

# 2016

## December

PSI Women's 12/2016

Survey comments:

"Hi music loves, it was very lovely, some of the music my dad always played in the UK. Music lovers are lovers! (Pro singer) Keep it up!"

"Happy new year! Great. Thank all of you. Music is very nice, harmonize. Trio so professional, friendly, kind, generous."

"Thank you!"

Lowell Transitional Living Center 12/2016

Survey comments:

"Great job to everybody who performed."

"Very inspirational."

Lifebridge 12/2016

Survey comments:

"Sheepish request: I do not believe in censorship. However: any chance you would simply lose the third verse of Joy to the World? How Christmas-y is "for as the curse be found"?"

Dimock 12/2016

Survey comments:

"I play flute, saxophone, clarinet, and some piano, and it was wonderful to hear you all. Much obliged & appreciated, thank you."

Caspar 12/2016

Survey comments:

"The concert was very good and I have seen them before, they are very talented."

"Thank you!"

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## November

Dimock 11/2016

Survey comments:

"Really enjoyed your playing. Thank you!"

"You guys were amazing!"

Lifebridge 11/2016

Survey comments:

"Thank you for traveling so far to bring so much joy to folks who need joy and uplifting a LOT. 'Until someone lots like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing's going to get better, it's not,' -Dr. Seuss"

"Thank you! I love it all. I feel so uplifted and transcended. Thank you!"

"Thank you for coming!"

"Great job!"

"It was marvelous!"

"God bless you!"

"I am very grateful for the fact you took time to come play and see us."

"After the concert, I had mixed emotions, but felt better."

PSI Women's 11/2016

Survey comments:

"Enjoyed Porter and Gershwin especially. I know at some point I had asked someone about some Jerome Kern, that would be nice. It was a welcome break from thinking about the election."

"Happy happy"

"Loved it!"

"Enjoyed the variety of sounds."

Shattuck 11/2016

Survey comments:

"Thank you for coming to the Shattuck Shelter, we enjoy the company along with the activities."

"Wish they would come more."

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## September

Dimock 9/2016

Survey comments:

"This was my first time. I really enjoy it very much."

"Very nice. Good work."

"Amazing!!"

"Amazing music, singers"

"Thanks for giving your time and skills to help others; you inspire me!"

"Thank you for coming!"

"Beautiful pieces and amazing singers"

"Music was very relaxing and beautiful."

"It was my pleasure to be at the concert tonight. Especially live singers, I was very excited and appreciated the opportunity. Thanks."

"You guys were great! Keep up the good work."

Lifebridge 9/2016

Survey comments:

"Thank you very much. Well done."

"Loved the way Release touched honestly the darkness of her inner journey BUT then concluded with the writer touching how she had let the musicians in, the power of the outreach "And I am eternally grateful to these beautiful, talented women..." Oh my goodness what a marvelous finale. Thank you so much for being here again!"

"I really like the piece by Hildegard von Bingen. I'd love to hear more Latin music."

"Playing some Mozart would be cool."

"I enjoyed it."

"I liked the learning between the audience & artists"

"Request: The Butterfly"

PSI Women's Inn 9/2016

Survey comments:

"So I was in a very anxious mood before you came because I don't have a bed to sleep in tonight (the shelter ran out of beds). After listening to you, I felt everything would be okay. Thank you!"

"It was emotionally delightful!"

"A welcome break from our daily routine. I'm glad there was an attentive and appreciative audience. We never know when you are coming, which is irksome but also makes it a nice surprise."

"I felt it to be an uplifting experience. All of you were wonderful."

"I really enjoyed the concert of music. I didn't ever enjoy music as much as tonight. Thank you for bringing a smile to so many people."

"Thank you for coming, I loved the whole thing. I loved Charlie is My Darling, it took me back to when Prince Charles was growing up. A big thank you!"

"Include contemporary classics!"

"God is good."

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## August

Caspar, 8/2016

Survey comments:

"I enjoyed it very much, please come again."

