



ANNUAL  
REPORT

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*Sunriver Music Festival*

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2022 / 2023

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SEASON  
46



# ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Friday, November 17, 2023, 11:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

46th Season Slideshow (11:10–11:20 a.m.)

Call to Order

Board Membership Business

Greetings from Maestro Brett Mitchell

Financial Overview

46th Season Events

Young Artists Scholarships

Public Comment

46th Season Sponsors

Closing



# BOARD MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS

## Election of Renewing and New Trustees:

- Renewing: Christian Clark, Dan Flaxman,  
Steve Runner, Clyde Thompson
- New: Jon Thompson (June 2023)
- Retiring: Phillip Ruder, Carol Thomas,  
Rosalie Tank, Heather Sherfey

## Announcement of Officers:

- President Ron Carver
- Past President Clyde Thompson
- Vice President Mal Murphy
- Treasurer Steve Runner
- Corporate Secretary Richard Fawcett

# WHAT A SEASON

## 2022-2023 THE 46TH SEASON

This report shares the efforts and results of Sunriver Music Festival during its 2023 fiscal year of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

# 2,040

### Summer Festival Tickets Sold

Summer Festival  
Concert Series  
August 8-17, 2023  
(Up from 1,860  
in the previous year -  
a 10% increase.)

# \$105,381

### in Summer Festival Ticket Sales



ESTABLISHED IN 1977,

The Sunriver Music Festival Board of Trustees  
established a refreshed mission statement this year,  
holding true to its long-established two-fold purpose:

"Sunriver Music Festival's mission is to present world-class  
orchestral performances to our extended community and to  
support music education throughout Central Oregon.

Through our commitment to excellence, collaboration and innovation,  
we seek to foster a lifelong love of classical music in its many forms."

**This was the second full season with  
Artistic Director & Conductor  
BRETT MITCHELL appointed 9/23/21**

After a national search, audition and interview process, Maestro Brett Mitchell was selected as Sunriver Music Festival's new Artistic Director & Conductor.

# A NEW ERA



## Quality & Community

One of the highlights of the 46th summer season was welcoming Maestro Mitchell for his second year leading the orchestra in performances at two iconic venues: the historic Sunriver Resort Great Hall and the downtown Bend Tower Theatre.





# TRUSTEES & STAFF

## SUNRIVER MUSIC FESTIVAL IS GOVERNED BY A DEDICATED BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The volunteer Board of Trustees serves in all matters of fiscal oversight and strategic planning.

### MESSAGE FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESIDENT RON CARVER:

As I assume the Presidency of the Board of Trustees of Sunriver Music Festival for the 47th Season, I wish to acknowledge the outstanding leadership of Clyde Thompson these past three years and the great work of our Executive Director, Meagan Iverson and her staff. We are fortunate to be in a strong position with a dedicated Board, excellent staff, committed supporters and a good financial base. Our Artistic Director and Conductor, Brett Mitchell, is starting his third season with the Festival and is committed to bringing us the best orchestral music possible. The quality of our orchestra is better than ever. The musicians, who come from all over the USA and Canada, love coming to Central Oregon and making wonderful music each summer. Many of them have become like family! The future looks bright as the challenges of the Covid pandemic are finally receding. Sunriver Music Festival has been part of my life and that of my family for the past 46 years. I am excited for this upcoming 47th season and look back on the past season with gratitude.

Ronald E. Carver, M.D., President, Sunriver Music Festival Board of Trustees



### Board of Trustees 2022/2023:

Clyde Thompson, President  
Mal Murphy, Vice President  
Steve Runner, Treasurer  
Ron Carver, Secretary  
Rhett Bender  
Jodie Bischof  
Jan Bull  
Christian Clark  
Richard Fawcett  
Dan Flaxman  
Richard Frazier  
Susan Evans Inman  
Jackie Kreitzer  
Phillip Ruder  
Jenn Schaafe  
Heather Sherfey  
Carol Thomas  
Jon Thompson

Orchestra  
Representatives:  
Doug Walter  
Ben Lulich  
Joy Fabos

### Admin & Production Staff:

Meagan Iverson, Executive Director  
AJ Jimenez, Production Manager  
Julie Friedman, Patron Services Coordinator

### Contract and Summer Seasonal Staff:

Pamela Beezley, Development Consultant  
Tim Cogswell, Orchestra Stage Manager  
Holly Hickman, UpTempo Marketing  
Canda Kastel, Excellence in Bookkeeping  
Sarah Viens, Orchestra Personnel Manager & Librarian  
Jeff Woodruff, Summer Production Assistant



# THE NUMBERS TELL A STORY

# 196

**Friends of the Festival**  
members in 2023

for a total of \$163,036  
in individual donations.

