



# MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB OF PORTLAND

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## Newsletter - November, 2020

Greetings everyone!

Hopefully, you all have received a bright new orange Directory in the mail. There are a few corrections accompanying this newsletter. Our Directory Chair, Cynthia Marberry graciously sent a copy to all members who were current through the 2019-20 season. If you are among the few who has not renewed already, please send in your 2020-21 season dues to Jan Petersen so you can continue to receive newsletters and invites to our events. This summer we asked members to assist with "Wellness Checks" by calling on our members. We would like to have more volunteers make calls, so if you would like to participate, let us know and we will assign you a page out of our new Directory.

We had a good turnout for our first virtual Tea with the Oregon Symphony. We are exploring new possibilities and will continue to try out different times and formats for our online events. This Monday, we will feature the **Piano Santa Foundation, November 2nd at 3 pm**. They will be presenting some specially recorded piano performances by some of their scholarship recipients. They went to a great deal of effort to produce these videos and we can thank them personally and ask questions during the event. Below is a read-ahead program and the Zoom invitation. Don't forget to "Fall back" and adjust your clocks as Daylight Savings Time ends on November 1st!

The management at Holladay Park Plaza made the tough decision to cancel all 2020-21 events that, up until recently, had remained on their schedule. "*There will be a lengthy period following a proven vaccine when HPP will work with small to larger resident groups before even considering outside groups.*" It will be a while, but we hope to return as soon as possible. Meanwhile, we will be considering alternative locations to use when we can resume meetings safely elsewhere, most likely in a larger church setting where we can more safely practice social distancing. Regardless of when and where we will meet again, thanks to all of you who have supported MMC for the long term through these tough times and please know that your contributions are serving the greater good by supporting local classical music.

As we near the end of the year, we know that many of you may like to make end-of-year contributions for 2020 tax advantages. Our Ways and Means Chair, Bonnie LaFord will be sending out suggestions to help recover from all the fund-raising events that have been canceled. I also want to provide a reminder about



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the tax advantages of donating to Monday Musical Club and the Oregon Cultural Trust:

*“The Oregon Cultural Trust tax credit is a unique way for the state to fund cultural activities in the state into perpetuity. To qualify, you need to first make a donation to one or more of the 1400+ nonprofits on our list.” (MMC is on their list). “Then make a matching gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust on our (their) website or via mail. Oregonians who pay state income tax will get the credit back – dollar for dollar – on their tax return. It costs them nothing. A tax credit reduces what you owe the State of Oregon. It’s a much greater savings than a deduction, which only reduces the income on which you are taxed.”* So, please take a minute to look into the Oregon Cultural Trust website to learn about receiving tax credits. Here is a quick link with a video to learn more: <https://culturaltrust.org/get-involved/donate/>

Additionally, the new Cares Act provides a charitable deduction available to individuals who do not itemize their deductions; which allows for a charitable deduction of up to \$300 per person. Please review for additional information: <https://www.501c3.org/the-cares-act-increases-donation-tax-deductibility/>  
As always, please consult your tax advisor for your own situation.

Best wishes to everyone as we approach the winter season. We are planning to have a December Holiday virtual event featuring the Gresham Overtones on December 7th at 2:30 pm, so 2020 is far from over yet. Stay tuned and stay safe. We hope to see you all during our upcoming events.

Grant Porter  
President  
Monday Musical Club of Portland

### **Invite Information:**

Jan Petersen is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.  
Topic: MMC November Tea  
Time: Nov 2, 2020 03:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87606190156?  
pwd=N3dRVWtpTnd5dmRUei9nYUNjUThtUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87606190156?pwd=N3dRVWtpTnd5dmRUei9nYUNjUThtUT09)

Meeting ID: 876 0619 0156  
Passcode: 367490  
Dial for phone: 1-253-215-8782



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### **Program Notes for the Piano Santa Event on November 2nd:**

Please welcome the Piano Santa Foundation Executive Director, Sandra Phadke along with Ajit Phadke and Phillis Whitmore as they meet with us and present the following video performances by Piano Santa scholarship recipients:

Brandon - Invention #14 in B-Flat, BWV 785 by J.S. Bach

David T. - Ballade, L. 70 (1890, revised 1901) by Claude DeBussy

Agnes-Marie - Prelude #21 in B-flat, BWV 866 by J.S. Bach

David C. - Mazurka, Op. 59, No. 2 by Frederic Chopin

Jesse - Sonata, Op. 101, Mvt. 4 by Ludwig van Beethoven

A special thanks goes out to the whole Piano Santa team to include President Claudine Elzey, an MMC member since 2015, and Davina Doby who personally went out to each of the students homes to record their performances for their Fall Showcase recital in September, and of course to all the students who have worked so hard to earn their Piano Santa scholarships. Some of them have also competed and received Monday Musical Club scholarships as well, so we hope to see more of them in the future.

The Piano Santa Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and enhancing music education for children in the Portland Metropolitan area. PSF offers a unique program including piano scholarships for students, piano placement grants for community organizations, group performance events, after school group keyboard classes and a music lending library.

Please visit their website to learn more about the Piano Santa Foundation at:

<https://www.pianosanta.org>