

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
CONTACT: Meagan Iverson, Executive Director  
[meagan@sunrivermusic.org](mailto:meagan@sunrivermusic.org), 541-593-1084



**MEET THE ARTIST!  
JUNE 15, 5-7 PM  
ARTISTS GALLERY IN THE VILLAGE AT SUNRIVER**

MARIA LEISTAD's "Sunriver's Trumpeter" is the featured artwork of Sunriver Music Festival's 2023 season. **Come to the Artists Gallery in the Village at Sunriver on Thursday July 15** to meet Leistad, see the stunning original painting, and enjoy light food and drinks. Music provided by Young Artists Scholarship recipient MATEO GARZA, violin.

Throughout its 28-year history, Sunriver Music Festival's Young Artists Scholarship program has awarded almost \$700,000 in scholarships to exceptional classical music students from throughout Central Oregon. **Mateo Garza** has been a scholarship recipient since 2015 while taking private violin lessons in Bend, has recently graduated from the esteemed Eastman School of Music in New York, and will begin a master's degree program this fall at San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

Artist **Maria Leistad** knew from a young age that she wanted to be an artist, yet, in her words: *"...my path has meandered, greatly influencing how I see and appreciate the world. My days are divided between endeavors that give me opportunities to incorporate my artistic interests."* A second-grade teacher at Three Rivers School in Sunriver (Bend-La Pine School District), Leistad is also an owner of Village Bike & Ski, has two master's degrees in education and a smattering of post-baccalaureate classes in drawing, painting, and ceramics.

About the painting, in the artist's words: *"The natural music of this landscape that many of us call home is the perfect backdrop for the Festival's immensely talented musicians. I hope that "Sunriver's Trumpeter" conveys the same feelings of tranquility, magnificence and possibility that Sunriver Music Festival has come to represent."* The original 18x24" acrylic on canvas painting, custom framed by Eastlake Framing, will be a live auction item at the Festival's annual fundraiser "**Festival Faire**" **at the Sunriver Resort Great Hall on July 16**. Tickets at [sunrivermusic.org](http://sunrivermusic.org).

**UPCOMING RELATED EVENTS:**

**\*\* June 10 - THIS Saturday - Young Artists Scholarship Concert**

7 pm at Sunriver Community Bible Church, 1 Theatre Drive, Sunriver. Free admission.

**\*\* June 15 - Artists Reception featuring Maria Leistad, artist and Mateo Garza, violin**

5-7 pm at Artists Gallery in the Village at Sunriver. Open house reception.

**\*\* July 16 - Festival Faire annual fundraiser for Young Artists Scholarships**

4 pm at the Sunriver Resort Great Hall. Tickets at [sunrivermusic.org](http://sunrivermusic.org).

Sunriver Music Festival is committed to expanding the audience for classical music by presenting a world-class musical experience in Bend and Sunriver and by nurturing the next generation of artistic talent.