



## Hop Seeks Piano Angels!

Do you live in the Upper Valley, enjoy walking in the summer, and plan to be here for the month of July? Do you love the arts and want to make them available to all? The Hop needs your help!

Hands On Pianos is a month-long project sponsored by the Hopkins Center which will kick off the Hop's 50th anniversary and temporarily install street pianos all over the Upper Valley. The concept, modeled after a series of very successful projects around the world, relies on donated "heavily loved" upright pianos, which are installed by a licensed moving company around the Upper Valley, enabling anyone to play on them and even to upload photos or videos of themselves doing so, onto a central Hop website/map of the piano locations. The website acts as one of the legacies for the project while connecting the pianos across the Upper Valley.

Each outdoor piano and its chair are secured by cable, covered with a tarp for moisture, and assigned a volunteer "angel" who checks them daily. When the project ends, the installed pianos are removed.

Selected visual artists will decorate the outdoor pianos before installation, extending the wonderfully colorful, creative look that happened with the Town of Hanover's Pig and Wolf last summer. Our partner in this is AVA Gallery, in Lebanon, and the decoration happens before the pianos are installed—while they're in storage. Hands On Pianos truly embraces the joyfulness of art, creating community in all sorts of public places and bringing people together, young and old, to enjoy making music. Hands On Pianos will invite the public to engage with, activate and take ownership of their environment.

Where do you come in? We need daily volunteer "angels!" How it works: each street piano is assigned a volunteer angel. The angel's job is to simply visit the piano \*every day\* and report any damage or anything amiss to the Hopkins Center Outreach Office. If it is forecast or begins to rain, we also ask that angels cover the piano with the attached tarp.

You'll be profusely thanked on the Hands On Piano website, and you'll be an integral part of bringing music to the streets of the Upper Valley!

To volunteer, please fill out the form on the reverse and email or mail it to:

Hands On Pianos  
Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College  
6041 Lower Wilson Hall  
Hanover, NH 03755  
Email: [Hop.outreach@dartmouth.edu](mailto:Hop.outreach@dartmouth.edu)  
603.646.2158  
Fax: 603.646.3911

# Piano Volunteer Angel Form

The Hop will be placing pianos in multiple locations throughout the Upper Valley, most of them in downtown Hanover and on Dartmouth's campus with additional pianos in surrounding communities. When completing the form, please let us know what location will be most convenient for you to check. Based on this information, we will assign angels to each individual piano. If you want more specific information about where pianos will be placed, email [hop.outreach@dartmouth.edu](mailto:hop.outreach@dartmouth.edu).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_

(mobile) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Area you would be able to volunteer:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dartmouth campus     | <input type="checkbox"/> Norwich  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hanover              | <input type="checkbox"/> Enfield  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> West Lebanon         | <input type="checkbox"/> Lyme     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon              | <input type="checkbox"/> Thetford |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White River Junction | <input type="checkbox"/> Quechee  |

Would you be willing to check two pianos? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like your name listed in the "Thank You" section of our Hand on Pianos webpage?

yes  no

Please indicate the best way to contact you during the month of July:

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any dates in July you will be out of town or otherwise unable to check your piano:

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If possible, please list the name and contact information of someone who will be able to check the piano during your absence: