

Portland Chamber Music

Newsletter


September 2015



Left to right
Zita Jefferson
Joshua Kingsley,
Anyia Kalina
Lluis Soldevila

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OUR FALL CONCERT SERIES

Saturday, October 3, 2015
at 7 pm

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
11229 NE Prescott St,
Portland, OR 97220

Saturday, October 17, 2015
at 7 pm

St. Peter & St. Paul's Episcopal Church
247 SE 82nd Ave,
Portland, OR 97215

Saturday, November 7, 2015
at 7 pm

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
5415 SE Powell Blvd.,
Portland, OR 97206

Cannot wait to see you!

Welcome to our Fall Season of 2015!

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to Portland Chamber Music's 4th performing season! After a very busy summer of rehearsals and multiple planning and development meetings, we cannot wait to spring into fall action!

First of all, we wanted to express heartfelt gratitude to our patrons, event sponsors and our wonderful audience during our August fundraiser. Thanks to you, we met our goal and are all ready to launch an amazing season! This fall, following our mission of making music

accessible to all people, we have admission free concerts scheduled in various neighborhoods around Portland. Our season opens on October 3rd at 7pm in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church! We really hope you will join us!

We are also working on some exciting programs for the Holiday Season and February's Black History Month.

As Confucius once said: "Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without." We hope to supply you with happiness and pleasure for many years to come!

Word from the PCM President, Kimber Sieffert

I am both proud and honored to be president of the board for Portland Chamber Music!

PCM makes professional and entertaining classical music accessible to everyone regardless of age, income status, or accessibility. Our goal is to provide a deeper understanding of classical musical pieces through professional entertaining concerts and education, with hopes of igniting a passion within our audience. You can help make this dream a reality! There are several ways you can assist us, such

as making donations, volunteering at our free concerts and fundraisers, or committing yourself to only a few hours a month as a member of the board. PCM is also building our team of patrons and we've made it easy for you to give with many levels of monthly support, or if you prefer, you can provide a tax deductible donation in the amount of your choosing. Together, we can make music accessible to all people through performance and instruction. Thank you for your support!



Portland Chamber Music is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is fully supported by donations and grants from the communities it serves. If you believe that music is important to the life of a community, we invite you to support us with a tax deductible contribution [here](http://Pdxchambermusic.org).



Left to right: Joshua Kingsley, Jonathan Cheskin
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Lluis Soldevila, Jonathan Cheskin, Joshua Kingsley,
and Anya Kalina
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The importance of music in my life

By Kristin Springer

The richest memories I have of my childhood involve music and music performances. I was blessed to grow up in a musical family, where my aunt played the piano for our local Methodist church and my Dad sang with a rock band for over 20 years. I have fond memories of going to all my father's 'gigs' with my Mother & my younger brother. One of the most exciting performances was held annually at a local park, with the stage set up down by the lake, and children running to and from the water while the sweet tunes of the Beach Boys cascaded across the grass. I loved watching my Mom dance her heart out as my Dad sang melodies that I can replicate to this day. Another summer gig happened in the center of the small town in Michigan where I grew up during the annual 'Old Car Fest.' I remember fondly looking up on stage as the

band members brought soulful music to the town while dressed in their crisp Hawaiian shirts and white pants. I felt so much pride in supporting my Dad in his performances. And since my aunt played the piano, I was told all my life that I had 'long fingers' that were perfect for being a pianist. I took piano lessons for three years from a neighbor and found myself struggling to continue the weekly practice routine when I really wanted to be outside playing with my friends. I quit taking lessons, but those few short years provided me the musical foundation to participate in singing with choirs for the rest of my life. I am so grateful for the influence of music in many ways, and look forward to creating more beautiful memories in the years to come.

Portland Chamber Music Wows Washougal House Concert-Goers

Review by Stacey Brown and Sunshine Sommers

Portland Chamber Music played gorgeous classical music, educated and entertained the small audience gathered at the Sommers' residence in Washougal, WA. As the performers gathered at the house, there was some uncertainty as to how the French horn would come across in the living room. But, as the musicians warmed up, all concerns vanished. The Sommers' living room, with its vaulted ceiling, served as an ideal concert hall for this group. Portland Chamber Music consists of musicians from varied backgrounds. It was admittedly the most unusual combination of instruments playing for their season debut, including Joshua Kingsley, Clarinet, Lluis Soldevila, French horn, Jonathan Cheskin, Cello, and Anya Kalina, Soprano. The musical group may not have been standard, but with some arranging of music, it worked well, creating a harmonious, intimate, mini-orchestra sound.

When much of chamber music was composed, hundreds of years ago, live performance was the only option for coming together to appreciate music. In fact, as Kingsley pointed out, it was the only opportunity to hear music at all. As the musicians brought a personal story with each piece they played, it brought a deep connection and experience for the audience.

This was the second show of what we hope to be many "Shows in the 'Shoug". We will be hosting performances in the coming year, as it is our goal to connect talented artists with our local community. To stay informed of future shows, please sign up for Shows in the Shoug's email list by going [here](#).



Left to right: Kristin Springer, Anya Kalina, Kimber Sieffert photo: Deb Lambeth

Holiday Fundraiser – Sing-a-long!

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Please join us for an evening of holiday cheer that the whole family will love! Enjoy beautiful music, sing along with some old favorites, enter a raffle or bid on exciting silent auction items.

This event will help raise funds for our outreach program of free neighborhood concerts during winter and spring of 2016.

Musicians of PCM:

Alane Unger, clarinet
Joshua Kingsley, clarinet
Lluis Soldevila, French horn
Jonathan Cheskin, cello
Zita Jefferson, piano
Anya Kalina, soprano

Guest Artists:

Amalia Ruth-Etedgee Blumberg, flute
Debora Gilitz, storyteller