



OCTOBER

**MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB
OF PORTLAND**

2025

WELCOME TO OUR
Monthly Newsletter

Joe McDonald, President

IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE THAT IT IS LATE OCTOBER 2025! WE HAVE HAD SOME BEAUTIFUL WEATHER OUTSIDE WHICH IS CHANGING WITH THE SEASONS, BUT WE HAVE MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN MMC. WE HAVE THE HARVEST TEA COMING UP ON NOVEMBER 3 (JUST A FEW DAYS AWAY!) PLUS WE HAVE THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON COMING UP IN DECEMBER. WHERE HAS THE TIME GONE?

ON OCTOBER 6, WE HAD THE BRING-A-FRIEND TEA WHERE WE WERE PLEASED THAT THERE WERE THREE GUESTS/FRIENDS WHO ATTENDED. WE APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF OUR MEMBERS TO BRING THEIR FRIENDS AND INTRODUCE THEM TO MMC. THEN, WHEN THEY JOIN, IT IS AN EVEN BETTER OUTCOME!

UNFORTUNATELY, WE ALSO HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE UNCERTAINTY PRESENTED TO THE CLUB ABOUT THE AWARDS PROGRAM AND BOARD MEMBERS. PLEASE READ THE MESSAGE (AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT) ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES ABOUT THE CHALLENGES WE FACE IN THIS AREA. YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS DIFFICULT SUBJECT IS APPRECIATED.

AN ADDITIONAL NOTE - WE (I) ARE GETTING USED TO THE SOFTWARE USED IN PREPARING THIS NEWSLETTER. WE ARE IMPROVING AND IT WILL GET BETTER, I PROMISE!!

AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT – PLEASE READ!!

AS YOU KNOW, GRANTING MUSIC AWARDS TO YOUNG MUSICIANS IS A CORE PRINCIPLE OF MMC. WE HAVE, FOR MANY YEARS, GIVEN CASH AWARDS TO DESERVING YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE PERFORMED AT AN AUDITION, BEEN GRADED BY PROFESSIONAL ADJUDICATORS AND BASED ON THEIR DECISION, HAVE BEEN GRANTED CASH AWARDS AT OUR ANNUAL AWARDS TEA IN MAY. THIS IS THE CULMINATION OF OUR YEAR AS IT IS OUR CHANCE TO SEE THE RESULTS OF OUR EFFORTS IN FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT.

THE AWARDS CHAIR GRANT PORTER HAS RECENTLY RESIGNED FROM THIS POSITION. I BELIEVE THAT NONE OF US WANT THE YEAR TO PASS WITHOUT OUR MUSIC AWARDS PROGRAM AND THE JOY IT BRINGS NOT ONLY TO THE WINNERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, BUT TO OUR MEMBERS. AFTERALL, MOST OF US FEEL THAT MUSIC AWARDS IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO CLASSICAL MUSIC IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO, WE MUST FILL THE POSITION OF MUSIC AWARDS CHAIR PLUS HAVE AN AWARDS COMMITTEE OR WE MUST CONSIDER NOT HAVING AN AWARDS PROGRAM THIS YEAR! IT WILL NOT HAPPEN BY ITSELF. IT IS A VERY INVOLVED PROCESS AND INCLUDES MANY STEPS. IT SHOULD NOT BE CONCENTRATED IN ONE PERSON, BUT DUTIES SHOULD BE SHARED WITH OTHERS. I KNOW THERE ARE TALENTED PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO ARE PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF BRINGING THIS TOGETHER, SO I AM ASKING FOR YOUR HELP. CALL ME OR ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE BOARD TO OFFER YOUR TALENT, TIME, AND ADVICE." . .

AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT CONT'D

IN ADDITION, WE HAVE A NEED FOR PEOPLE TO STEP UP INTO OTHER ROLES AT MMC. WHEN THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MET IN APRIL 2025, THEY WORKED DILIGENTLY TO FIND CANDIDATES TO FILL BOARD POSITIONS FOR 2025 2026. THEY ONLY PARTIALLY SUCCEEDED, DUE TO THE LACK OF VOLUNTEERS. AS THE NEW PRESIDENT, I HAVE REACHED OUT FOR HELP, HAVE SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS WE COULD DO SOMETHING CALLED JOB-SHARING BUT HAVE RECEIVED NO VOLUNTEERS. THEREFORE, YOUR BOARD HAS BEEN FUNCTIONING WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF MEMBERS WHO ARE ALL DOING SEVERAL JOBS TO KEEP MMC GOING. THIS SITUATION CANNOT LAST AS OUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER HAS DECLINED, AND WE ARE ALL GETTING OLDER. AS YOU WILL SEE BELOW, WE WILL BE WORKING ON HOW TO REBUILD THE MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMING MONTHS AND WILL NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT.

