



# JANUARY NEWSLETTER



By Grant Porter



## Upcoming Events

### FEB THRU MAY

**February 3rd:** Please join us as we welcome back the Metropolitan Youth Symphony's string ensemble known as the **MYSfits**, 1:00 pm at Holliday Park Plaza (HPP).

**March 2nd:** We are anticipating another great performance by the Portland Opera. 1 pm at HPP.

On **April 6th**, we look forward to our Duo-Piano event. April is our busiest month. As they say, "April showers bring May flowers" and that analogy applies as 40 contestants will be auditioning for Scholarships on **April 18th** with prizes to be awarded on **May 4th and 5th**. Members are encouraged to attend on the 18th and volunteers will be greatly appreciated!



## Club News

### *PYP Performance*

We began 2020 on a high note this winter. We were proud to present the Portland Youth Philharmonic's offering of one of their finest musicians, cellist Taylor Yoon, along with her sister, pianist Lauren Yoon who was home for the holidays from her studies at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore. The sisters provided a lovely performance. Taylor is one of 40 contestants who is auditioning for a scholarship this year.

### *Scholarship update*

We received an immediate response to our scholarship announcement posted to our website on December 3rd. By December 27th, we received our maximum of 40 applicants and now have an additional 4 of 7 held in a standby status. Our lineup includes 16 pianists, eight cellists, six violinists, four voice and an assortment of six wind and brass instrumentalists. Two adjudicators have been selected for the audition on April 18th and an evening event on May 5th has been added to our performance schedule following our May 4th Tea to accommodate the overflow of students.

## Program Information

**Board Vacancies:** Our program is in urgent need of volunteers to fill board functions that enable our club to continue. Many board members are handling multiple responsibilities, and several have announced that they are opting out of board duties next year. We are currently considering nominations for the Recording Secretary and the Constitution and By-Laws Chairman. Several other vacancies are anticipated to include Financial Secretary, Publishing and the Ways and Means Chairman positions.

### *New Members*

This month we welcomed Nancy Brumbaugh, Lois Manookin, and Nancy Woo who joined to sing with her friends in the chorus.

### *The MMC Chorus*

The Chorus finished the year strong performing three concerts since October. With 13 singers, an accompanist and a director they rehearse each Tuesday from 10-12 at Calvary Presbyterian Church and are busy expanding their repertoire for the new year. They are looking for more members who love to sing and join together for good times throughout the year.

## January Event Highlights



### *The Portland Youth Philharmonic (PYP)*

Grant presented PYP's Executive Director, Noreen Murdock with a donation of \$1,000. The PYP is the oldest youth orchestra in the United States. Founded in 1924, the PYP association supports two full symphony orchestras, a wind ensemble and a string ensemble. Each group is made up of outstanding young musicians who audition and are seated solely according to their ability. They range in age from 7 to 22, come from communities across the region, and represent over 70 different schools. You can find more information about PYP on YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and on their website at: <https://portlandyouthphil.org>.

