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FROM PRESIDENT JOE McDONALD

OUR MARCH TEA WAS A ROUSING SUCCESS! WE HAD SEVERAL ARTISTS FROM THE COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER PERFORM AND IT WAS FANTASTIC! SUCH TALENT IN YOUNG PEOPLE – IT GIVES ME COMFORT TO KNOW THAT OUR WORK PLUS THAT OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ARE PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY. THEY ARE THE FUTURE OF CLASSICAL (AND OTHER TYPES OF) MUSIC IN OUR AREA AND DESERVE OUR SUPPORT. WE ALL KNOW THAT FUNDING OF THE ARTS AND NON-PROFITS SUCH AS MMC IS VERY CHALLENGING, BUT THE REWARDS ARE OBVIOUS.

AS YOU WILL SEE, COMING UP WE HAVE OUR ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT ON APRIL 6 AT THE REEDWOOD FRIENDS CHURCH LOCATED AT 2901 SE STEELE STREET IN PORTLAND. YOUR PROGRAM CHAIR, BERNADETTE ARNOLD, IS PLANNING AN EXCITING DAY.

ALSO UPCOMING IS OUR NOW-ANNUAL SOIRÉE. YOUR VICE PRESIDENT AND WAYS AND MEANS CHAIR, PATTY CAVANAUGH IS DETAILING THAT FOR YOU BELOW. IT IS STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS, SO STAY TUNED.

YOUR BOARD OF MANAGEMENT IS ACTIVELY WORKING TO FURTHER THE MISSION OF MMC. SO FAR, WE HAVE ONLY HAD TWO MEMBERS AGREE TO BE ON THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE – JUDIE JAMISON AND GUS PAPPALIS (THANK YOU TO BOTH!). HOWEVER, WE NEED A COUPLE OR THREE MORE, SO PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THIS IMPORTANT TASK.

ALSO, CLUB MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE A LETTER SOON TO UPDATE YOU ON SOME ISSUES WE ARE FACING AND TO ENCOURAGE YOUR PARTICIPATION. STAY TUNED!

SPRING CONCERT APRIL 6, 2026

OUR SPRING CONCERT WILL FEATURE A FANTASTIC GROUP OF MUSICIANS: PIANIST MARIA GARCIA; PIANIST, COMPOSER, AND CONDUCTOR, GYAN SINGH MARIA; AND CELLIST AND COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GREGORY DUBAY

MARIA GARCIA

MARIA BEGAN PIANO STUDIES IN HER NATIVE PUERTO RICO AT THE AGE OF FOUR. AT THE AGE OF TEN SHE MADE HER DEBUT WITH THE PUERTO RICO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. AS A YOUNG WOMAN, MARIA RECEIVED A FULL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FROM SUNY STONEY BROOK, NY WHERE SHE COMPLETED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN MUSIC AS WELL AS DOCTORAL STUDIES. AN ACTIVE CHAMBER MUSICIAN AND SOLOIST, Ms. GARCIA HAS PERFORMED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. SHE IS A PASSIONATE TEACHER AND MUSICAL COACH. MARIA PERFORMS LOCALLY WITH GROUPS LIKE *THIRD ANGLE ENSEMBLE*, *45TH PARALLEL*, AND IS PART OF THE AWARD WINNING, HIGHLY PRAISED, *20 DIGITUS PIANO DUO* WITH PIANIST MOMOKO MURAMATSU. SHE RUNS A PRIVATE TEACHING STUDIO OUT OF HER HOME IN NE PORTLAND, IS A MEMBER OF OMTA/MTNA, AND IS PIANO PROGRAM DIRECTOR AT YOUNG MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS DURING THE SUMMER. (CONT. ON PAGE 2)



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GYAN SINGH MARIA

FOUNDING FELLOW OF **PORTLAND CIRCLE (LIVING OPERA)**, GYAN PRODUCES PERFORMANCES, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND CREATIVE PROJECTS FOR LOCAL AUDIENCES. HE HAS ALREADY PRODUCED **12 EVENTS**, ALL FULLY FUNDED THROUGH IN-KIND PARTNERSHIPS — A SUSTAINABLE MODEL HE DEVELOPED. AFTER A SUCCESSFUL CONDUCTING DEBUT, GYAN WAS APPOINTED **MUSIC DIRECTOR & EXECUTIVE/ARTISTIC LEADERSHIP FELLOW** FOR THE **MUSES PROJECT** AND WILL CONDUCT MULTIPLE CONCERTS IN ARKANSAS IN 2026. AS 2025-2026 CONDUCTING FELLOW, PORTLAND OPERA, GYAN IS SET TO BECOME RESIDENT ARTIST CONDUCTOR IN 2026-2027, LEADING A DOUBLE BILL OF **FRIDA KAHLO AND THE BRAVEST GIRL IN THE WORLD** AND **STONE SOUP**.