YOUR BOARD OF MANAGEMENT IS WORKING ON AN OUTREACH PROGRAM WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF PROFESSIONALS. WE ARE CONSIDERING ENGAGING WITH SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP US EXPAND OUR MEMBERSHIP THROUGH MULTIPLE CHANNELS WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT WE COULD ACQUIRE NEW MEMBERS WHO ARE WILLING TO BRING THEIR ENERGY AND PERSPECTIVE TO MMC AS WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE.

WE THE BOARD APPEAL TO YOU, OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE STOOD BY MMC SO FAITHFULLY, TO CONSIDER HOW WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD. YOUR BOARD STANDS READY AND WILLING TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO KEEP MMC ALIVE AND IN FACT TO GROW IT, HOWEVER WE CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP!

NEXT WEEK, A BOARD MEMBER WILL BE REACHING OUT TO YOU AND ASKING FOR YOUR CANDID INPUT AND FEEDBACK ABOUT THE CLUB. WE HOPE THE RESULT IS AN ENGAGED MEMBERSHIP WHO ARE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO ACHIEVE THE MISSION OF MMC – 'SUPPORTING AND HELPING YOUNG MUSICIANS'.
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP,

JOE MCDONALD

MMC PRESIDENT

2025 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

OUR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON WILL BE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH AT 11:30 AM AT TUALATIN COUNTRY CLUB!

OUR MENU IS A CHOICE BETWEEN CHICKEN MARSALA WITH GARLIC HERB MASHED POTATOES AND FRESH SEASONAL VEGETABLE OR GLUTEN FREE PASTA PRIMAVERA (FRESH SEASONAL VEGETABLES) IN A CREAMY WHITE SAUCE (VEGETARIAN). ALSO INCLUDED IS A NORTHWEST HARVEST SALAD, ROLLS AND BUTTER, AND CHEF'S CHOCOLATE CAKE (GLUTEN FREE). HOT TEA AND COFFEE WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED. IF YOU HAVE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS THAT REQUIRE ACCOMMODATION, PLEASE LET ME KNOW!

THE ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE A PERFORMANCE BY GRANT HIGH SCHOOL'S ROYAL BLUES, A HIGHLY RATED LOCAL CHOIR WHICH HAS PERFORMED ALL OVER THE WORLD AND WAS A FAVORITE PART OF MMC HOLIDAY LUNCHEONS IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT PAST. AFTERWARD, WE WILL HAVE A CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG. LAST ON THE PROGRAM WILL BE OUR RAFFLE, AND WE HAVE MANY EXCITING PRIZES FOR YOU TO WIN!

SINCE OUR CLUB'S GOAL IS TO BREAK EVEN ON OUR LUNCHEONS, TICKET COST WILL BE \$55 EACH. IF YOU PURCHASE AN ENTIRE TABLE, YOU WILL RECEIVE A \$30 DISCOUNT, SO THE TOTAL TABLE COST WILL BE \$520. YOU WILL BE GIVEN A FREE RAFFLE TICKET WITH YOUR PURCHASE (PROVIDED AT THE LUNCHEON). ALSO, A COMPLIMENTARY GLASS OF WINE, EITHER PINOT GRIS OR PINOT NOIR, WILL BE PROVIDED, THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF TWO CLUB MEMBERS. PEOPLE WHO PREFER NOT TO DRINK WINE WILL GET 2 FREE RAFFLE TICKETS!

WE WILL BE SELLING LUNCHEON TICKETS AT THE NOVEMBER 3RD TEA, OR YOU MAY USE THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

1. SEND A CHECK PAYABLE TO MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB C/O JANETTE BARBOUR, OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY. PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR ENTRÉE AND WINE CHOICES.
2. CALL PATTY CAVANAUGH AT 971.645.6322 TO CHARGE YOUR TICKET TO ANY CREDIT CARD.
3. PAY ONLINE AT PDXMMC.ORG WITH PAYPAL. IF YOU USE PAYPAL, PLEASE TEXT PATTY CAVANAUGH YOUR CHOICE OF ENTRÉE AND WINE.

