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**Monira Foundation Awards Performance Residency to Pegasus: The Orchestra**  
*Monira Foundation Virtual Stage presents the fledgling music ensemble's fourth season streaming on YouTube*

JERSEY CITY, NJ – Monira Foundation has awarded a 2021 performance residency to Pegasus: The Orchestra, led by Karén Hakobyan. The orchestra occupies a converted industrial space on the Mana Contemporary campus in Jersey City, New Jersey, for rehearsing and recording nine hour-long programs. The ticketed programs will premiere every third Friday through September 24th, beginning with *Baroque Reverberations* on April 9th at 8pm.

Pegasus: The Orchestra's fourth season features new and classic works, including orchestra, piano, jazz and chamber concerts. With a composer-arranger as founder, artistic director, and principal conductor, Pegasus often performs orchestral works in special arrangements by Hakobyan, adapted for the ensemble to perform in all kinds of venues. The ensemble's versatility is one of its greatest strengths: compact and flexible, Pegasus performs music in a range of instrumentations, from duos to full orchestra. Pegasus's chamber series, featuring its world-class principals, fulfills its mission to provide an artistic platform through performance opportunities.

Some of the highlights from Pegasus's engagements outside of its residency include: a debut concert at Merkin Concert Hall on November 23, 2019 featuring Glenn Dicterow, the legendary former concertmaster of the New York Philharmonic, and Pegasus's own concertmaster, Eiko Kano, performing Bach's Concerto for Two Violins, alongside works by Hakobyan and Tchaikovsky, conducted by Hakobyan. Pegasus will mark its Lincoln Center debut at Alice Tully Hall in late spring of 2022, featuring the complete Rachmaninoff Piano Concerti performed by five pianists in a single evening.

About Pegasus: The Orchestra

Pegasus: The Orchestra is a nonprofit professional orchestra with a mission to empower rising musicians with artistic freedom and promote innovative repertoire in an environment of creative thought and expression. Founded by Karén Hakobyan in late 2017, the orchestra brings together musicians and audiences of diverse backgrounds and cultural heritages by harnessing the power of music. Pegasus: The Orchestra is an ensemble with exclusive Yamaha sponsorship. A Yamaha CFIIS Concert Grand Piano is provided by Yamaha Artist Services New York in support of Pegasus: The Orchestra's Fourth Season presented by the Monira Foundation on their Virtual Stage. Pegasus is passionate about fostering artistic freedom, creating performance opportunities, programming innovative repertoire, weaving a strong

community fabric, advocating for the right to music education, and promoting humanity and equality.

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To learn more about Pegasus: The Orchestra, visit: <http://www.pegasustheorchestra.org>.

To learn more about Monira Foundation or to schedule an interview with Karén Hakobyan, please e-mail [info@monirafoundation.org](mailto:info@monirafoundation.org). Tickets to *Monira Foundation Virtual Stage Presents Pegasus: The Orchestra's Fourth Season* are available at [www.monirafoundation.org/events](http://www.monirafoundation.org/events). Monira Foundation members may select one program from the season to stream free of charge.