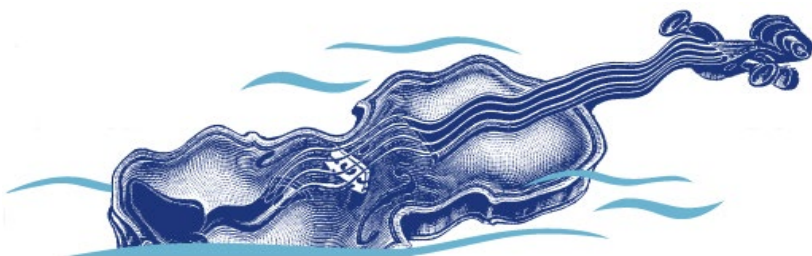


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**THE 35<sup>TH</sup>  
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***In Django's Footsteps:  
Paris, 1935***

**Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 7:30 PM**

**Bethlehem Presbyterian Church  
2 Race Street, Pittstown (Grandin), NJ 08867**

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## **THE PROGRAM**

**The program will be announced  
from the stage.**



*Following the concert, please join us in the  
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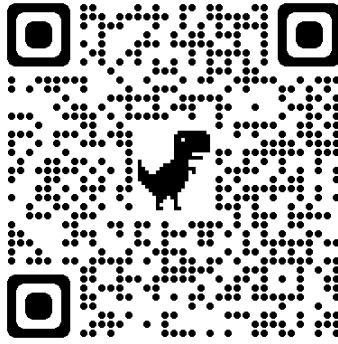
**Joseph Arnold, violin**  
**Barry Wahrhaftig, guitar & vocals**  
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**Zack Devine, guitar & vocals**  
**Josh Machiz, bass**

The Hot Club of Philadelphia was established in 2001. Inspired by the 1930s “Quintet of the Hot Club of France” in Paris – led by guitarist Django Reinhardt and violinist Stéphane Grappelli – The Hot Club of Philadelphia, with its founding guitarist Barry Wahrhaftig, brings its unique interpretations of Manouche (Romani) Jazz, aka “Gypsy Jazz,” Hot Jazz, and French Swing, along with Americana styles to Raritan River Music Festival audiences for the first time. HCPhilly comprises Philly’s finest on violin, bass, guitars, and vocals.

Django and Grappelli developed their own version of “American Hot Jazz,” as played by artists such as Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington. Hot Club of France employed acoustic guitars, bass, and violin, rather than horns and drums. Grappelli and Django added some French and Gypsy flavor and created a blend of music that became an international sensation. HCPhilly mixes the original style of the Hot Club of France, along with their own modern influences. The band is now beginning to record their fourth release.

Thanks to the staff of the historic  
Bethlehem Presbyterian Church!





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# UPCOMING CONCERTS

## 35<sup>TH</sup> RARITAN RIVER MUSIC FESTIVAL



**Newman & Oltman Guitar Duo**  
**Feat. Celil Refik Kaya and João Luiz, guitars**  
*More Music from Raritan River:*  
*New Commissions plus Leo Brouwer 85<sup>th</sup> Celebration*

**Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 7:30 PM**  
**Historic Hunterdon County Courthouse,**  
**Flemington, NJ**





**Manhattan Chamber Players**

***Brahms & Dvořák: Titans of the Romantic Era***

**Saturday, May 25, 2024 at 7:30 PM**

**Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church, Stewartsville, NJ**



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