Dimock, 8/2016

Survey comments:

"It was very interesting. It made me feel it was live in concert, the body language was very beautiful. Really soothing, a very relaxing moment."

"It was very inspirational. It relaxed me and I would be open-minded to listening to the music of classical music in the future."

"Great entertainment. Thank you, come again!"

Lifebridge 8/2016

Survey comments:

"Thought that was an outstanding choice to conclude program. Thanks for the Mozart. Wow! Thanks!"

"I'm going through a detox right now. The music will help me sleep. I don't get much of that. It was great hearing both of you talk about your history with your music. You're both great musicians and I hope to see you again. Hope to hear you both, too. Thank you for coming and keep rocking!"

"I have been to a few of your concerts, and I find the choice of the music played most intriguing. It always seems to fit the mood of the day played. The two of you were very pleasant to listen to tonight. You're well-matched."

"You both brought brightness to my eyes and ears. Thank you."

"Thank you for the kindness."

"Thank you!"

"If at all possible, pieces from operetta would be nice."

PSI Shattuck, 8/2016

Survey comments:

"Just walked in from work, enjoyed it! Thank you! 'Sometimes the wrong choice can lead you to the right places,' I grew up hating classical music but the way *you* do it made me love it! One of my ancestors was Franz Schubert. I grew up with my father making me listen."

"I truly was blown away at the live music. It brings light and hope in to such a depressing place. I watched numerous people's attitude and body language change to a relaxed and happy place. I was truly grateful for the musicians' personable place and them helping to inspire us and raise our hopes through music. Thank you. The first time I ever heard live music and was able to talk with musicians."

"Brought joy to my day. Please keep the program going!!"

PSI Women's, 8/2016

Survey comments:

"I-- we-- love Julie, and Julia! Gifted musicians! A pleasure. Can't wait until next month (if I'm still here ;) )!"

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## July

Caspar, 7/2016

Survey comments:

"Thank you so much for coming and performing. It's a real pleasure, thanks again."

Dimock 7/2016

Survey comments:

"Good night!"

"Loved Rays of Light and Contradanza."

Elder Service Plan, Mattapan 7/19/16

Comments during the concert:

"Who are you going to kill with that [bassoon]?"

"Nice!"

"Very relaxing."

"I like the second movement best." (Handel)

"It was incredible to hear that sound from an instrument with such a small reed."

"Tremendous!"

"I like the viola."

"They [the Latin dances] are very nice."

"Soothing."

"You two are wonderful."

"This [the Wolfgang piece] is so different, but I like it!"

Survey comments:

"Memories of high school music classes and the voices of the bassoon!"

Lifebridge 7/2016

Survey comments:

"Silver lining to my week! Thank you, delightful. Would have liked a little softer last song. So wonderful of you to come and share with us."

Pine Street Men's Inn 7/18/16

Comments during the concert:

"Calm my savage beasts!" After the concert, this man stated that we had calmed him way beyond his expectations.

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## July

Pine Street Women's Inn, 7/18/16

Comments during the concert:

"I used to play the violin."

"How much longer do we have you?"

"It's so relaxing... am I right that this [Handel] is baroque?"

"Sounds like Peter and the Wolf"

"It [first Latin dance] sounds like the Adams family dance."

Survey comments:

"I don't get to hear music much so it is always a nice respite. I wish this were a more receptive environment. I feel bad that some people are not more considerate."

"I love you!"

Shattuck 7/2016

Survey comments:

"I really enjoyed it, thanks."

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## June

### Caspar Shelter, 6/2016

Comments during the concert:

"Champion job."

"Play Beethoven's 4th Symphony!"

"Made me feel great."

"Awesome!"

"You brightened my day. I had my head down during the concert because my neck was hurting. The pain is gone. I feel much better. God bless you."

"You made such a difference here. Thank you for coming. Please come back. The music helps."

Survey comments:

"Someone coming in and giving us a different atmosphere. The fact that people want to give this time freely of themselves."

