



MARCH

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB  
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## *March Newsletter*

*JERRE ANN AND GUS PAPPELIS, CO-PRESIDENTS*

Spring is springing, and MMC has many very exciting events to celebrate the new season. Along with our annual award auditions and masterclasses, our Spring Concert is on deck for April 7th and our exciting new Award Program Benefit Concert is now set for Saturday, May 3rd. These last two events will be especially exciting as **Michael Allen Harrison** will be our celebrity guest performer. Please share the attached flyer to promote our Spring Concert and stay tuned for the next one as we promote our events!

This being said, we turn to you with a few tips to help make our events even more successful.

- Share this newsletter with your friends and colleagues. Let them know what's happening. Many may not have heard of us, but they do know Michael and his long tradition of performance to support charitable causes in our community.
- Share the flyers that publicize our upcoming concerts. Hopefully, friends will come and enjoy the event. They also will know they can contribute to our cause even if they can't attend. Sharing is as easy as forwarding this email to those on your personal email list.
- Share and "Like" our Facebook postings. This is an easy way to help spread the news. You've probably noticed we also share posts from the organizations that we support. It really helps get our name in front of new readers.



- Invite some friends to join us at our events. This is a great way to increase the fun while also potentially increasing our membership.
- Volunteer to help out with our event committees. We could use your help, and you will have a lot of fun and get to know our group. It's also a great way to meet our guest performers. Do you have talents to share with our club? Jump in! The water's fine.
- Volunteer to serve on the Nominating Committee to elect our 2025-26 Officers - This April we will select our Committee chair and five members to build our team for next year. If you would like to serve on the nominating committee or serve as an elected officer, let us know.

Spring is going to be a great season for MMC. Plan to be part of the fun!

## *GRANT PORTER, VICE PRESIDENT, PROGRAMS AND AWARDS CHAIRMAN*

### **Programs Update:**

In case you missed it, the Piano Santa Foundation performed for us at our March Tea with two young artists performing. We donated \$1,000 to their organization. Here's Claudine Elzey receiving our check along with their new Executive Director, Zack Frey with their two student performers, Agnes Nguyen and Sophia Thai looking on. We were very happy to see Agnes return as she is one of our 2024 MMC award winners. She was one of 16 young artists who were awarded \$16,500 in award money from our fabulous awards program.





### **Awards Update:**

This year we will award the same amount as we hold auditions on April 12-13 at Portland State University, Lincoln Hall in Room 326. This year marks the first time we will have the events on two separate days. This allows us to include more applicants. We currently have 55 contestants. That's ten more than our previously highest number to include 16 voice contestants; which is 11 more than we've had in recent years.



Part of the increased popularity and attention to our program has developed from the introduction of masterclasses. On March 8th, **Jeff Payne** (Fear No Music) coached five students. On March 29th, **Madeleine Ross and Claire Forstman** will assist our voice students to help them prepare for their auditions. We're holding the classes in the same room as the auditions as part of their orientation.

### **Masterclasses and Audition Schedule:**

Be sure to update your calendar with the latest update to the Directory as the schedule has changed for our final masterclass and audition dates. All events will be held at Portland State University. A parking garage is conveniently located across from Lincoln Hall if you would like to attend. Please enter the building at the SW Broadway entrance and you can use elevators to make your way up to Room 326 to hear the music. It's just like going back to school.

### **Masterclass Date:**

March 29th, 10 am: Voice session with Renegade Opera soprano **Madeline Ross**, along with Portland Opera's Resident Artist/pianist, **Claire Forstman**.

### **Audition Dates:**

April 12th, 8:30 am – Instrumental contestants

April 12th, 12:00 pm – Voice contestants

April 13th, 10:00 am – Piano contestants



## Patty Cavanaugh Ways and Means Chair

The Pot o' Gold Tea on March 3rd chaired by our Tea Committee was a great success! Tea Hostesses Cynthia Marberry, April Avery, Eloise Mark, Lori Kammerer and Tisa Wrightson presented a beautiful tea with outstanding food and charming decorations. I was delighted to help them. We raised \$745 in donations from just 35 members who attended and we hope that more will contribute this month as the money raised will help fund our awards program to reduce money we have to pull from our investments.

We have exciting news to share with those of you who weren't at the March 3rd Pot o' Gold Tea. Monday Musical Club will have a Benefit Concert on Saturday, May 3rd from 5:00 to 8:30 pm at Gray Gables Estate, 3009 SE Chestnut St, Portland, OR 97267. MMC will present Michael Allen Harrison on the piano, and Julianne Johnson as the featured vocalist. These two artists have performed beautiful music together for many years!

The \$89 ticket price includes a full hour of tray-passed hors d'oeuvres, a drink ticket for 1 glass of wine, beer or cider, the concert, self-serve dessert at intermission, and a free Michael Allen Harrison CD! Considering this is a Benefit for a worthwhile cause, we think this represents a very good value!

There will be a full no-host bar (your ticket is worth \$8 if you prefer a cocktail). Non-alcoholic drinks are available (3 for 1 ticket), and free coffee, lemonade and water will be available throughout the event. Proceeds from this Benefit will go to help fund the financial awards for music students who are participating in the April 12-13 Auditions.

We are currently creating the flyer for this event, and hope when it is ready, you will share it with family and friends. We also hope the same widespread sharing will occur with our April 7th Spring Concert flyer. We will be setting up a payment platform online, which will be free of charge for MMC to utilize. There will be a handling fee of approximately \$5 for ticket buyers. If you are unavailable on May 3rd, or the ticket price is outside of your budget, please consider donating to our Awards Fund instead. Any amount, no matter how small, is gladly accepted. Donations should be sent to Cynthia Marberry or paid online using our website.

We will let you know when the ticketing platform goes live. We hope to have a great turnout, and start a new tradition of successful MMC fundraising events that will be open to the public and held on days and at times that are convenient to working people. With this approach, we expect to have more visibility in the community at large, and potentially recruit more members who love music like we do!



*Cynthia Marberry,  
Co-Finance Secretary, Correspondence Secretary*

A big thank you once again to our Tea Committee and volunteers for making our March Tea so special. What a great way to celebrate this lucky month! This is just a friendly reminder that you still have until March 31 to make a gift to the Pot o' Gold fundraiser. The money will be used to help fund our awards program and meet our fundraising goal for the year. See what's at the end of your rainbow and maybe you will have the "Luck of the Irish." The winner of our drawing on April 7th will receive:

**\$100 and SYMPHONY TICKETS!!**

Your name will be entered in a drawing to win two Oregon Symphony tickets at a concert of your choice and \$100 spending money. Our generous board members all chipped in and donated the extra spending money. We received many donations for this important fundraiser from members and guests who were at the March 3rd event, but only 35 of you were present. Those of you who didn't attend on March 3rd, still have a chance to donate.

You may donate on-line by using the "Donate" tab on our website:  
[www.pdxmmc.org](http://www.pdxmmc.org).

or

Send in your donations by USPS to our acting Financial Secretary:

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