



Mark Your Calendars!

June 3rd Annual Meeting

11:30am Reception
12:00pm Luncheon

Westminster
Presbyterian Church
Great Hall



Jerre Ann Pappelis, President

120 Years of Service & Inspiration

As I reflect on my 2023-24 year as president of Monday Musical Club of Portland, there is much I would like to say. Most importantly, **I would like to thank the MMC Board for their hard work and dedication to making MMC the best that it can be.**

Monday Musical Club's Vision for the year 2023-2024 was "to expand the organization with new members, raise money for music awards, provide music education, and empower our community to thrive through music."

Highlights that support our vision throughout the year include:

- Fall Sampler~ fundraiser at a lovely private home.
- "Bring a Friend"~ encouraging new memberships. To date, MMC has 21 new members!
- MMC Holiday Luncheon and Raffle at the Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland.
- Implementation of the 1st ever "Crescendo Master Class Series." They were designed to prepare students auditioning for Monday Musical Club's 2024 Awards Program. Distinguished artists reviewed each student's musical performance and provided feedback. The performance areas included: instrumental, piano, and vocal. It proved to be a very educational experience for both the students and audience.
- Spring Concert - Amazing Fundraising Event for MMC Awards Program.
- Nicoletta's Table Restaurant Fundraiser Event ~ All proceeds from the "tip jar" were donated to MMC.
- Award Winners Performance & Tea
 - MMC Music Awards Program gave \$16,500 to music students in our local area. Additionally
 - MMC contributes \$1000.00 each to Portland Youth Philharmonic, Metropolitan Youth Symphony, the Community Music Center, Piano Santa, the Oregon Symphony, and Portland Opera.



- A fundraising effort to promote Donors & Sponsors of Monday Musical Club of Portland is currently underway. Mailings to Cultural Arts and Musical groups, Corporate and Individual Sponsorships, are ongoing. We have also made it easier to donate by using a credit card (Mastercard, Visa, AMEX, Discover). **MMC is a better organization because of our donors and supporters.**
- MMC is making a conscious effort to publicize and get information out about Monday Musical Club and what we're all about. Efforts are being made to get on TV (AM Northwest) and All Classical radio.
- Monday Musical Club was founded in 1904 and has supported music in our community for 120 years!

It's been a busy year! My personal experience as Monday Musical Club's president has been very rewarding, and I value the friendships I have made working with people who share a love of music.

Again, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Board and all the loyal MMC members who continue to support Monday Musical Club of Portland.

Grant Porter, VP, Awards, and Program Chair



Thank you to everyone who came out to attend the Music Awards ceremony on May 6th where we heard 11 of our 16 award winners perform and receive their awards. It was a spectacular program, and we gave out \$16,500 in prize money. Thanks to President Jerre Ann for all the floral bouquets, and her daughter Eleni who helped design the certificates to make it so special for the winners. If you missed it, the "digital" program is provided below, with thanks again to (new member) Eleni Pappelis for making it so pretty! As usual, our MMC Facebook page blossomed this Spring with all the award winner's photos and bios in our "Featured Artist of the Day" series that ran for three weeks after the winners were announced. I also created a video with comments from the award winners and more photos you can enjoy on our Facebook page. I urge everyone to open a Facebook account to see the video. Please "follow", "like" and "share" our Monday Musical Club activities with your friends and family.

We really want to thank everyone who has donated to our awards program, particularly Bonnie LaFord and Janice Phillips who have personally committed to funding our two highest level awards for the best voice and best Instrumental performances each year. Every little bit helps from everyone as we work our way through inflation. We are committed to keeping our member costs down and improving our programs as we transition into a fund-raising organization and seek support from outside sponsors.





Foster-LaFord Award for the best vocal performance (Soprano). Taylenne Juliana Ubieta Johnson (photo with Bonnie LaFord)



Phillips Award for the best instrumental performance, (Violin). Kaylee Nah (photo with Janice Phillips)





Colliver Award for the best piano performance. Jeffrey Tso (photo with Grant Porter)

We are really making a big push right now to gain support from businesses and external donors. Our Ways and Means committee has sent numerous letters out to the community to solicit support, so we are hopeful this will pan out for us. Thanks to the great work of Gus Pappelis, who reached out to a friend in Southern California, we were able to introduce a new named award: The Susan Patzakis Award for Vocal Excellence. The \$1,000 award went to Minntah Haefker from Lincoln High School (see below). Likewise, if any of our current members have the means to do so, we would be more than happy to make awards in their names, or in the memory of their loved ones, either on a one-time or ongoing basis. Our currently "un-named" awards range from \$500 to \$1,500. This humanizes the program and shows that real people are funding our programs, and not just an organization. Let us know if you, or a friend, would be interested in becoming a sponsor of an award. Thank you all for your support!"



Nominating Committee

The following is the proposed slate of Monday Musical Club's Officers for 2024-2025:

Co-Presidents - Jerre Ann & Gus Pappelis
Vice President - Grant Porter
Treasurer - Joe McDonald
Recording Secretary - Nancy Woo
Financial Secretary - Sandy Tyler
Corresponding Secretary - Tisa Wrightson



Our sincere thanks to the Candidates and to our Nominating Committee

Cynthia Marberry (Temporary Chair), Teryl Williams, Nancy Woo, Joe McDonald, Gus Pappelis, and Bev Owen. We appreciate all that you do, and have done, for Monday Musical Club of Portland!

Just a reminder: MMC Member Nominations may be made from the floor at our Annual Meeting, Monday, June 3rd. The vote will take place from the Active Members present at the meeting.



Gus Pappelis, Ways & Means Chair

Our annual business/luncheon event is fast approaching - Monday, June 3rd (see our flyer). Tickets are \$35 per person for a wonderful meal with WINE. There will be lots to talk about, music to enjoy, and yet another raffle: this time for delicious pies. You'll want to be part of the action, so send in your meal reservation check to Sandy ASAP. We would like to have your response in by May 27th, so we know how many to plan for.

Thank you, members, for all of your generous contributions this year. Together we have accomplished so much, and even more successes will be coming our way as our club rolls into a new year. We all can be very proud: MMC - 120 years strong!



Teryl Williams, Membership Chair



We are happy to welcome new member Gilbert Chin this month. Gilbert has lived in Portland all his life. He lives with his mother and has an older brother, Jason. As you may already know, our Nancy Woo is his aunt! Gilbert enjoys volunteering at Recovery Café. He likes listening to all kinds of music on YouTube but especially enjoyed the performances of our recent music award winners.

We also welcome our new members:

- Rusty and Brenda Kotsovos, Portland
- Bernadette Arnold, Eagle Creek

We also welcome our new associate members

- Traci Carter, Lake Oswego
- Eleni Pappelis, Sherwood





Janette Barbour, Historian



YESTERYEAR.... Notes from Monday Musical History

For the past two years, we've explored the distant Monday Musical past in these notes. Did you know that you can do your own exploring of the more recent MMC past on our website? For example, you can check out the photos and bios of our most recent winners (just click the "MMC Music Award Winners" link the top of the page) or see updates on what some of our past winners are doing now. Are you interested in what we did at past teas? Check out who was there, who provided entertainment, even see photos of our refreshments over the past 10 years or so. Click the "See our event photos."






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