



## Got your summer gear ready?

The most beautiful season is here. While enjoying a summer hike, grilling outdoors, a campfire with friends or just a peaceful summer breeze, we hope you have your favorite music to accompany you on your adventures!

PCM will be back in the fall with a new concert season. While we are on summer break, we wanted to share why what we do is so important to us.

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## Why Portland Chamber Music Is So Passionate About Our Mission

By Anya Kalina

**Music heals. It brings us together. It gives us a more pronounced sense of community.**

In December of 2012, PCM performed a concert in the wake of the horrific school shooting at Sandy Hook. I remember going to the concert not being sure if anyone would come. Should we cancel? Will I even be able

to sing? During that concert we – the musicians – felt the most profound connection with every single person in the audience. It was for certain: together we were grieving; together we were searching for new hope; together we were looking for confidence and optimism within ourselves. At the end of the night I could see hope in people's eyes and many came up to give us hugs. **Music heals.**

Do you have a favorite song or maybe a favorite melody? Some people might find your choice silly, but when this particular tune comes on, your most cherished memories are back. It makes you smile, inspires some bold dance moves and even changes your mood! **Music brings joy and unites us.**

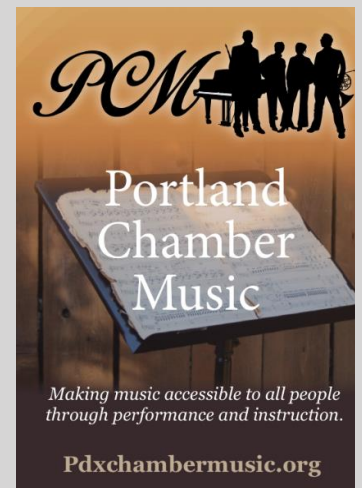
As parents, we sing to our kids to make them feel protected and peaceful. Have you heard of the study published [in the journal \*Infancy\*](#) that found babies stayed calm twice as long when listening to a song as they did when listening to someone speaking? We rarely think about it, but it actually works both ways: our kids feel safe and

## Coming Next:

**Saturday, September 17**  
Music by Blanche Patecky  
Private Studio  
Tigard, Oregon

**Saturday, October 15,**  
**at 7 pm**  
Montavilla Neighborhood  
Concert  
St. Peter & St. Paul's  
Episcopal Church  
247 SE 82nd Ave, Portland,  
OR 97215

**Saturday, November 12,**  
**at 7 pm**  
South Tabor/Foster-Powell  
Neighborhood Concert  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
5415 SE Powell Blvd.,  
Portland, OR 97206



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loved and we as parents, feel peaceful and content. **Music reaches us deeper than any words could ever go.**

We all know that political campaigns are especially successful due to a well selected musical theme or a song. We have heard of soldiers fighting to their death while singing a national anthem of their homeland. **Music is powerful.**

Unlike the tangible necessities such as food, shelter and clothing, music provides for our soul. We might be able to survive without music, but there will be a massive gap in our existence that nothing else will be able to fill.

The main purpose of PCM is to provide access to free musical performances. We deliver music to people who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend a concert.

For some members of our audience "free" is the only price they can afford. Some wouldn't be able to drive far or cannot take a bus or bike to Portland's downtown to attend a concert at a traditional venue.

Some members of our audience, although always wanted to, have never been to a classical performance before and find the first time to be somewhat intimidating. When should I clap? Should I "shhhh!" my kid? Can I wear jeans or it's a black tie only event? Can I whisper how much I enjoy it into my friend's ear?

Some people feel that chamber music concert is not really their cup of tea – since (and I quote!) "Classical concerts are stuffy and boring!" We strive to bring interactive and welcoming concerts into our community to take these doubts out of the equation.

We strongly believe that music enriches the lives of individuals and builds stronger communities.

Music heals. Music unites. Music empowers. Music calms. Music makes us happy. Music brings communities together. Music helps us to find our safe space.

## Portland Chamber Music

### Musicians:

Lynda Hess, flute

Jennifer Crockett, clarinet

Lluis Soldevila, French horn

Jonathan Cheskin, cello

Linda Smith, piano

Anya Kalina, soprano



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If you have questions, please contact Artistic Director Anya Kalina or Board President Kimberly Sieffert.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

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Thank You!

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