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## Land's End music fest offers a taste of the international

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About to launch into its fifth season, Music at Land's End brings an international network of musicians to the South Coast both to make great music, and to benefit the local community that helped them get started.

"Our first priority is quality — maybe that sounds obvious," says violinist and MLE founder Ariadne Daskalakis. "We want to make a joyful experience for our audience."

The festival begins July 23 at the Marion Music Hall, and continues through two weekends with performances in Wareham and in New Bedford. Proceeds benefit various non-profits — Wareham's Church of the Good Shepherd food pantry, the Wareham Free Library, and the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra's education programs — that have helped Daskalakis grow the festival dramatically in just five seasons.

"We started in 2012 in Wareham," she says, "and added concerts in Marion in 2014. This year we'll play in the Whaling Museum. So we wanted to donate proceeds to those organizations that have helped us.

"We may only get modest proceeds at the door, but we like the circular idea of giving back to everyone. It was my dream to create a festival in Wareham."

Daskalakis has given people good reason to support that dream. She lives in Germany now, but grew up in Boston and in Wareham. She's studied at Juilliard, Harvard and the Hochschule der Künste Berlin. She serves now as a professor in Köln, and artistic director not only here at MLE but also at a similar festival in Multepulciano, Italy.

Along the way she's made numerous professional connections, and audiences on the South Coast have benefited from them. Performers this year include violinist Nina Tichman and cellist Xenia Jankovic. "It's very important for me to bring Xenia here. She's a special cellist, and I think highly of her playing. She's Serbian, but lives now in Eastern Europe and directs a wonderful festival in Ernen, Switzerland."

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Daskalakis's programming this year has traditional chamber choices — the opening concert features music of Mozart, Schubert and Gideon Klein — but also non-traditional choices, like the July 24th program that includes arrangements of Beatles' songs interspersed with Ives and Brahms.

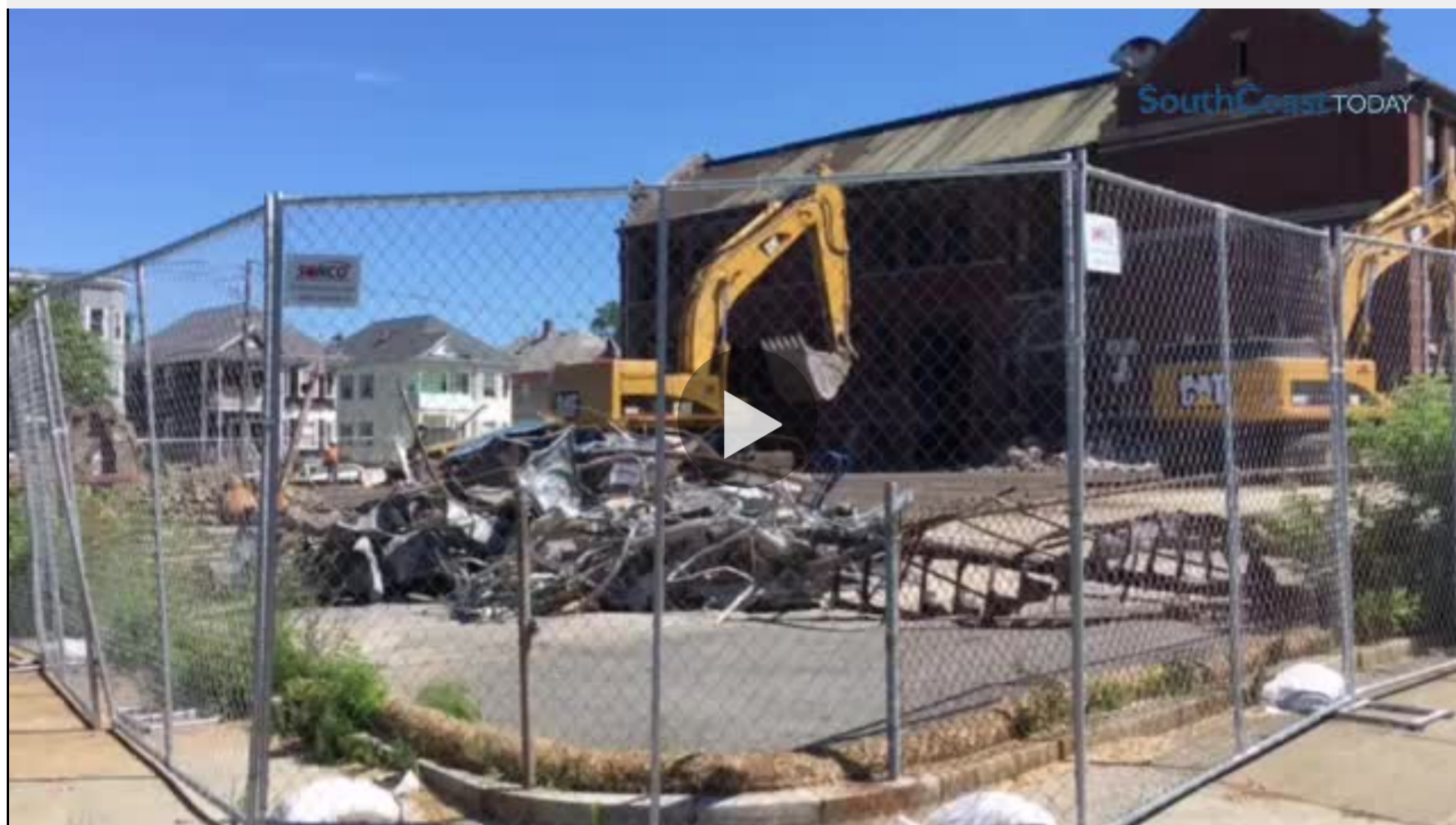
Daskalakis's husband, Sebastian Gottschick, made the arrangements of the contemporary works, and performs here on violin and viola.

"All great music can live together," she says. "There is a real complexity in the Beatles music, and they used many classical elements."

Growing a festival to new venues almost every season shows progress, but can also be risky business if the audience doesn't grow as well. "I'm just trying to take it one step at a time," Daskalakis says. "I want it to be organic, and not just implant something and risk disrupting the community.

"So far, the audiences have overlapped from venue to venue, but there's a geographic split too. We want our audience to include people who know us, but people who are not familiar as well."

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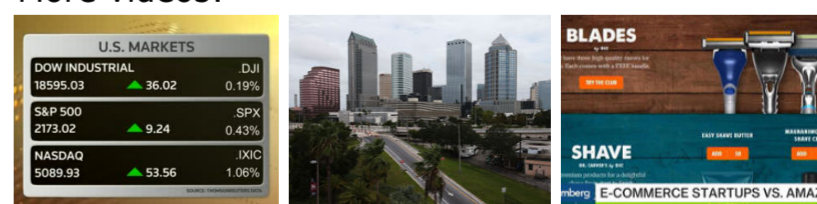


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