### Dimock Center, 6/2016

Comments from the concert:

" Beautiful"

" Good beat"

" I did not like that one"

" Reminds me of death of my brother, getting sad"

" Reminds me of classical movie-Mary Poppins, Wizard of Ozz". The same attendee stated also "Godfather" mention composer past history from gangster neighborhood.

During music piece Ghanaia, one lady dancing while sitting in chair moving her arms, singing along with music saying aboudabou, suddenly got up dancing and was joined by another lady both of them dancing along the beat of the music with the rest of the group clapping, engaged, participating, enjoying the music.

Regarding Stravinsky one attendee spoke of composer's love of music, she stated " money important but work for passion"

Survey comments:

"I don't like the way these two particular instruments sound together."

"It was amazing. Thank you!"

"God bless."

### Lifebridge 6/2016

Survey comments:

"It's nice they allowed time for [asking questions]."

"Fabulous! Brought back memories of my music school days! It helped bring up my love of my craft. Keep up the great work!"

"Do you ever play the Ashokhan Farewell?"

"Thank you!"

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## June

### Elder Service Plan (Mattapan) 6/2016

Comments from the concert:

"Very interesting"

"I liked it since we don't see or hear anything like that for a long time"

One lady clapping hands with music tempo. When asked how she feels about the music, she responded "Very happy".

Survey Comments:

"I liked it."

"Everything was beautiful."

"Fabulous."

"You guys are great! The music was wonderful! Thanks for sharing."

"I liked everything about the concert."

"Good show, please come back!"

### PSI Men's 6/2016

Comments from the concert:

"I don't know about you guys, but I was off in the universe someplace." (in reference to Hailstork)

"I feel relaxed."

"It sounds like Swan Lake, with two lovers, and she turns him down. It was on ice or something." (in reference to the Piazzola)

"I could hear two voices, two girls. One who wants to play and another who doesn't."

### PSI Women's 6/2016

Comments from the concert:

"It's wonderful!"

"Bravo! That was beautiful. I felt like I was in Russia."

"Relaxing."

One guest remarked that the performance of the Beethoven made her feel as though she were transported to India.

"A more relaxing tango."

"It reminds me of the theme from the Orson Wells movie 'The Third Man'."

Survey comments:

"Thank you guys for taking your time to be out here. Very psyched about another visit, I feel very tranquil and tired."

"Want jazz & salsa!"



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## June

Shattuck 6/2016

Comments from the Concert:

One guest apologized for the noise, said the music was "heaven"

Another guest said it was chaotic in here and thanked God we came.

Some guests were genuinely quiet and respectful

One man said "I love her" and started clapping in the middle of the piece

"I Love when they play Mozart"

"Very interesting."

"Then it came out beautiful."

"Do you get nervous?"

"It's a lot of responsibility."

"THat's really awesome!"

"Yes! Man, that's great."

Survey comments:

"Please come back and play more, it was great."

"Thank you very much!"

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## May

Caspar 5/2016

Survey Comments:

"I really enjoyed the concert. They were very comforting. Thank you for coming to the shelter and taking the time to talk. I really enjoyed the concert."

"Dios les Bendiga. Por se la bor y trabajo y su Gran Corazon Compacion y amor de Cristo Jesus. Thank you." (God bless you. Your work is the work of the compassion and love of Christ Jesus.)

"I felt more relaxed."

Dimock 5/2016

Survey comments:

"First experience with classical music and it was great!"

"Sad that it wasn't longer. :) A pleasure as always! Keep coming."

"Very grateful for your time. God bless, and keep doing what God blessed you with."

"Keep coming."

"Love to hear live music."

"It was very good, I like it."

"Love the classics, thank you."

"I thought the concert was beautiful! Helpful ladies, keep up the great work and god bless."

"You two played absolutely beautiful. Felt good after my recent chaotic past couple of days to listen to live music. I would definitely love to hear some live music in the future. I used to sing and play piano, and after listening to you, I can't wait to get back to both."

"Classical music gives me my dad back, if only for the hour. Thank you!"

"You were great, thanks!"

