of a paper she recently presented at the 2019 Conference of the International Association of Analytical Psychology Congress. Before becoming a Jungian Analyst, Melinda Haas was accompanist for the Graham and Limon Dance Companies. Seven Hills Inn is one of the first grand Berkshire cottages, whose frequent guests included Leonard Bernstein, Beverly Sills, Seiji Ozawa, and Dave Brubeck.

$20 includes light refreshment

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Sunday, December 13 | 3 PM | Mahalia Jackson Theater
Great Strings
THE BORROMEO QUARTET

Sunday, December 13 | 3 PM | Mahalia Jackson Theater
Grand Piano Trios—Schubert and Brahms

Sunday, December 13 | 6 PM | Mahalia Jackson Theater

The French Connection—Saint-Saëns, De彪usi, Cae’re

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A happy moment of the evening was when the audience was treated to the performance of Schubert's Trio in B flat Major and Schubert's Trio in E flat Major. The musicians, led by Yehuda Hanani, displayed a remarkable level of creativity and craftsmanship in their performance.

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