Note:

This includes donations from individuals as general donations and also restricted donations to Young Artists Scholarships, Music Education, Music Library Fund, and also Concert Sponsors.

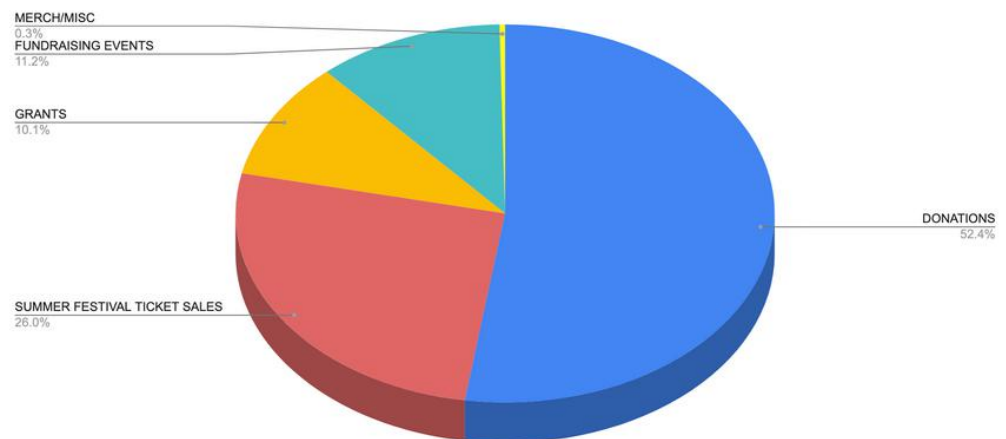
In the 2022/2023 fiscal year, the Festival returned a modest operating surplus thanks to community support and foundation grants. A 10-year Long Range Plan was adopted which includes taking the recommended annual distribution from our endowment funds managed by Oregon Community Foundation and maintaining a stable reserve fund. We are in a positive position to carry forward funds and steward donations received for their intended purpose.

**TOTAL INCOME: \$425,208**

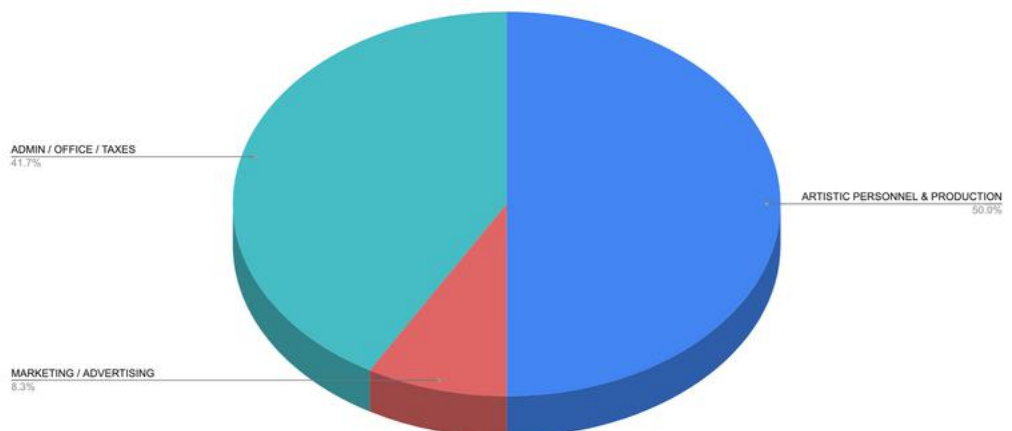
**TOTAL EXPENSE: \$387,115**

**NET OPERATING INCOME: \$38,093**  
at fiscal year-end 9/30/2023

## FY2023 INCOME



## FY2023 EXPENSE



### Restricted/Invested Funds

#### **Balances as of 9/30/2023:**

- Endowment Funds: \$988,295
- Scholarship Fund: \$40,854
- Music Education Fund: \$19,652
- Piano Fund: \$28,749
- Advisory Fund: \$293,849

The above accounts are managed at Oregon Community Foundation or Tallus Capital Management and are conservatively invested.

