



MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB OF PORTLAND

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Hello everyone!

It has been a little while since our last newsletter and a lot has happened in between. Our musical programs have featured the leaders and many of their students in our monthly virtual programs. As you may recall, we presented the Piano Santa Foundation in November followed by the Gresham Overtones for our holiday party and then the Portland Youth Philharmonic in January. Attendance has dropped from as many as 30 to as few as 16 attendees at the PYP event. We have to generate more interest and improve attendance going forward to show our appreciation for the organizations we support.

On **February 1st at 2 pm**, we will feature the Metropolitan Youth Symphony's Musical Director, Raúl Gómez-Rojas and guest students who will provide insights into their creative process with videos from their Fall concert, (see attached program). Please don't miss it. It will be a great show!

Meanwhile, our scholarship program is ramping back up at a rapid pace. We made the decision to accept videos this year rather than attempt to hold live auditions and the response of students has been outstanding. We've re-invited all the students who had to drop out last year due to college commitments to reapply and as a result we have a nearly full slate of 39 candidates already!

Keep checking our website as we continue to make improvements. We will soon be unveiling a Scholarship Alumni page called "*Since Then*" with updates from past winners, and we are working on a Members Forum page called "*Remember When*" where people can share their MMC memories. You can now see that we've added a "Donate" tab to make it easy for everyone to contribute. We also invite you to follow us on Facebook where you can soon meet our scholarship applicants with photos, bios and video performances.

Vaccines are starting to be given out to the general public. For additional information check websites frequently as information changes on when they will be administered or ask at your local pharmacies. The best source for the state of Oregon is: <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>

Stay tuned and stay safe. We hope to see you all on February 1st!

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