GREGORY DUBAY

NOT ONLY IS GREGORY DUBAY THE **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER** IN PORTLAND, OR, BUT HE IS A WONDERFUL MUSICIAN IN HIS OWN RIGHT. HE BEGAN STUDYING CELLO AS A BOY. HE OBTAINED HIS MA IN CELLO PERFORMANCE FROM MANHATTAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC IN 1987 AND HAS PLAYED WITH **THE BERGEN PHILHARMONIC** AND **HONOLULU SYMPHONIES**.

HELP US ADVERTISE THIS STELLAR PERFORMANCE BY INVITING FAMILY AND FRIENDS, DISTRIBUTING FLYERS, AND SENDING EMAILS. MEMBERS WHO USE FACEBOOK, PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR EVENTS BY SHARING FB POSTS.

FROM VICE PRESIDENT AND WAYS & MEANS CHAIR PATTY CAVANAUGH

S'WONDERFUL SOIRÉE '26
A NIGHT OF SWING, SOUL AND SONG!

DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 17TH
TIME: 6:00 TO 8:00 PM
PLACE: LAKEWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS (COMMUNITY ROOM, LOWER LEVEL)
ADDRESS: 368 S. STATE ST, LAKE OSWEGO, OR 97034

FEATURING: TOM GRANT & SHELLY RUDOLPH

WE ARE TAKING A DIFFERENT APPROACH THIS YEAR: YOU WILL HAVE PLENTY OF CHOICES AND THE PRICES ARE MORE AFFORDABLE! A BASIC TICKET WILL NOW COST ONLY **\$25** (DOWN FROM THE ORIGINAL OF **\$40**)! WE DECIDED OUR GOAL IS TO ENLARGE OUR "TENT" WITH MORE PARTICIPANTS, RATHER THAN FOCUS ON MAXIMIZING AWARD MONEY FOR NEXT YEAR.

COMPLIMENTARY COFFEE AND WATER WILL BE OFFERED. WE WILL HAVE HORS D'OEUVRES AVAILABLE FOR **\$25** ON A PRE-ORDER BASIS THAT INCLUDES ONE GLASS OF WINE OR 2 SOFT DRINKS. EXTRA WINE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE. ADMISSION IS **\$25** SO ADD ON (CONT. ON PAGE3)



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HORS D'OEUVRES + DRINK(S), THAT TOTALS \$50 FOR AN EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT AND SOMETHING DELIGHTFUL TO EAT AND SIP. **DEADLINE** FOR ORDERING FOOD *AS AN ADD-ON IS SATURDAY MAY 9TH*. SUNSET IS AT 8:37 PM SO YOU CAN BE HOME BY DARK!

MMC MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS WILL BE ABLE TO AVOID TICKET TOMATO FEES BY SENDING IN A CHECK PAYABLE TO MMC, PO Box 15300, PORTLAND, OR 97293-5300. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CALL OR TEXT ME. ALSO, LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED A RIDE. PLEASE JOIN US FOR A REALLY FUN EVENING OF GREAT MUSIC!

FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, TERYL WILLIAMS

MMC WARMLY WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS, ANN PRINDIVILLE AND RANDI OTNESS. RANDI (PRONOUNCED RONDI) SHARES THE FOLLOWING WITH US. HER NAME IS NORWEGIAN, AND SHE IS OF NORWEGIAN DESCENT. HER PARENTS WERE BOTH BORN IN NORWAY AND EMIGRATED TO PORTLAND AND MET HERE. RANDI HAS LIVED HER ENTIRE LIFE IN PORTLAND. SHE ATTENDED GRANT HIGH SCHOOL AND PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY. RANDI HAS VISITED NORWAY MANY TIMES TO MEET WITH FAMILY STILL LIVING THERE. HER LAST VISIT WAS IN 2015. HER FIRST JOB WAS WORKING FOR A FEMALE NEUROLOGIST (ONE OF VERY FEW FEMALE DOCTORS AT THE TIME) AT WHAT WAS THEN CALLED THE MEDICAL SCHOOL ON THE HILL. RANDI THEN WORKED FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IN PORTLAND UNTIL HER RETIREMENT IN 1995. HER FIRST EXPOSURE TO CLASSICAL MUSIC WAS ATTENDING GRAMMAR SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS TO CONCERTS HELD AT THE KELLER AUDITORIUM. SHE CONTINUES TO LOVE CLASSICAL MUSIC. HER OTHER INTERESTS INCLUDE GARDENING, TRAVELING (PRIMARYLY TO NORWAY), AND ATTENDING FUNCTIONS AT THE SONS OF NORWAY LODGE.