# CONCERTS & EVENTS OF THE 46TH SEASON

Sunriver Music Festival is a year-round nonprofit organization, most well-known for the landmark Summer Festival orchestral concert series each August.

Most years, we also present concerts and events in October, December, February, April, June, and July, too!

- DECEMBER 3-5 TRADITIONS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS AT SUNRIVER RESORT  
FEATURING CONCERT ROCK VIOLINIST AARON MEYER
- FEB 14 VALENTINE'S DINNER AND DANCE CONCERT AT THE GREAT HALL  
FEATURING BLUE SKIES BIG BAND
- APRIL 1 PIANO SHOWCASE AT THE TOWER THEATRE  
FEATURING SEAN CHEN
- MAY 10 MAESTRO HAPPY HOUR AT WORTHY BREWING
- JUNE 4 SWINGS FORE STRINGS GOLF TOURNAMENT  
AARON GOYAL, GUITAR (YAS PERFORMER)
- JUNE 2-4 YOUNG ARTISTS SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS
- JUNE 10 YOUNG ARTISTS SCHOLARSHIP RECITAL
- JUNE 22 MEET THE ARTIST RECEPTION FEATURING MARIA LEISTAD  
MATEO GARZA, VIOLIN (YAS PERFORMER)
- JULY 16 FESTIVAL FAIRE FUNDRAISING GALA
- AUGUST 4-17 46TH SEASON SUMMER FESTIVAL WITH ARTISTIC DIRECTOR &  
CONDUCTOR BRETT MITCHELL AT THE SUNRIVER RESORT  
GREAT HALL AND THE TOWER THEATRE
- SEPTEMBER 8 EVENING WITH FILM COMPOSER CHRIS THOMAS
- OCTOBER 22 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION FAMILY DINNER
- THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR:  
SUPPORTING MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT THREE RIVERS SCHOOL,  
LA PINE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS, AND SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL



View from the stage - Valentine's 2023  
photo credit David Young-Wolff

★★★★★  
*We loved the intimacy of  
the Great Hall—the energy  
was electrifying.*



# SUMMER FESTIVAL

**AUGUST 4-17, 2023**

In 2023, the landmark Summer Festival featured a full schedule, a full orchestra and a return to the Tower Theatre in addition to our beloved Great Hall at the Sunriver Resort.

## ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR MAESTRO BRETT MITCHELL

**CLASSICAL I - AUG 5, TOWER THEATRE, BEND** feat. the Mastersingers

**POPS - AUG 7, TOWER THEATRE** feat. Sarah Mattox, mezzo-soprano

**CLASSICAL II - AUG 11, TOWER THEATRE** feat. William Hagen, violin

**CLASSICAL III - AUG 14, GREAT HALL** feat. Kathryn Mueller, soprano

**SOLO PIANO - AUG 15, GREAT HALL** feat. Andrew von Oeyen, piano

**DISCOVER THE SYMPHONY - AUG 15, GREAT HALL** feat. John Fawcett, violin

**CLASSICAL IV - AUG 17, GREAT HALL** feat. Andrew von Oeyen, piano

**PLUS...** VIOLIN MASTERCLASS WITH WILLIAM HAGEN  
PIANO MASTERCLASS WITH ANDREW VON OEYEN  
OBOE DAY WITH LINDABETH BINKLEY  
14 ORCHESTRA REHEARSALS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

## A FEW TICKET SALES STATS:

What's important to you when deciding to attend the Festival?

Q6 – Rank the Importance of the following	2023 MOST/SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	2022 MOST/SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
Concert programming	94%	95%
The soloists performing	73%	81%
Location of concert (Bend)	58%	61%
Location of concert (Sunriver)	69%	74%
Ticket prices	66%	59%
Environmental (smoke, fire, covid)	45%	59%

Where's your primary home?

