



Mark Your Calendars!

April 8th 1:00pm
 Tea
 Spring Concert
 Reedwood Friends Church
 2901 SE Steele St
 Portland

April 21st 9:00am
 Music Award Auditions
 Community Music Center
 3350 SE Francis St.
 Volunteers Needed

May 6th 1:00pm
 Music Awards Tea
 Westminster, Great Hall

June 3rd 1:00pm
 Annual Meeting
 Westminster, Great Hall



Jerre Ann Pappelis
President

Music is in the air! Counting down to Spring, I am truly excited for the rest of this 2024 Monday Musical Club of Portland's 120th year! Our Spring

Concert, April 8th at Reedwood Friends Church (see flyer for details), will bring a colorful variety of musical talent. Looking ahead, we have the Music Award Auditions on April 21st, and our Amazing Award Winners Tea on May 6th.

As we prepare for the Annual Meeting on June 3rd, we are planning for the future of Monday Musical Club of Portland and we need your help. We encourage anyone who is interested in being involved and taking a more active role in MMC to please contact Gus Pappelis (gappappelis@aol.com). Please know we welcome your participation and look forward to putting together a team for the coming year. It's not too soon to let us know if you have suggestions for future celebrations, musicales, and fundraisers. We value your input and want Monday Musical Club to reflect the interest of all our members.

As always, your continued support of and participation in MMC is so important and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your dedication to the Monday Musical Club of Portland!



Grant Porter
VP, Awards, and Program Chair

We had a very successful year with great programs from all the organizations we support and we hope to finish strong with the April through June events. Thanks to everyone who supported all the teas and masterclass events we have had this year!

Volunteers are needed to assist award contestants at the Community Music Center on April 21st from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm in support of the auditions. I would like to have at least two people assisting throughout the entire day. I will develop a schedule once I get the names of volunteers. There is plenty of seating to sit and watch the auditions; however, parking is limited so we ask that anyone staying for longer periods use street parking. Thanks in advance to anyone who can donate their time for 2 to 4 to 8 hours that day.



We have a full slate of 30 contestants and three adjudicators who are all ready to go. It will be a full day. We will award \$16,500 in prize money and hope to raise more funds through our Spring Concert. All money raised at the Spring Concert will be used to support our awards program so thanks in advance to everyone for their donations!



Spring Concert – It's that time again: **Spring**. This year we feature an exciting variety of musical performances in what we affectionately call the MMC Mixed Doubles for Piano (see our flyer). Notes will be flying as competitors (I mean performers) play in this exciting musical sports event. Players hit the court (I mean piano) at 1:00 p.m. on April 8th at The Reedwood Friends Church, 2901 SE Steele near Reed College. Don't miss this excellent entertainment.



April Showers - Raffle tickets for our April Showers fundraiser event are now available! Tickets are \$5 each, with 5 tickets on special for \$20. Please send your raffle checks to Sandy Tyler ASAP or bring them to the April 8th Tea at Reedwood Friends Church (see our flyer). Remember, any amount given for April Showers will help bring in our beautiful May Flowers competition winners featured in our May Winners Tea. All funds go toward scholarships for these amazing young musicians! Questions? Contact Gus Pappelis.

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Please join us in welcoming Jan Jones who joined us in March



Jan Jones - I was born in Eugene but came to Portland (Cedar Hills) at the age of 3. Music has always been a huge part of my life. I studied piano, beginning at age 6 and violin at age 11. However, singing was my favorite way to enjoy music. I sang at Sunset High school in the Acapella Choir and Madrigal Choir, played in the orchestra and participated in drama, especially musical theatre. I feel so fortunate to have had many opportunities for musical growth, from private lessons to enriching opportunities in school.

After high school, I attended Pacific Lutheran University and majored in Music Education. The highlight in college was singing in Choir of the West, one of the premier choral programs in the United States.

Music to me is an essential part of education. I taught K-6 general music for 15 years in Newberg, Beaverton and Lake Oswego School districts. When not teaching you could find me volunteering in my children's classrooms or at my church.

Currently I sing in my church choir and a newly formed community choir, called OCCYC. I also enjoy walking, hiking, gardening - getting generous amounts of Oregon fresh air and sunshine!

My husband and I live in Lake Oswego with our cat, Rocco. We have two grown sons; our oldest lives in Portland, and the youngest with his family in Colorado.



YESTERYEAR.... Notes from Monday Musical History



Those of you who've joined MMC in the last few years may have wondered why we have a music award in honor of Jess Foster. Well, here's the story.

The Jess Foster Vocal Award was created by Jim and Mary Foster, son and daughter-in-law of Jesse Foster who directed the MMC chorus for many years, well into his 90's, and was one of the leading music educators in Portland.



Jess taught at both Roosevelt and Lincoln High schools in Portland and became Assistant Supervisor of Music for Portland Schools. In addition, he served over the years as choir director of a number of Portland churches and directed high school choruses. Many Monday Musical members were members of his high school choruses. He and his wife were devoted to MMC and their family wanted to memorialize their parents by establishing a Monday Musical Award in his name.





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