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## **THE MUSIC CONTINUES AS SUNRIVER MUSIC FESTIVAL EXPLORES NEW EVENTS FOR THE SEASON**

SUNRIVER, ORE – While Sunriver Music Festival has suspended its August concert series, the 43<sup>rd</sup> Season lives on with staff and volunteers busy exploring new ways to bring world-class music to Central Oregon.

The Young Artists Scholarship Concert, always a positive gift to the community, is planned for late August. Recently 24 talented young applicants completed auditions and interviews to be considered for this year’s Young Artists Scholarship program. Now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year, Sunriver Music Festival has awarded over \$550,000 in scholarships and is poised to award another \$35,000 to ambitious classical music students for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Winter Fireside Series of concerts, such as the Traditions Christmas Concert and the 2021 Valentine's Dinner & Dance at the Sunriver Resort Great Hall, are now being planned. Also, the annual Piano Showcase at the Tower in Bend returns March 12-13, 2021 featuring Michael Allen Harrison.

“Sunriver Music Festival is certainly not disappearing this year,” states Operations Director Meagan Iverson. “In fact, our team has been busy as ever exploring new ways to provide opportunities for the musical culture and community we are all craving.”

Iverson points out that their office in Sunriver Village has re-opened, Tuesday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm, and that the Festival team will soon be announcing several new events for the season. Stay tuned for a fully reimagined Festival Faire fundraising gala (online!) featuring an abundance of performances and fun surprises.

“Rest assured that Sunriver Music Festival continues its commitment to nurturing young artistic talent and to presenting world-class music for our community,” adds Festival Board of Trustees President Phillip Ruder.

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