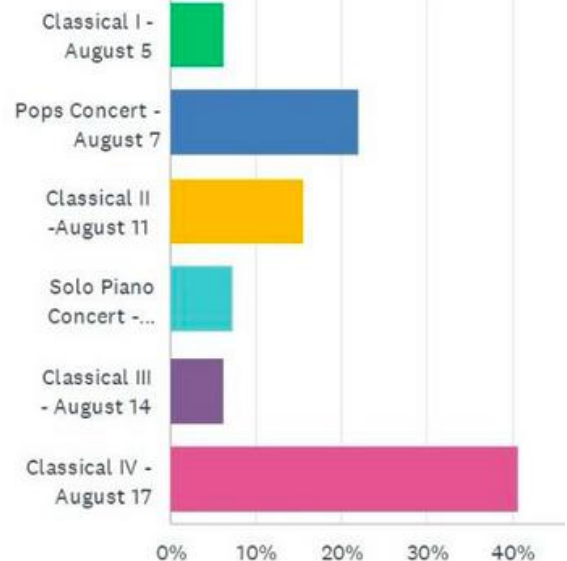
HOME LOCATION	2023	2022	2021
Bend-Redmond area (North Deschutes)	45%	55%	38%
Sunriver-La Pine Area (South Deschutes)	29%	24%	25%
Oregon but not Central Oregon	11%	11%	13%
California/Washington/Nevada/Idaho/Arizona	12%	9%	13%
Other U.S. States	3%	2%	2%
Outside of the U.S. (International)	0%	1%	0%



Festival Friends enjoying Classical Concert IV at the Great Hall  
photo credit David Young-Wolff

★★★★★  
What an amazing, inspiring experience! I enjoyed hearing the conductor's preconcert talk about the music. I definitely plan to attend more concerts in 2024.

Which concert was your favorite?





# SUMMER SCENES (and more)

Festival Friends at concerts and events in the last year





## MUSICIAN REFRESHMENTS



At every morning rehearsal during the Summer Festival, musicians receive an impressive buffet of refreshments. A number of wonderful volunteers contribute snacks galore, and coordinators Ron and Mary Carver and Greg Brenholdt are instrumental in scheduling and set up to rival any catered event!



## ADOPT A MUSICIAN

Thanks to the generosity of host families opening their homes or donating funds to "Adopt a Musician" this year, the Festival was able to house 54 musicians. (An additional 11 musicians provided their own lodging.) We welcome your creative contributions in taking good care of these world-class musicians who travel here to perform as the Festival Orchestra!



### ADOPT A MUSICIAN HOSTS & DONORS

Pam Beezley & Gene Bennington	Ezma Hanschka Harry & Oralee Hamilton
Jodie & Bruce Bischof	Lori Hecker & Scott Rigby
George Blankenship & Shereda Benfield	Matt & Connie Ives
Sue & Bob Black	Meagan Iverson & Jeff Woodruff
Archie Bleyer	Randy Iverson
Mal Murphy & Jane Boubel	Susan Jain
Ron & Mary Carver	Fred & Binnie Kinyon
Carol Cassetty	Joan Landsberg
Sandra Claypool & Brian Conrad	Marjorie & Stu Mathison
Jim Dobrowski	Carolyn & Ray Maxwell
Donna Farnam	Cindy & Mark McConnell
Urszula & Rich Fawcett	Rose & Richard Meyer
Richard & Donna Frazier	Charlene & Pete Santucci
Tom & Maggie Gunn	Ross & Debbie Rieke



Evelyn Nast  
Chuck Nunez  
Dan Potter  
Ginger Remy  
Rosalie Tank  
Clyde & Jo Ann  
Thompson  
Ken & Brita Stern  
Janet Sturkey  
Clara Smith  
Jay & Yvonne Smith  
Sue Vordenberg  
Claire-anne &  
John Wood

# VOLUNTEERS

## FRIENDS! Thanks to YOU, the music continued!

This year at Sunriver Music Festival would have been literally impossible without the names listed below. Volunteers with feet on the ground and brains in the game helped in the Festival Office, with Festival Faire, at Swings fore Strings, and by hosting musicians, providing refreshments, ushering at concerts, in the office, on the YAS committee, and in countless ways of ensuring the future of music thrives!



