

# Portland Chamber Music Newsletter



Summer 2016



## Just a little over a month left until our first concert of the Fall Season!

After a short break to enjoy the gorgeous summer, Portland Chamber Music is back at rehearsing regularly. With a full calendar, we are about to embark on a fun and exciting season!

Our first concert will take place at a private studio in Tigard and has a touching and special story behind it.

In 2015 Kenneth Patecky, a local sculptor, discovered a sealed manila envelope with five piano compositions while looking through family archives. The manuscripts belonged to his mother, Blanche Patecky, who passed away in 1996. Sometime in 1952 she finished copying by hand a set of duplicate copies of her five classical compositions for piano. She put the manuscripts in a large manila envelope, sealed it, then took the package to the Post Office, had it registered and posted to herself. She could hardly have imagined that it would be opened in the next century sixty-three years later.

Using Blanche's manuscripts, pianist Matthew Lauser arranged her piano



solos for Portland Chamber Music to perform.

Five *Slavic Dances* by Blanche Patecky will be performed on September 17 and will be held in the Patecky family studio in Tigard.

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We will open our season in the Montavilla Neighborhood on October 15. This season we will travel back in time to re-visit timeless classics by Johann Baptist Vanhal, Ludwig van Beethoven and Felix Mendelssohn. We will stay in the 20<sup>th</sup> century for a while playing works by Walter Piston, Aaron Copland and Jan Bach. However, the most contemporary piece of our program was written in 2015 by a Portland composer Antony Freixas. We promise to tell you more about it next month.

As a final accord of our fall season, we will hold our annual Holiday Fundraiser. This year it will be on December 10<sup>th</sup> in a beautiful recital hall in Portland Classic Piano.

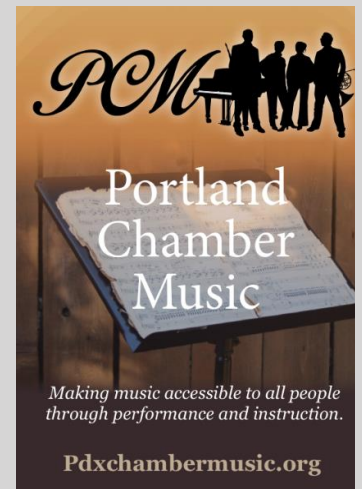
### Coming Soon:

**September 17, 4 pm**  
**Blanche Patecky**  
**Slavic Dances**  
Private Studio Tigard, Oregon

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

**October 29, 7 pm**  
Portsmouth Neighborhood  
Concert  
Portland Abbey  
7600 N Hereford Ave.,  
Portland OR 97203

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



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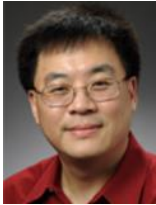
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This fall PCM welcomes 3 wonderful and talented musicians to our group. We cannot wait till you meet them in person, but allow us make this official introduction:



**Michael C. Liu, MD,**  
**piano.** Michael was born in the Chicago area and started piano at the age of 4. He was fortunate to have won several prizes and awards in his youth that allowed him the opportunity to perform in the U.S. and abroad. His primary teachers included the late George Banham and English pianist Ian Hobson. He attended Tanglewood and Meadowmount summer music programs where he developed his love of chamber music. In his youth, he was featured as a soloist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Taipei City Symphony, the Sinfonia Orchestra of Chicago, Wheaton Symphony, and others. He was later able to perform as soloist with the Rochester Symphony, Guam Symphony, and Vancouver Symphony (VSO) here in Washington. Dr. Liu received both degrees in chemistry and music prior to attending the Mayo Medical School and Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, MN. He worked on the island of Guam for 4 years helping to care for an underserved population prior to moving to Vancouver. Michael is a faculty/professor for the Family Medicine of SW Washington Residency Program at the PeaceHealth Medical Center enjoys the teaching of medicine in addition to the caring of patients. Dr. Liu has been a long-time orchestra member and board member for the

VSO. He and his wife Nien-Wei have been tireless supporters and advocates for the VSO and the arts in SW Washington. Michael is a member of several smaller music ensembles including the Lohr Trio, a violin-piano duo with Dr. Thomas Hwang, and also a doctor jazz band called the MED Trio Plus.



**Jennifer Crockett,**  
**clarinet.** Jennifer currently plays clarinet and bass clarinet with the Walla Walla and Yakima Symphony Orchestras, along with teaching clarinet at the Portland Waldorf School. A graduate of DePaul's School of Music under a Performance Award Scholarship, Jennifer also has an active recording career with such local bands as Horse Feathers, Other Lives and Alameda. In addition to performing and recording, Jennifer was also a founding member of the AFM Local 99 Portland's "Fair Trade Music" campaign.



**Meghan Van Cleave,**  
**violin.** Meghan is a violinist and music educator based in Portland, Oregon. Originally from Indiana, she earned a Masters Degree from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC where she worked with a variety of groups, including the Vancouver Metropolitan Orchestra, The Vancouver Island Symphony, the Plastic Acid Orchestra, and Michael Buble.

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### Musicians:

Lynda Hess, flute  
Jennifer Crockett, clarinet  
Meghan Van Cleave, violin  
Lluís Soldevila, French horn  
Jonathan Cheskin, cello  
Michael C. Liu, piano  
Anyá Kalina, soprano

### Guest Performer:

Deborah Gitlitz, Storyteller

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Thank You!

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