



# Monday Musical Club of Portland November Newsletter

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### Mark Your Calendars!

December 11<sup>th</sup>  
11:30am  
Holiday Luncheon  
MAC Club



### Jerre Ann Pappelis President

It's hard to believe we are already making plans for Thanksgiving! As we head into the holiday season, I want to extend a big thank you to all members of Monday Musical Club. In this challenging time, we've been able to sustain our membership level and keep Monday Musical Club of Portland vital and thriving.

Our Harvest Tea, featuring Portland Opera Resident Artists, was truly outstanding! We had sixty members and friends in attendance, which made for a special day and beautiful memory.

Our next event is the Holiday Luncheon and we don't want anyone to miss out this year. For anyone experiencing financial hardship, generous, anonymous members, are donating complementary Holiday Luncheon tickets for those who might not otherwise be able to participate in upcoming events. Tickets for the Holiday Luncheon will be on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Sandy Tyler, Financial Secretary (everything remains confidential). We want everyone to enjoy a festive afternoon at the MAC!

Thank you, again, for your continued support of Monday Musical Club. Wishing you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving!



### Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday, a global day of giving that kicks off the holiday season, is coming.

This year, Giving Tuesday is November 28.

**Please join our Monday Musical Club family** in supporting financial awards for deserving young musicians and our performing arts community. Your gift matters!



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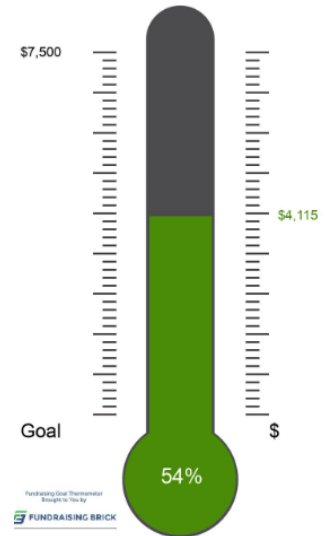


**Gus Pappelis**  
**Ways & Means Chair**

The holidays are upon us and so much is planned. Our Monday Musical Club Holiday Luncheon is coming up on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the Multnomah Athletic Club

Ballroom. The MAC goes all out with their festive decorations; we know the place will look beautiful. The wonderful MelloMacs will greet us with song and merriment to kick off our event. The Gresham High School Overtones will be our featured performers along with piano favorites played by our own Bev Owen. As in past years, we will hold our ***famous and exciting raffle*** (tickets will be on sale at the event). You don't want to miss out on this Monday Music Club holiday tradition. Tickets must be purchased by December 5th. Bring some friends to share in all the great memories. See our enclosed flyer for more details. For much more information, please visit:

- [guspappelis.blogspot.com](http://guspappelis.blogspot.com) (and select info, calendar, about, music, etc.)  
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**Grant Porter**  
**VP, Awards, and Program Chair**

Congratulations to the Club as our membership numbers are getting back up to strength. This was evident with the much improved turnout of members who got to see the new batch of Portland Opera's Resident Artists. We learned that

Tenor, Antonio Domino from New Orleans is the grandson of the legendary Fats Domino and that Roland Hawkins II not only has an amazing voice but he can also solve a Rubix cube in under two minutes! Keep coming in the new year as we will help PYP carry on through its 100th Centennial season as we start the new year and Raúl Gómez-Rojas will make his way back to mystify us once again with his amazing MYSfit string ensemble in February.

Update on our new "Crescendo Masterclass" - We are pleased to announce that MYS Artistic Director, Raúl Gómez-Rojas and two of Portland Opera's Resident Artists will be back for more in '24 as guest instructors in our new Masterclasses series. Our first two classes are tentatively scheduled to take place at Lincoln Hall, Portland State University on Sunday, January 21st. Raúl Gómez-Rojas will conduct the first class for strings at 1 pm. Derek Choi and Ryan Jun of Project Prelude have assembled several rising stars to perform and are partnering with us to promote the event. Our voice class will feature tenor, Roland Hawkins II, and collaborative pianist Claire Forstman who will lead our voice students performances at 3 pm. Stay tuned for more details on these exciting developments and more information to come for our Piano Masterclass.

