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**MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB  
OF PORTLAND**

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WELCOME TO OUR

## *November Newsletter*

***Jerre Ann and Gus Pappelis, Co-Presidents:***

Thanksgiving Day is once again upon us. We are grateful to all of you, our members, and we wish you a happy and healthy holiday.

Plan now to be part of the merriment at our Holly Jolly Holiday Luncheon. Hosted in the Tualatin Country Club on Thursday, December 19th, the reception is slated for 11:30, with lunch at 12 Noon and the Entertainment/Raffle at 1:00. This year's musical performers will include the wonderful MelloMacs from the Multnomah Athletic Club and a string quartet featuring MYS violinist Amir Avsker who leads the **Pacific Rose Ensemble**.

**Especially exciting news:** In case you missed it, here is a link to our appearance (Gus and Cynthia Marberry) on **AM Northwest with Helen Raptis**. We must have made a good impression because KATU Television News will be sending a team to cover our luncheon for video coverage to be included in their Everyday Heroes feature! Let's invite our friends to come and join us as we continue our celebration of 120 years. Reserve your tickets now: \$45 per person with a table of ten at \$425. For more details, see our attached flier.



**Grant Porter, Vice President, Programs and Awards Chair, Historian:**

We had a great program featuring members of the Oregon Symphony at our November Tea. Attendance was down a little from our season opener in October going from 55 to about 35, but we all enjoyed a really great program hearing Associate Concertmaster Peter Frajola (violin) and Annissa Bolder (viola) perform classics by Bach and Mozart, but click on the YouTube link below to watch their closing number in case you missed it. Peter sang and strummed as Anissa played a solo to this toe-tapping, catchy classic sing-along: [L-O-V-E](#) by Nat King Cole.



Annissa's "day job" is to serve as the Director of Education & Community Engagement for the Oregon Symphony. She provided an excellent overview of community activities such as the Lullaby Project, and discussed an upcoming masterclass program that will feature three of our past award winning students, (see photos and bios using the links below).



### **Award Winner Masterclass and other Events we are following:**

- MMC Award winners: [Katie Liu](#) (2023), [Kaylee Nah](#) and [Elizabeth Shen](#) (2024) will participate in the Oregon Symphony's Violin Masterclass led by Vadim Gluzman on Saturday, November 23rd at 10:30 am at 851 SW 6th Avenue. Gluzman is performing this weekend with the Symphony. The masterclass is free and open to the public.
- **The Portland Opera's Resident Artists** fabulous performance of The Juliet Letters is ongoing at the Artists Repertory Theater, Nov 22-24. Read the [Program](#) and enjoy the show. Here's a preview of the performance from the group on All Classical's [Thursdays @ Three](#). Thanks to Sue Dixon for making this happen!
- [The Metropolitan Youth Symphony's](#) performance with Esperanza Spalding: "As a special thank you, the first 50 donors who give \$100 or more will receive a free ticket to see the five-time Grammy winner Esperanza Spalding live in concert with MYS on June 17, 2025." Click here to donate thru [Willamette Week's Give!Guide](#). Hear MYS this week also on [Thursday@3](#) with the Cascadia Composers.

### **Partner Highlights and Sponsor Update:**

Your board members, led by Gus, Grant and Patty are busy networking to build relationships with partners and gain sponsors to help support our awards program and future operations. We want to ask all of you for your help and recommendations to identify potential sponsors you might know. Would you like to serve as an "ambassador" for our fundraising efforts, sit in on a "Breakfast Club" or Zoom meeting? Contact [Gus Pappelis](#) if you are interested or have any suggestions for donors.

Grant recently attended a recital led by the [Pacific Rose Ensemble](#) (PRE) leader, Amir Avsker featuring a visiting cellist from Israel, 15 year-old, Yarden Cavenor. PRE will be performing at our holiday luncheon. Pianist Jeff Payne, co-founder of [Fear No Music](#), was also in attendance. Jeff has been a leading member in their Young Composers Project. Grant and Jeff discussed the possibility of MMC establishing a special award for young composers. Stay tuned...



