The Festival objectives are to:

- Provide musicians with an opportunity to meet, perform, share their musical achievement and creativity, enhance their skills, learn new repertoire and collaborate with one another
- Offer a rich and diverse program of artists of the highest standard from seasoned professionals to new and emerging talent
- Evaluate and reflect on musical achievements and creativity in a constructive and educationally focused way
- Run rehearsals and master classes to pass on knowledge and skills
- Facilitate individual personal development through the emotionally enriching experience acquired through musical expression
- Charge a reasonable price for participation and concert attendance
- Provide a stimulating cultural experience to all participants and visitors
- Encourage the view that Central New Jersey is an interesting and culturally rewarding musical destination
- Engage Festival Committee members from many surrounding communities
- Hold additional events as determined by the Festival Committee

The values that guide the Festival are:

- A credo that exposure to the arts is essential to understanding our culture and heritage
- Production of a high quality musical event with cultural enrichment, educational advancement & community service
- Encouragement of enthusiasm and inspiration amongst participants
- Fostering a lifelong interest in music as a basic human experience
- A sense of community
- Enhance the cultural life of Central New Jersey and surrounding areas by hosting and promoting live and serious music
- A sense of connection; people with people, people with music, music with communities, communities with countries, countries to the world
- Diverse artistic expression
- Creative exchange
- Opportunity to participate and perform
The Milton Cross Young Artist Showcase

**Date:** June 25  
**Location:** Central Presbyterian Church, Summit NJ  
**Performance Time:** 7:30 p.m.

Milton Cross & Rising Artist Young Artist Winners present a delightful evening of music to agents, managers, directors and concert goers.

Destino

**Date:** June 27  
**Location:** Central Presbyterian Church, Summit NJ  
**Performance Time:** 7:30 p.m.

Canada’s Superstar ensemble: DESTINO

Festival Finale Concert

**Date:** June 29  
**Location:** Central Presbyterian Church, Summit NJ  
**Performance Time:** 7:30 p.m.

Minuetto Symphonic Chorus & Orchestra, Milton Cross Young Artists Soloists  
Conductors, Candace Wicke & Beverly Coulter

Concert Opera selections from Rossini’s *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*  
Vaughn Williams *Dona Nobis Pacem*
FESTIVAL WEEK SCHEDULE

June 24
- Young Artists Arrive
- Young Artists Mixer
- Young Artists Coachings
- Symphonic Chorus Rehearsal

June 25
- Young Artists Coachings
- Master Class
- Young Artists Dress Rehearsal
- Milton Cross Young Artist Series Festival Concert

June 26
- Young Artists Coachings
- Master Class
- Symphonic Chorus Rehearsal

June 27
- Young Artists Coachings
- Master Class
- DESTINO Festival Concert

June 28
- Young Artists Coachings
- Master Class
- Symphonic Chorus Rehearsal

June 29
- Orchestra & Soloist Rehearsal
- Orchestra, Chorus & Soloist Dress Rehearsal
- FESTIVAL FINALE CONCERT

*To be scheduled: Meet the Artist Reception at the Grand Summit Hotel