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**Sunriver Music Festival invites “Friends of the Festival”
to join the organization with annual memberships**

BEND & SUNRIVER, ORE. – Sunriver Music Festival’s annual memberships are vital to the Festival’s sustainability. Members, called “**Friends of the Festival**,” receive benefits including the ability to purchase 2024 Summer Festival tickets early for best seat selection, discounts on series tickets, and invitations to special events.

The 2024 Summer Festival in August will include orchestra performances at the Tower Theatre in downtown Bend and the Sunriver Resort Great Hall. Tickets for top-tier members go on sale April 1; ticket sales for the general public open June 3.

“Concert ticket sales account for only 30 percent of Festival revenue,” said Executive Director Meagan Iverson. “These financial gifts from our patron community support the Summer Festival concerts along with year-round concerts and events, music education and scholarships. For the past 46 years, memberships have been integral in shaping the thriving musical experience that residents and visitors cherish at the Festival.”

Each August, the world-class **Sunriver Music Festival Orchestra** delights audiences with two weeks of premier classical and pops concerts. Artistic Director & Conductor Brett Mitchell’s creative concert programs, featuring top-notch soloists, attract both Central Oregon residents and visitors who plan their vacations around the Festival.

Throughout the year, Sunriver Music Festival offers intimate **Fireside Concerts** in both Sunriver and Bend featuring classical, jazz, and classical crossover music. The Festival is committed to providing **Music Education Programs**—concerts, workshops, artist-in-residence programs and musical instrument grants—to the schools in South Deschutes County, as part of its ongoing mission to make music accessible to all students.

The **Young Artists Scholarship Program** awards over \$25,000 annually to aspiring classical musicians in Deschutes, Harney, Jefferson, and Crook counties to assist them with

their college and music camp tuition and private music lessons. To date, almost \$700,000 in scholarships have been awarded.

Membership benefits begin with a \$100 donation. For more information on becoming a Friend of the Festival, visit sunrivermusic.org, email information@sunrivermusic.org, or call 541-593-1084.

“Rock the Holidays” with Concert Rock Violinist Aaron Meyer

On **Wednesday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m.**, violinist and local favorite **Aaron Meyer** will “Rock the Holidays” with original material and hits of the season at the **Tower Theatre** in downtown Bend. The concert program combines contemporary and classical styles with a dynamic rock band.

An accomplished entertainer with a loyal Central Oregon following, Meyer delivers engaging versions of Christmas carols and music by Vivaldi, Mozart, Rossini, Queen and Aerosmith – all in the same show. This event is presented by the Tower Theatre Foundation in collaboration with Sunriver Music Festival. Tickets on sale now at www.towertheatre.org.

Sunriver Music Festival presents world-class orchestral performances and supports music education throughout Central Oregon. Through a commitment to excellence, collaboration and innovation, the Festival seeks to foster a lifelong love of classical music in its many diverse forms. Visit sunrivermusic.org for more information.

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