# **Portland Chamber Music Newsletter**



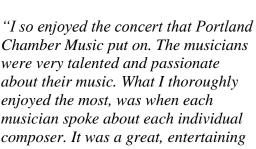


*Time flies!* We are already half way into our season and couldn't be happier! During the month of October we performed free concerts in 3 Portland neighborhoods! We played in the Parkrose, Montavilla and Boise neighborhoods in front of over 100 listeners and the feedback we received so far has been overwhelmingly positive:

were very talented and passionate about their music. What I thoroughly enjoyed the most, was when each musician spoke about each individual composer. It was a great, entertaining evening!"-Kim, Portland

"Intimate, entertaining, educational and enjoyable!"-Mary, Portland

As we plan our concerts and think of the most entertaining and educational repertoire to deliver to you - as we meet for rehearsals and work on our sound - our best reward is to see the smiles on your faces when we finally play. We appreciate your kind words after the concert when you approach us to say "Thank you!".





## **Coming Soon:**

Free Neighborhood Concert

Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 7 pm

> St. Mark's Lutheran Church

5415 SE Powell Blvd., Portland, OR 97206

# **Holiday Harmony**

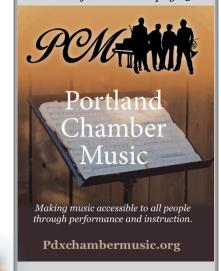
**Concert Fundraiser** 

Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 6 pm

Vie de Boheme

1530 SE 7th Ave., Portland, OR 97214

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## What is Chamber Music?

Back when there were no big concert halls, radio or Internet, small instrumental and vocal compositions were usually performed in the homes of music lovers.

Friends and family members would gather with some new music they acquired. They would set up music stands, take out their violins, cellos, flutes and oboes. Somebody would take a seat by a clavichord (the predecessor of the piano as we know it) and start a house concert. You would hear sonatas and trios and quartets.

Generally there would be just a few people in the audience – family members and friends.

Since these musical evenings took place in private homes, people started calling it "chamber music" (*camera* in Italian means *room*). Therefore, chamber music traditionally was meant to be performed in small, almost intimate gatherings.

Since it would be hard to perform a whole symphony in a small room, chamber music

pieces are written for a small number of performers – solo instrumental arrangements, duets, trios, and quartets as well as art songs that musicians can perform in a home.



Nowadays entertainment is just a YouTube click away. The thought that we can visit the most prominent musical halls just by looking down at our phones doesn't scare us anymore. However, we as humans still have a strong need for live music at a welcoming gathering. That's why we enjoy this calming, soothing experience of chamber music as it was meant to be - the music of friends.



#### **Musicians:**

Alane Unger, clarinet Lluis Soldevila, French horn

Jonathan Cheskin, cello Zita Jefferson, piano Anya Kalina, soprano

#### **Guest Artists:**

Amalia Blumberg, flute

Joshua Kingsley, clarinet

Deborah Gitlitz, storyteller

Donna Dunaif, guitar

Michelle Krause, percussion



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Sunday, December 13, 2015 6pm at Vie de Boheme

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Lift your voice and sing along!



Making music accessible to all people through performance and instruction.

- Beautiful Chamber Music
- · Sing-A-Long with old favorites
- · Raffle and silent auction

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

Seating is limited!

**Advance Tickets \$12** 

purchase here

At the door \$15

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