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OVER \$700,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO CENTRAL OREGON'S ADVANCED YOUNG MUSIC STUDENTS

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15 accomplished young musicians age 13-24 have been awarded scholarships from Sunriver Music Festival. Young Artists Scholarship awards are for private music lessons, summer music camps/conservatories, or for college tuition up through one master's degree.

Fiona Curley, soprano, age 20
Aurora Dixon, mezzo soprano, age 16
Mateo Garza, violin, age 24
Aaron Goyal, guitar, age 17
Spencer Holliday, 18, age piano
Juliana Ives, oboe, age 16
Carly King, soprano, age 24
Ian McNally, oboe, age 13
Lucinda Mone, mezzo soprano, age 19
Megan Nave, violin, age 13
Jacob Nenow, piano, age 20
Noah Ochander, trombone, age 23
Halle Phay, piano, age 17
Gabriel Reed, piano, age 24
Matthias Santucci, piano, age 19



BRAVO! YOUNG ARTISTS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR 2024

TOP ROW: Juliana Ives, oboe, 16 | Jacob Nenow, piano, 20 | Noah Ochander, trombone, 23
Matthias Santucci, piano, 19 | Megan Nave, violin, 13
2ND ROW: Carly King, soprano, 24 | Ian McNally, oboe, 13 | Aaron Goyal, guitar, 17
Fiona Curley, soprano, 20 | Mateo Garza, violin, 24
3RD ROW: Gabriel Reed, piano, 24 | Halle Phay, piano, 17 | Aurora Dixon, mezzo soprano, 16
Spencer Holliday, 18, piano | Lucinda Mone, mezzo soprano, 19



Throughout its 29-year history, Sunriver Music Festival's Young Artists Scholarship program has awarded over \$700,000 in scholarships to 172 exceptional young classical music students from throughout Central Oregon. In 2024, \$35,800 was awarded.

"Raise the Baton: The Elements of Music" is the party raising funds so this vital support for the next generation of musicians can continue. This year's fundraiser is **Sunday, July 14** at **5:00 PM in Bend** at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Oregon and will feature performances by advanced scholarship recipients Gabe Reed, piano; Matthias Santucci, piano; Fiona Curley, soprano; Lucinda Mone, mezzo soprano, and Mateo Garza, violin.

"In addition to the performances, **Raise the Baton** offers intriguing glimpses into the myriad elements that create world-class orchestra concerts in Bend & Sunriver each summer," said Executive Director Meagan Iverson. "Raise the Baton participants help make the music happen!" Continuing a treasured tradition, the paddle raise at this event directly funds the **Young Artists Scholarship Program**.

Sure to be a lively evening, hosted by **Maestro Brett Mitchell** and local personalities **Dr. Stephen Marshall** and **Brett Bizik**, tickets available now at sunrivermusic.org or call 541-593-1084.

Sunriver Music Festival's 2024 summer season will be held in Bend and Sunriver from August 10-23. Concerts are at the iconic Tower Theatre in downtown Bend and the historic Great Hall at Sunriver Resort. Artistic Director & Conductor Brett Mitchell will lead world-class orchestra musicians and acclaimed soloists in a remarkable 47th season with a theme of "Classical Elements." For details and tickets, visit <u>sunrivermusic.org</u>.

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