"It was very good. :)"

"Thanks!"

"It was really nice to be able to get out of our normal daily routine and have a change of scenery and enjoy some music. I appreciate you coming to Dimock and performing for all of us."

"It's great that you guys bring music to people that don't normally listen to that genre of music. I thought it was beautiful. Annoyed that a couple people were talking. I'd like to hear some songs that represent love/heartache. I wonder if you have people that play other classical instruments as well?"

"It was wonderful and informative."

"I felt nice and relaxed. It was the first time I heard musicians play for the very first time, and really enjoyed listening to you girls. It was really good hearing you girls."

PSI Men's 5/2016

Survey Comments:

"Very talented and graceful."

"Was very nice and sounds good. Thank you for that."

"I liked the music a lot. "

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## May

Lifebridge 5/2016

Survey comments:

"Excellent- please come early and often!"

"Beautiful concert! A gift to the ears in the middle of a crazed and busy city."

"I am the Program Coordinator at Lifebridge and have been involved with the program since they started in December, and this by far was my personal favorite. The complexity and simplicity throughout made for an incredible, mindful experience."

PSI Shattuck Inn 5/2016

Survey Comments:

"It must be pretty difficult playing with all those distractions. It sounded lovely (great). Most of these guys listen to rap. The closest they come is Symphony of Death by nos. I like a song called Bittersweet Symphony by the Verve. Thanks!"

"Sorry for my roommates!! Send me tickets (not joking)! Thank you, I enjoyed it very much!"

PSI Women's Inn 5/2016

Survey Comments:

"Nice song that you play for people, I love it."

"Thank you very much for playing for us at the Women's Inn!"

"I loved to see the serious and intense side of one of the musicians, but I loved how they both were inclined with each other."

"It was absolutely wonderful, thank you!"

"I think that it's very beautiful for people like you to come out and do this for us."

"Overall it was relaxing and enjoyable. Love it. Come again."

"I love it! Happy, happy!"

"I am always very anxious around lottery time- but when they announced you all were coming to play for us (they let us know when calling the lottery) I did calm down a little. But just hearing and watching you all play is so wonderful (at least for me). You sooth me and make me feel good about myself, if that makes any sense."

Waltham 5/2016

Survey Comments:

"Seeing others enjoy the concert and ask questions made me happy. Thank you so much!"

"Amy and Julie are incredible performers. Professional and proficient, relaxed, and obviously love their craft. The music selection was diverse and pleasant. On a scale of 1 to 10 I would give these ladies a 12!"

"I love citizen artists working for social change (Shelter Music Boston)! Your musicians play with passion! The Double Violin Concerto-- Bach couldn't have played better!"

"Some trivia: Actor David McCallum's father was an accomplished concert violinist who suggest to Led Zeppelin guitarist Jimmy Page that he play his guitar with a violin bow. He frequently performed live using this method. Chemistry is important. You guys have it."

"Thank you for being here. Hope to see you again."

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## April

DImock, 4/2016

Survey Comments:

"Freestyle was great. Would've liked to hear more of that."

"Not for me!"

"I loved it! It was amazing!"

"Great job!"

"Love them!"

"Very enjoyable."

"It was wonderful. Lifted my spirits!"

"Come again!"

"I enjoyed the music very much, and I appreciate that Na'ama, Joyce, and Javier took time out of their days to spend sharing some beautiful music with us. Thank you."

"It was amazing. Thank you for your time!"

CDC Waltham, 4/14/2016

Survey Comments:

"I really enjoyed the music and the performers. Excellent, superb, and exciting."

"I loved that we could recognize the music."

"[I am a] musician also. It was very good, on the money!"

"Loved the choices!"

"I loved the selection of songs that people recognized-- upbeat-- made me want to dance!"

"Excellent."

"Thank you."

Caspar, 4/2016

Survey comments:

"Thank God for you!"

"Your music was comforting and brought peace to my restless mind. Thank you very much for taking the time to play."

"The concert was very comforting and relaxing."

