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**MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB
OF PORTLAND**

2025

**WELCOME TO OUR
Monthly Newsletter**

Joe McDonald, President

We are excited to begin our 122nd year! It is amazing that an organization founded so many years ago is still going strong and looking forward to the future. As we continue the grand traditions of MMC, we will also be looking to branch out to increase our visibility in the community.

As reported below by our Ways and Means Chair, Patty Cavanaugh, MMC promoted and attended two events this summer. These two events were an opportunity for Monday Musical Club to reach out to people who cannot attend our Teas on the first Monday of the month. We hope/plan to have other events to allow them to discover MMC and get involved.

Our first Tea will be The 'Bring A New Friend' Tea on Monday October 6 at 1PM at the Westminster Presbyterian Church at 1624 NE Hancock Street in Portland. We will be having performances from members of The Portland Youth Philharmonic. Look for more news on that!

I am excited to announce that Bernadette Arnold has agreed to be our Program Chair (along with her duties as Treasurer). Bernadette brings a wealth of musical talent and knowledge and is already making a difference.

I close with this fervent request – please see if you can find a way to help us out in some of the other areas. I say it again: many hands make light work, and we need the help of some hands. Please reach out to me or any other Board Member for ideas on where and how you can help us. This is an all volunteer club!!

Ways and Means Chair, Patty Cavanaugh

MMC promoted two events this summer. One was to attend Opera in the Park's performance of "Carmen" by Bizet, a classic opera favorite. We had perfect weather, in a beautiful park setting, gorgeous music, great singing, and over 7,100 fellow Portland metro residents attended! Opera in the Park raised over \$31,470 in donations for for next summer's production, a fantastic result. What a glorious, free, evening event! Don't miss this next summer!!

Second was the Sips & Sounds '25 event that was at Lady Hill Winery near Champoege State Park. Dan Balmer entertained us on the guitar while we sipped wine, ate charcuterie, enjoyed watermelon and cake and visited with one another. This was a "southern" area event and we had many Woodburn members attend along with some Portlanders and Beavertonites. We plan to hold our events in various geographic areas of Portland so each area will have a chance to go to an event not too far from home. If you have an idea for an event, please contact me and we'll see if we can make it happen!

You're all invited to a special Young Voices Northwest Competition on Sunday, October 12th from 1 to 4 PM at PSU's Lincoln Hall, Room 75. This operatic singing competition is the first of its kind ever to be held in Portland, OR and is being sponsored by Portland Opera Guild. Admission is only \$10, and if you are a member of Portland Opera Guild (\$40 annual fee), it is free. The upper age limit is 26 years old, and I have been told that there are some very high caliber singers competing (approximately 20 in total).

I am currently working on generating some additional financial support from individuals and some local companies. Hopefully with this early start, I will be successful in building our Music Awards Fund for our April Audition Winners. I welcome any MMC members to join me in this effort! If you have an idea of someone you'd like to contact to make a donation, please let me know, and I will provide presentation materials to you or approach them myself. I appreciate everyone's participation in our events, our raffles and contributing generously to the Music Awards Fund!

Membership Chair, Teryl Williams

Teryl reports that membership renewals are well underway, and she has contacted most of the members who have not yet renewed. Interest was expressed by many to renew. As of this writing, we have 70 members who have renewed!

Sadly, she reports that 4 members (currently) are choosing to resign their memberships. We are very sorry to see them go!

Please contact Teryl at williams@hevanet.com to renew your membership if you have not already done so.

Awards Chair, Grant Porter

Plans are underway for auditions for next year. They will be held on Saturday April 18 and Sunday April 19 at Portland State University. We will have the awards ceremony in May.

Grant would like us to stress that the auditions are a critical and complex event and much committed help is needed. President Joe McDonald has already signed up to be there and encourages all MMC members to do so. Previous volunteers report that it is a wonderful experience to hear the performances by our awards candidates. If you have questions, please contact Grant at grantporter0902@gmail.com



Update From A Past Award Winner

MMC recently received an email from one of our past award winners! What a pleasure to hear from Fedor Chayka, who won third prize in 2023.

Here are excerpts from his message.

My name is Fedor Chayka, and I am an undergrad researcher at the University of Oregon, majoring in chemistry and mathematics with a music minor. I got a third prize in the 2023 Monday Musical Club of Portland contest... I am reaching out to you today on behalf of the University of Oregon iGEM team, which is part of an international synthetic biology competition where students design and build synthetic biology projects.... My role in the team is developing a computer-based tool to design aptamers that bind to desired target proteins. Participation in the competition gives everyone in the team invaluable experience in research design and bioengineering and allows us to present our research on a global stage...

Please see the attached link to visit our DuckFunder, our donation collection platform at...

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Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Fedor Mikhailovich Chayka