Paul Ash	Jim Dobrowski	Terry Kempel	Mitzi Putney	
Joan Ash	Becky Dobrowski	Pat Klampe	Ginger Remy	
Brian Baker	Ryan Duley	Pam Klampe	Kitty Rice	
Carolyn Barr	Lynne Ekstrom	Jackie Kreitzer	Ross Rieke	
Pam Beezley	Carole Elsbree	Peggy Lindsey	Debbie Rieke	
Rhett Bender	Donna Farnham	Jeff Martin	Scott Rigby	
Gene Bennington	Richard Fawcett	Marjorie Mathison	Gina Rosbrook	
Jodie Bischof	Urszula Fawcett	Stu Mathison	Phillip Ruder	Oralee Hamilton
Bruce Bischof	Dan Flaxman	Elouise Mattox	Ruth Ruder	Bob Stillson
Archie Bleyer	Sheri Foster	Carolyn Maxwell	Bevalee Runner	Janet Sturkey
Lori Boshears	Donna Frazier	Ray Maxwell	Steve Runner	Rosalie Tank
Jane Boubel	Richard Frazier	Cindy McCabe	Charlene Santucci	Carol Thomas
Teresa Bowerman	Tom Gunn	Cindy McConnell	Pete Santucci	Chris Thomas
Greg Brenholdt	Maggie Gunn	Mark McConnell	Jenn Schaaake	Kristine Thomas
Jan Bull	Harry Hamilton	Richard Meyer	Doug Seator	Clyde Thompson
Robin Burford	Bob Hann	Rose Meyer	Sharon Seegleken	Jo Ann Thompson
Juliana Cartwright	Joan Hann	Emily Moxley	Heather Sherfey	Jon Thompson
Ron Carver	Ezma Hanschka	Mal Murphy	Yvonne Smith	Sue Vordenberg
Mary Carver	Lori Hecker	Evelyn Nast	Jay Smith	John Warren
Carol Cassetty	Terry Hollstein	Chuck Nunez	Skip Smith	Claire-anne Wood
Christian Clark	Susan Huseonica	Bob Olsen	Bonnie Smith	John Wood
Sandra Claypool	Susan Inman	Chris Points	Clara Smith	Jeff Woodruff
Brian Conrad	Randy Iverson	Leslie Poirier	Britta Sterns	David Young-Wolff
Darlene Cusick	Susan Jain	Kay Purcell	Ken Sterns	Pam Young-Wolff





# SUMMER FESTIVAL SPONSORS & GRANTORS

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We are grateful for the following foundations, funds, and friends for recognizing the value of Sunriver Music Festival within the arts & culture community.



**GENE BENNINGTON & PAMELA BEEZLEY  
DR. RONALD & MARY CARVER  
RON COCHRAN & JULIA KENNEDY COCHRAN  
BOB & JEAN MAINA  
OLD MILL DISTRICT  
THE FAMILY OF MEL RUBIN  
STEVE & BEVALEE RUNNER  
SUNRIVER BREWING COMPANY  
TIM & KAY WINN**

## **Donors, Volunteers, Musicians, Patrons, Friends,**

Together, we continue to envision new and effective ways of honoring Sunriver Music Festival's commitment to present world-class musical experiences and to nurture the next generation of musicians.

Mailing Address: PO Box 4308, Sunriver, OR 97707

Physical Address: 57100 Beaver Drive, Building 13, in the Village at Sunriver

Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9:00-4:00

Office: 541-593-1084 / Tickets: 541-593-9310

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# Sunriver Music Festival



# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE 47TH SEASON

SUNRIVER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2022/2023

- DECEMBER 6 ROCK THE HOLIDAYS AT THE TOWER THEATRE  
FEATURING CONCERT ROCK VIOLINIST  
AARON MEYER & BAND
- FEB 14 VALENTINE'S DINNER & DANCE CONCERT  
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(ELEM., MIDDLE, AND HIGH), SUMMIT HIGH  
SCHOOL, MILLER ELEMENTARY, AND KENWOOD  
MAGNET SCHOOL



**VALENTINE'S DINNER  
& DANCE CONCERT**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2024**  
SUNRIVER RESORT  
GREAT HALL

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW  
FOR ROCK VIOLINIST  
AARON MEYER  
AT THE TOWER  
DEC 6, 7:30PM**

presented in collaboration with  
Sunriver Music Festival  
[towertheatre.org](http://towertheatre.org)

**TICKETS ON SALE  
DECEMBER 7  
FOR VALENTINE'S &  
PIANO SHOWCASE**  
[sunrivermusic.org](http://sunrivermusic.org)



SUNRIVER MUSIC FESTIVAL

## PIANO SHOWCASE

**MARCH 16, 2024**

**TOWER THEATRE, BEND**

Celebrating the versatility and virtuosity of piano  
CONCERT • MASTERCLASS • WORKSHOP



**SEAN CHEN**  
Acclaimed classical pianist,  
composer and arranger



**ARTHUR MIGLIAZZA**  
Award-winning blues and  
boogie woogie pianist