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**“Music No Boundaries: Midcoast Maine”**

**September 13-18, 2017**

TOUR INFORMATION: [www.musichaul.org](http://www.musichaul.org)

GALLERY: <https://www.yellowbarn.org/musichaul>

From Southeastern Vermont to the boroughs of New York City to Midcoast Maine, Yellow Barn Music Haul is bringing chamber music to playgrounds, fields, and street corners from Damariscotta to Belfast.

The first traveling concert venue of its kind, Yellow Barn Music Haul is the brainchild of Yellow Barn, a professional training and performance center based in Putney, Vermont. Twice awarded the Award for Adventurous Programming by Chamber Music America, Yellow Barn generates a troupe of faculty, alumni, and ensembles across the United States and abroad.

With Music Haul, Yellow Barn’s musicians bring the national program *Music No Boundaries* to people in all neighborhoods, regardless of their experience with or knowledge of music.

“Beyond fact or fiction, music is one artist’s truth. The wonder is that when we listen, that truth, just a moment ago unimagined, becomes our own and deepens what we know of ourselves,” says Artistic Director Seth Knopp. “Yellow Barn Music Haul realizes music’s fundamental purpose, and inherent ability, to communicate in ways that defy definition and move us without explanation.”

Traveling with Yellow Barn Music Haul this month are the Naumburg Award-winning Telegraph Quartet, string quartet-in-residence at San Francisco Conservatory; percussionist Greg Beyer, Head of Percussion Studies at Northern Illinois University and Fulbright Scholar in Belo Horizonte, Brazil; and pianist Seth Knopp, Artistic Director of Yellow Barn since 1998 and member of the piano and chamber music faculties at the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University.

Through *Music No Boundaries: Midcoast Maine* Yellow Barn is partnering with five area schools (St. George School, South Elementary School, Gilford Butler/Owl’s Head School, Edna Drinkwater School, and Lincoln Academy), as well as the Coastal Maine Reentry Program, Damariscotta-Newcastle ArtWalk, and the Farnsworth Museum.

“Like all street performers, Music Haul and her musicians make the most of an environment conducive to personal conversation, musical and otherwise, that happens on common ground,” says Executive Director Catherine Stephan. “By giving people the shared experience of listening to chamber music on a street corner, Music Haul opens up the unique possibilities of what music can do to unite us.”

***Special Event:***

*Yellow Barn Music Haul invites the Damariscotta-Newcastle community to a free concert at the Bremen Town Center on Saturday, September 16 from 2-3pm. The performance is presented in celebration of the Bremen Library, and there will be a post-concert reception with Yellow Barn Music Haul and the artists. (Rain Location: Bremen Fire House)*