



MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB OF PORTLAND

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Hello everyone!

February is rolling right along and we got it off to a great start with a nice program featuring the Metropolitan Youth Symphony's Musical Director, Dr. Raúl Gómez-Rojas, Executive Director, Diana Scoggins and three students who introduced the pieces they performed. If you missed it, the links are provided on page 2 of this newsletter along with a note from Dr. Gomez that I am passing along. We had roughly 27 members who Zoomed in so our attendance improved a bit. We hope to see more of you when we host the Portland Opera event on March 1st at 1 pm. We are very fortunate to bring back Nick Fox and the Resident Artists. Here is a link to their bios so you can meet them in advance: [Portland Opera 2021 Resident Artists](#)

Many of you may have spoken with our board members as we tried to call everyone in the Directory to do "Wellness Checks" before the virtual tea. We hope everyone is doing well and we are looking for fun ways to keep in touch with one another during the seemingly endless lockdowns. I enjoyed several conversations. In keeping with our efforts, I mentioned a new book at the end of the tea that I am reading by Dr. Sanjay Gupta called [Keep Sharp - Build a Better Brain at Any Age](#). The book and audio version is available for free online at the library. By the way, there is a nice app called "Libby" that connects you to libraries online. If you have a card you can enter it in to Libby and check out books online. Does anyone have a good book they would like to recommend, or a good show to watch? Let us know for the next newsletter.

Just for fun, if you have a good *musical* joke to share, *or even a bad one*, pass it along and we can select the very best one. This month's joke comes to us from Denali Porter:

*"Do you know what is the difference between an onion and an accordion? (Drum roll):
- No once cries when you chop up an accordion!"*

What else? We now have 40 Scholarship applicants and we are just waiting on their videos to come in for their virtual auditions. Meanwhile, we updated our website to include our "Scholarship Alumni" page with updates from past winners AND you can now see a complete list of all known [MMC Scholarship Recipients](#) going back to 1950 when VP Gyrid Hyde-Towle won a scholarship for violin. Did you know she played in the Oregon Symphony? You can read her story at [MMC Scholarship Alumni page](#).

Stay Tuned, Keep Sharp and Stay Safe! We hope to see you all on March 1st!

Grant Porter
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Thank you note from the Metropolitan Youth Symphony's Musical Director, Dr. Raúl Gómez-Rojas:

“Grant, thanks so much for having us!

Relevant links below:

Peer Gynt: <https://youtu.be/T0Au1E4mo4Q>
Florence Price: <https://youtu.be/4RMVX4ODkOQ>
William Grant Still: <https://youtu.be/t0wp6ved5c8>
Satchmo: <https://youtu.be/kVqqBb-Sars>
Hammer to Fall: <https://youtu.be/apCh3G56Kc0>
Ode to Joy: https://youtu.be/k6YUHY_w87o

May 2020 Spring Concert (full concert): <https://youtu.be/AHJiT7zljDE>
Fall Concert (full concert): <https://youtu.be/q3sS-J-gRj4>
Holiday Spectacular (full concert): <https://youtu.be/bpz1MFYC7XA>

Best,

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