FROM TEA HOSTESS COORDINATOR, APRIL AVERY

MUSIC AND FOOD HAVE BEEN INTERTWINED FOR A VERY LONG TIME. FROM OUR FIRST BREATH TO OUR FIRST SOUNDS OF LIFE, A BABY NURTURES AND IS NURTURED BY MORE THAN THE LIQUID EXPERIENCE, BEYOND THE IMAGINATION, AND INTO THE MITOCHONDRIA OF OUR DEEPEST EXISTENCE. EACH CELL MUST BE NOURISHED. THE ESSENCE OF HEARTBEAT WITH HEARTBEAT, TOGETHER SYNCHRONIZED INTO A RAINBOW OF UNDERSTANDING. DO YOU HEAR THE MUSIC?

TRANSFORMATION! THAT'S THE TRANSITION FROM ONE STATE TO ANOTHER...FROM WANTING TO HEAR, TO ACTUALLY HEARING, BELIEVING THE TONES, SOARING WITH VOLUME, RESONATING WITH THE NOTES THAT TRANSFORM US.

MUSIC CAN SET US FREE. A DAILY DOSE IS GOOD FOR THE BODY, MIND, AND SPIRIT. WAKE UP SINGING THANKSGIVING – FOR ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY, AND ANOTHER MONDAY MUSICAL. (CONT. ON PAGE 4)



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WE ARE DELIGHTED AND CREATIVELY ENTERTAINED AS WE LISTEN TO THE MUSIC PERFORMED AT OUR MONTHLY TEA TIMES. TRULY BLESSED ARE WE, LISTENING TO LIVE MUSIC, IN PERSON.

AND THEN WE REFLECT, REMEMBER, ENCOURAGE, AND APPRECIATE. THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN OUR YOUNG MUSICIANS. AND, THANK YOU MUSICIANS, FOR SHARING YOUR TALENT, YOUR GIFT, YOUR HEART, WITH US.

STILL COMING THIS SPRING, MORE TO LISTEN TO AND ENJOY. HELP US CONTINUE THIS BELOVED TRADITION OF KEEPING CLASSICAL MUSIC ALIVE. WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US AGAIN, AND OF COURSE, BRING FRIENDS TO SHARE THIS TIME OF THE SOUNDS OF MUSIC, BRINGING HOPE AND POSSIBILITY.

FROM FRIENDSHIP AND ILLNESS CHAIR, BEV OWEN

I AM SO GRATEFUL TO ALL WHO KEEP ME INFORMED ABOUT CLUB MEMBERS WHO NEED A CARD, A NOTE, OR A PHONE CALL FROM ME. I AM A DEVOTED CARD AND NOTE SENDER AND HAVE BEEN ALL MY LIFE. IT MAKES ME HAPPY THAT I CAN SEND ENCOURAGEMENT, CONDOLENCES, AND CONGRATULATIONS WITH JUST A SIMPLE PIECE OF MAIL OR A PHONE CALL. YOU'D BE SURPRISED AT HOW MUCH THAT MEANS TO THE RECIPIENT AND I LOVE DOING IT. MOST RECENTLY I'VE HAD NEWS ABOUT *BONNIE LAFORD*. SHE HAS A NEW ADDRESS: BONNIE LAFORD, 11520 SUNNYSIDE RD., #215, CLACKAMAS, OR 97015. SHE CAN ALSO BE REACHED BY PHONE AT 503-753-6917.

PLEASE CALL ME AT 503-968-3001 IF YOU KNOW OF A MEMBER WHO WOULD APPRECIATE A CARD, NOTE, OR CALL, LET ME KNOW AT 503-968-3001. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

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PHOTOS FROM THE MARCH 2 POT O' GOLD TEA FEATURING MUSICIANS FROM THE COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER

