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# **‘Concert Across America to End Gun Violence’ Comes to Danbury on September 25**

*Presented by Danbury-native composer Paul Frucht to Benefit Sandy Hook Promise*

**DANBURY, CT** – On **Sunday, September 25**, Danbury Music Centre will host the Concert Across America to End Gun Violence, presented by composer and Danbury native Paul Frucht as a benefit for Sandy Hook Promise.

The [Concert Across America to End Gun Violence](#) is a nationwide series of concerts and live events that will all be held on September 25 to raise awareness of the approximately 12,000 Americans who are murdered by a firearm each year and the more than 20,000 who die from firearm suicides and accidental shootings. September 25 is the day designated by Congress in Remembrance of Murder Victims.

The concert at Danbury Music Centre, which will be performed by recent graduates of the Juilliard School, will realize the mission of Sandy Hook Promise through music. Musical selections will reflect the values of Sandy Hook Promise’s mission through their musical character, history of community engagement, and unique ties to the local community.

The concert is free with a suggested donation of \$15. Proceeds will go to Sandy Hook Promise.

## **WHO**

Paul Frucht and other recent graduates of the Juilliard School to benefit Sandy Hook Promise

## **WHAT**

Concert Across America to End Gun Violence

**WHERE**

Marion Anderson Recital Hall at the Danbury Music Centre, 256 Main Street, Danbury, CT 06810

**WHEN**

Sunday, September 25, 2016, 3:00 PM

**About Paul Frucht:**

Originally from Danbury, CT, Paul Frucht is an award-winning American composer who is also the director of the Danbury Chamber Music Intensive and Artist Concert Series at the Danbury Music Centre. *Dawn*, a recent work of his written in memory of Dawn Hochsprung and the other twenty-five victims of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School, has been performed across the United States and Connecticut by the Atlantic Music Festival Orchestra, American Composers Orchestra, Asian American New Music Institute, Chelsea Symphony, musicians of the Ridgefield Symphony, and the Sherman Chamber Ensemble.

**About Sandy Hook Promise:**

Sandy Hook Promise (SHP) is a national, nonprofit organization based in Newtown, Connecticut. We are led by several family members whose loved ones were killed in the tragic mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012 that claimed the lives of 20 first-graders and 6 educators. Sandy Hook Promise is focused on preventing gun violence (and all violence) BEFORE it happens by educating and mobilizing parents, schools and communities on mental health and wellness programs that identify, intervene and help at-risk individuals. SHP is a moderate, above-the-politics organization that supports sensible non-policy and policy solutions that protect children and prevent gun violence. Our intent is to honor all victims of gun violence by turning our tragedy into a moment of transformation. Make the Promise at [www.sandyhookpromise.org](http://www.sandyhookpromise.org).