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**NEXT CONCERT**  
**Jazz in the Mountains, August 17**  
**Two Legendary Pianists**  
**Two Grand Pianos**  
**One Legendary Location**



## **One of the finest and most empathetic piano duos in jazz history.**

Grammy-award-winning jazz pianist, Bill Charlap and Downbeat-celebrated Renee Rosnes will perform a sparkling set of four-hand piano duets - on two grand pianos. They bring to this concert remarkable personal stories and an uncommon connection in music, as well as in life.

Over her storied career Renee has established a reputation of the highest regard, touring and recording with such masters as Joe Henderson, Wayne Shorter, Bobby Hutcherson, JJ Johnson, Buster Williams and James Moody. She was the pianist for the Carnegie Hall Jazz Orchestra and a founding member of the all-star ensemble, the SFJAZZ Collective, with whom she toured and recorded for six years. She is also a 14-year member of NEA Jazz Master Ron Carter's Foursight Quartet and plays with the award-winning all-female Artemis jazz ensemble.

Bill grew up surrounded by music, influenced by his father, Moose Charlap, the composer for Peter Pan and his mother, Sandy Stewart, who toured with Benny Goodman and sang on the Grammy winning album, "My coloring book." No surprise that his love for the piano put him early on into collaborations with many of the leading artists of our time including: Wynton Marsalis, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Ron Carter, Phil Woods, Gerry Mulligan and Tony Bennett.

Renee Rosnes describes the uniqueness of two piano jazz duo:

*"It's finding a way to have a dance together where the whole becomes greater than its parts. In short, it's all about listening and supporting the music in real time. We orchestrate together, which basically means that we're just looking to make the overall sound, the orchestra of the two pianos speak to the audience, fulfill the melody and the harmony and the rhythm, and just make the flower blossom as we're playing. So, it's not different than having an actual verbal conversation with somebody."*

Come hear it for yourself.  
Gather friends and get tickets to insure your seats.

Tickets [now available.](#)

## Two Steinway Grand Pianos in Ensemble

For this concert, we're taking the lids off the two Steinway Grand pianos that will travel up the mountain from Reno Steinway. Facing each other, Renee and Bill will use the two pianos to engage in musical conversations, improvising on themes and forms as they traverse many of the couple's musical touchstones in jazz. Their music flows with the casual and organic quality of musicians with an uncommon simpatico, in life as well as in art. Piano conversations.



## The Rich History of Granlibakken Resort in Tahoe City

Nestled in a Lake Tahoe mountain valley, surrounded by towering incense cedars and pines, Granlibakken Tahoe is a 74-acre resort with classic alpine ambiance where teams, families, adventurers, and serenity seekers can work, play, connect, and celebrate with intention.



It's where people once came by horse-drawn sleighs to hand-hewn cabins to commune with nature and one another. The adventuresome came to traverse cross-country trails. And those seeking greatness came to soar off the ski jump where national champions would be crowned and Olympic athletes would be named.

This rich legacy is a backdrop for the August 17 concert.

**STAY OVERNIGHT:** Visitors to Tahoe for this concert can book Granlibakken accommodations at reduced rates for room and breakfast, for stays between 08/14/2025 and 08/24/2025

Use the promo code **MUSIC** at [this website](#).

[Reserve Your Seats. Come with friends .](#)

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This concert is made possible with a grant from the North Tahoe Community Alliance - TBID Dollars at Work, an initiative that exemplifies community collaboration.

This event reflects the program's mission by promoting community vitality, championing environmental stewardship, and bolstering our region's economic health.

Your participation means more than just attending – it's supporting a cause and rallying behind our local businesses. Dive deeper into TOT-TBID Dollars At Work and the North Tahoe Chamber at [northtahoechamber.com](http://northtahoechamber.com).



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## TMA's Impact Grows

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### Musical Dialogues - Outreach to Tahoe Community

Tahoe Music Alive has a deep commitment to community outreach. We ask each performing musician or ensemble to engage with the Tahoe community to expand the reach of our world-class musicians beyond the concert hall and directly into the schools and community spaces of North Lake Tahoe, in school visits and/or community master classes, to support education and youth development:

#### Education

TMA's youth outreach addresses an urgent need in North Tahoe schools, where music education is often underfunded and exposure to professional musicians is rare. Through partnerships with local schools and educators, TMA brings inspiring, curriculum-integrated programming directly into classrooms. These engagements deepen musical literacy, develop core academic skills, and support STEAM learning objectives.

#### Youth Development

Musical interaction builds confidence, discipline, communication skills, and resilience. For students in an era marked by social isolation and uncertainty, these experiences can be transformative. Positive connections with peers and enhanced mental well-being flow from the experience of playing music together. Exposure to high-level artistry models excellence and provides real-life pathways toward creative careers.

These outreach events are designed to:

- Inspire youth appreciation and creativity.
- Demonstrate how music can be a pleasure, a passion or a career.
- Promote mental well-being and positive social connection.
- Support academic and STEAM development through musical learning.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Mark your calendar for these Tahoe Music Alive chamber and jazz music concerts.  
Purchase tickets to ensure seating in these limited-capacity venues.

August 17, **Bill Charlap and Renee Rosnes** - jazz piano  
Supported by NTCA-TBID grant  
Granlibakken Resort, 7-9PM

September 13: **Haruka Fujii with the Musubi Trio** - Marimba, Flute, Violin, Percussion  
Supported by NTCA-TBID grant

October 10: **Yamazalde Trio** - Violin, Cello, Piano

Supported by Charlene and Dan Simmons

Olympic Valley Chapel, Olympic Valley, CA, 4-6PM

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## YOU ARE THE REASON FOR OUR SUCCESS!

Thank you for your support and your attendance! Together we are building community with music in greater North Tahoe!

Please continue to support Tahoe Music Alive!  
Bring your friends and family.



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**Donate to Support the 2025 Series and Beyond**

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## Perspectives from Tahoe Music Alive



**Ana Alves, TMA Director**

*As someone who grew up in a small town with limited access to the arts, I know firsthand how transformative live music can be. Joining the Tahoe Music Alive board is deeply personal for me; it's a way to give back to a community I care about and to help create meaningful cultural experiences that uplift and connect people. Music opens hearts, sparks imagination, and builds bridges across generations and backgrounds. I believe Tahoe deserves that magic, not just as a tourist destination, but as a vibrant year-round community. I hope to contribute my energy, ideas, and passion to help TMA grow its reach, deepen its roots*



## Join Friends of Tahoe Music Alive

Whether it's a greeting at the door, finding your reservation, or hosting the refreshments at intermission, Friends and Volunteers serve as TMA ambassadors to keep things flowing.

We love Friends of Tahoe Music Alive!

You, too, can be a part of this community. We're soliciting and accepting new Friends, Volunteers and Board Members. [Let us know](#) you'd like to help.

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## Thank you, TMA Advisors and Board

Tahoe Music Alive's Board and Advisors are dedicated to providing extraordinary listening experiences by world-class chamber musicians in intimate North Tahoe spaces.

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