WHICHEVER WAY YOU CHOOSE TO SIGN UP, WE WILL NEED ALL YOUR CHOICES UP FRONT (INCLUDING CHOOSING NO WINE).

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE AN EPIC 2025 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON THAT WILL ECHO THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEONS OF THE "GOOD OLD DAYS" AND HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US! THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND. OUR GUARANTEED NUMBER IS DUE THAT DAY TO TCC. PLEASE JOIN US AND LET'S MAKE MERRY MUSIC TOGETHER!!

**FROM OUR CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,
CYNTHIA MARBERRY**

OUR CLUB MEMBERS RECEIVE MOST CLUB NEWS BY EMAIL. OUR DATA FILLED, TECHNICAL WORLD ALLOWS FOR THE IMMEDIATE, POSTAGE-FREE TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION. BUT HOW MANY MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO OPEN AND PRINT THE ATTACHMENTS LIKE THE NEWSLETTER, FLYERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT MAY NOT BE IN THE BODY OF THE EMAIL ITSELF? MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO SHARE INVITATIONS, FLYERS, EVEN OUR NEWSLETTER WITH THEIR CONTACTS. HOW MANY FEEL COMFORTABLE DOING THAT ELECTRONICALLY? IF YOU WOULD RATHER HAVE THE ATTACHMENT (I.E. NEWSLETTER, FLYER, ETC.) MAILED TO YOU, PLEASE LET US KNOW. COMMUNICATION IS ESSENTIAL IN ANY ORGANIZATION AND WE WOULD RATHER ADD YOUR NAME TO THE USPS MAILING LIST THAN NOT HAVE YOU INFORMED. PLEASE LET CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, CYNTHIA MARBERRY, KNOW IF YOU WANT TO RECEIVE MMC CORRESPONDENCE BY "SNAIL MAIL" AND SHE WILL ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST OF OTHERS WHO ALREADY RECEIVE INFORMATION BY USPS.

ON ANOTHER NOTE, KINDLY MAKE SURE THAT MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB HAS YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AND EMAIL. NOTIFY DIRECTORY CHAIR, JUDIE JAMISON AND CORRESPONDING SECRETARY CYNTHIA MARBERRY OF ANY CHANGES. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR HELPING US KEEP YOU INFORMED.

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UPDATE FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, TERYL WILLIAMS

WE HAVE SOME NEW MEMBERS TO INTRODUCE TO THE CLUB!

FIRST IS PATRICIA GILL, WHO JOINED IN JUNE. SHE MOVED TO PORTLAND FROM CALIFORNIA ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO TO BE CLOSE TO HER CHILDREN HERE. SHE IS A PAINTER AND A SCULPTOR. SHE HAS DONE HER OWN SHOWS BUT HAS NOT ENTERED COMPETITIONS. SHE JOINED MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF HER FRIEND, SUSAN VANLENTE.

NEXT WE HAVE MARIA SHINDLER WHO JOINED MMC AT THE OCTOBER TEA. SHE HAS ALWAYS ENJOYED CLASSICAL MUSIC AND ATTENDED ONE OF OUR DUO PIANO CONCERTS A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO. MARIA IS EMPLOYED AS A GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRIST. FORTUNATELY, SHE HAS MONDAYS OFF SO SHE CAN ATTEND OUR REGULAR TEAS! HER NEPHEW WAS A MEMBER OF PYP. HE IS A BASSIST WHO PLAYS WITH THE TACOMA SYMPHONY AND TEACHES AT PACIFIC UNIVERSITY IN FOREST GROVE.

THEN WE HAVE LAURA COATES AND ANN UHLER WHO ALSO JOINED US AT THE OCTOBER TEA. THEY ARE FRIENDS OF ARDITH STENSLAND. WE HOPE TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THEM IN THE COMING WEEKS.

WHEN YOU SEE THEM AT OUR UPCOMING TEAS, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELF, WELCOME THEM TO THE CLUB AND MAKE THEM FEEL PART OF THE FAMILY!