Gus and Jerre Ann met with the Oregon Symphony's Assistant Director for Development, Kim Ositis, who provided a wealth of suggestions about fundraising and additional performances by Oregon Symphony musicians that you can attend:

### **Chatter PDX**

<https://chatterpdx.org/>

“This is a Sunday morning chamber series that takes place in our new performance space.”

### **45th Parallel**

<https://www.45thparallelpdx.org/>

“If you like ensemble playing, check out 45th Parallel. They are a consortium of different classical ensembles that play in four venues around the city.”

### **Classical Up Close**

<https://www.classicalupclose.org/>

“This is a non-profit organization co-founded by Nancy Ives, made up of mostly Oregon Symphony musicians who give free concerts around the greater Portland area. Note that the concerts dates on the website are for last season (2023-24).”

### **Beethoven Experience**

[Beethoven Experience 2025](#)

“This page has information on the different public events we are holding in January around our Beethoven concerts.” - Kim Ositis

### **MMC History**

Did you know that Monday Musical Club was once a member of the **National Federation of Music Clubs**? The **Oregon Federation of Music Clubs** operates within the national organization and together, they provide awards and festivals throughout the country. Several years ago we chose to operate independently, but it is important to be aware of all the great opportunities there are for students to participate in their programs. Click on their links to learn more!



## Spring Sampler Concert - COME ONE, COME ALL...🎹🎷🎸

We are seeking MMC Musicians who would like to showcase their talent at the Spring Sampler Concert (April 7, 2025) or at a musicale. If you need an accompanist, we will find you one, as well as a venue! Our special guest artist will be **Michael Allen Harrison!**

Contact: Bev Owen or Gus Pappelis.

### **JOE MCDONALD, TREASURER**

Turn your donations into Tax Credits!

Did you know? You can contribute to the Oregon Cultural Foundation and get it back in the form of a tax credit, not a deduction but a dollar-for-dollar tax credit!

If you contribute to, say Monday Musical Club (and other entities – think Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera and many others), you can match that contribution by giving to the Oregon Cultural Foundation and then receiving that amount back as a tax credit when you file your taxes. No cost to you and you support cultural programs in Oregon!

Our longtime member Ardith Stensland has used this to match her contributions to cultural entities and opened our eyes to this great Program. Check out the video at <http://www.culturaltrust.org>.

You can learn the way it works and how the money is used. It will show you how to file and deadlines and such.

Please contact me for additional information. I will be happy to help you as much as I can. As always, please consult your tax advisor before you act.

Thanks so much! Joe McDonald, MBA, Treasurer



## **Additional support is needed for fundraising:**

### **Please contact [Cynthia Marberry](#) if...**

- you would like to sponsor performers for lunch and/or help provide funds for entertainment;
- you have difficulty paying for a luncheon ticket, (everything will remain confidential);
- RSVP - The Holiday Party Reservation deadline is December 11th

We will also be having a fun raffle to raise award money. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Contact Cynthia to find out more!

### **Help MMC when shopping at Fred Meyer:**

While using your Fred Meyer Rewards Card for all your holiday purchases, you can link Monday Musical Club of Portland to your Fred Meyer Rewards card. The amount we receive depends on how many customers select MMC. Please promote this among your family and friends because the more customers who link to MMC will mean greater rewards for Music Awards!

### **How to link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card with MMC:**

- \* Go to [www.FredMeyer.com](http://www.FredMeyer.com)
- \* Go to “Community” (at foot of page) and scroll down to “Community Rewards”
- \* From “Community Rewards”, select “link card to an organization”
- \* Sign-In to your digital account with your user name and password.
- \* In the search window write “Monday Musical Club of Portland “
- \* When MMC’s box comes up, hit “select”.

Yaaaay!!! Monday Musical Club will benefit from your purchases!!