"I'm grateful that people truly care about people that are homeless. It means a lot because a lot of people look down on us. There was a lot of negativity going on in the shelter at the time that you all came to set up. Sorry about the commotion, it is like that a lot in here. And it is what we have to deal with or I have to, it is very depressing. Thanks for coming, it was so nice. God bless always."

"Glad to have you people. Helps our spirits. Homelessness is no joke on a day to day basis."

"Love that the cello was added to this performance today."

"Obviously a lot of hard work and love went into staging this. All of your musicians are pros!"

"It was very nice and I am grateful."

"Too much action going on, crazy."

"We would like different music."

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## April

Shattuck Shelter, 4/2016

Comments:

"I loved the concert."

"Request: Titanic theme."

"I really liked the live music, it was very relaxing."

"Great music, very relaxing."

PSI Women's & Men's Inns, 4/2016

Comments from the concert:

"We may be a small group, but we're somewhat knowledgeable and eternally grateful."

"Music is an important source of inspiration in every possible sense."

"I heard that Mozart was the best of the best."

"All you need is Fred and Ginger dancing along."

"I was wondering how you could survive in Western civilization without having heard of Pachelbel's canon."

Survey comments:

"Awesome!"

"Love it! More often. Little in the way of culture around here."

"Music transports you to different places, different moods, and memories, reminiscing. Thank you! Christmas melodies requests.... God loves all of us."

"The best ever! Do come again. Everything was wonderful. Music is the greatest thing in the world."

"Very nice, thank you. Looking forward to the next one."

"I would love to see them again and again. So much love for them, they are so awesome!

Excellent."

"Great concert."

"Do you have tracks available on CD?"

Lifebridge, 4/16/2016

Survey comments:

"Great job everyone! More Strauss! More eastern European composers-- Dvorak, Tchaikovsky, etc."

"Unavoidably uplifting!"

"It was good. Can you play stuff from Star Wars or Lord of the Rings?"

"Great job. Thanks so much. It's a real treat to have you guys, always."

# 2016

## March

### PSI Women's 3/2016

Comments:

"God Bless you for coming and playing music for us."

"I only got to hear the last songs, which were amazing!! If they were even half as good as the last time the young lady and young man were here, then A+ A+ A+, that's 3 A pluses!!!"

### PSI Shattuck, 3/2016

Survey comments:

"[I was] Ready to go to bed, but [the music was] worth staying up for."

"Very happy for the music."

### PSI Men's, 3/2016

Survey Comments:

"Music is my favorite thing in my life."

"Bien Felis, bien Felis. Todo tu bonito." (Very happy, very happy. You were all beautiful.)

### Lifebridge, 3/2016

Survey Comments:

"Always Happy! Love live music of all kinds. Great job!!!"

"Awesome"

"The music relieved my sadness and hopelessness."

### Dimock, 3/2016

Comments during the concert:

"Always a joy and a pleasure. Thanks!"

"May God keep blessing you. Thank you and have a blessed night!"

### CDC Waltham, 3/17/2016

Comments:

"The Day Center is a good place, but sometimes gets overwhelming. This was a great experience with great music. Thank you!"

"Great job guys"

### Caspar, 3/2016

Survey Comments:

"Very good vibes!"

"The music in the room was comforting."

# 2016

## February

CDC Waltham, 2/18/16

Comments:

"I love Samuel Barber!"

"Thanks for letting us ask questions."

"I loved Rebecca's smile and Tim's enthusiasm and information. Thank you so much!"

"Beautiful and sublime. Their notes seem to hang in the air! Duo perfectly in sync and complete."

Dimock, 2/18/16

Survey Comments:

"The musicians were great people. They share such a beautiful gift!"

"They were very good, thank you very much!"

"This was awesome, thank you very much!"

"Felt like I was at the symphony."

"Thank you, God bless."

PSI Women's, 2/2016

Survey comments:

"It was wonderful- watching them play- such harmony- and you could see such love for all the pieces played."

"Been a long week of bad weather and cabin fever- a welcome break. I loved all of it."