Young Musician Showcase: Claire Youn and Katie Liu: In October we discussed several student-led nonprofits formed by MMC award winning students. Groups such as Project Prelude, the Euphonus Ensemble and others are providing programs to provide music education and are holding benefit concerts to provide awareness about various charities. This month we are showcasing MMC award winning violinists Claire Youn (2022) and Katie Liu (2023) to highlight the accomplishments of their non-profit organization, **Music4Harmony**. In their own October Newsletter, they discussed several initiatives to include their "Stand by Ukraine" Benefit Concert which raised \$7525 for UNICEF and included links to interviews and coverage by local news stations (KOIN6, Fox12 and KGW8). Katie updated us this week to say, "We just finished a benefit concert at Nike yesterday to help raise money for a child with a rare disease. All the money will go to a foundation that support a research program at OHSU." Please visit their website for more information and keep an eye out for more to come: Music4Harmony.



The second MMC member in our Spotlight series this month is Nita Van Pelt, who won an MMC award in 1972! Nita Van Pelt, 1972: "My senior year at Sunset High School in Beaverton, OR I auditioned and received a scholarship from the Monday Musical Club. I was very grateful! I had already been accepted at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Oberlin, OH on clarinet. Over the next years I earned two degrees from Oberlin and started my public-school teaching in Elyria, OH. I returned to Oregon and continued teaching mostly string orchestras but some band and general music too for 30 years in Lake Oswego. I conducted the Interlude Orchestra of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony for 21 years. During all those years I played clarinet in local bands and orchestras. I still play in the Tilikum Chamber Orchestra. After I retired, I joined the Monday Musical Club and am very happy to come full circle and help continue the tradition of scholarships for young musicians."



**Teryl Williams**  
Membership chair

I am sad to report that two of our members, Anita Weber and Barbara Fredricksen, have passed away.



**Anita Weber**

Anita joined Monday Musical in 2004 and served as Chair of the Tickets committee for many years, until Monday Musical stopped printing tickets during the pandemic.

The family is planning a Celebration of Life in January or February, and MMC members will be notified when

the date and time are set.

Condolences may be sent to Anita's daughter

Bonnie Olds  
3236 NE 63rd Avenue  
Portland, OR 97213

Anita's obituary is here:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/portland-or/anita-weber-11529990>



**Barbara Fredricksen**

Barbara joined Monday Musical in 1991 and was a very active member. She served on the Board for many years, including two terms as President (1994-95 and 2004-05) and a number of years as the Scholarship (Awards) Committee Chair. She also directed the Monday Musical chorus and performed annually in the 2-Piano Concert.

Barbara's obituary:

[https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/oregon/name/barbara-fredricksen-obituary?id=53621043&e=6c1d99b423d0b067a98b8408cf87f030&utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Newsletter\\_obituaries%202023-11-18&utm\\_term=Newsletter\\_obituaries](https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/oregon/name/barbara-fredricksen-obituary?id=53621043&e=6c1d99b423d0b067a98b8408cf87f030&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter_obituaries%202023-11-18&utm_term=Newsletter_obituaries)





**Janette Barbour**  
**Historian**



**YESTERYEAR.... Notes from Monday Musical History**

As we get ready to celebrate the holidays with our annual luncheon, it's fun to look back at what the event was like in the past. For one thing, it was much more elaborate than it is today. In 1983 the event was a formal dinner party at Riverside Golf and Country Club. The invitation listed appropriate attire as "short or long dresses, dark suits or tuxedos." The entertainers were the Lake Oswego Windjammers, and the MMC String

Department provided background music. It was much less expensive then, too. NY steak was on the menu, and tickets for the evening, which included a gratuity, were sold for \$15 each.

**Birthdays in November**

Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Susan VanLente

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Mary Seitz

Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> Morris Buckwalter



**Interesting November Information**

- Scorpio (October 23 – November 21). Scorpios are said to value trust and honesty above other things, as well as being quite intense yet imaginative people.
- Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21). Those born under the sign of Sagittarius are quite different, being energetic and idealistic while also generous and open-minded.

November's birthstone is the topaz (particularly, yellow) which symbolizes friendship and the citrine. The ancient Greeks believed that topaz could make a wearer invisible. A symbol of honor and strength, topaz was also believed to bring longevity and wisdom.

Birth flower is the chrysanthemum.





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