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## RAISE THE BATON FUNDRAISING PARTY ON JUNE 21

**BEND, ORE** — Sunriver Music Festival's annual fundraising party, **Raise the Baton** is **Saturday, June 21 at 5:00 PM in Bend** at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Oregon. Reserve your table today at [sunrivermusic.org](http://sunrivermusic.org) for a delicious night of music and dining.

Hosted by **Maestro Brett Mitchell**, the event features performances by Central Oregon's finest young musicians. The Raise the Baton auction will include the season's original art by acclaimed photographer David Young-Wolff, plus the opportunity to bid on/sponsor the elements of music: featured soloists, orchestra musicians, individual musical works, and more. The auction and sponsorship opportunities will be entertainingly emceed by local personalities **Dr. Stephen Marshall** and **Brett Bizik**.

"**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. "Continuing a treasured tradition, the paddle raise at this event directly funds the **Young Artists Scholarship Program**. By participating in Raise the Baton, you directly support the future of music!"

Throughout its 30-year history, Sunriver Music Festival's Young Artists Scholarship program has awarded almost \$750,000 in scholarships to exceptional young classical music students from throughout Central Oregon. In 2024 alone, 15 musicians aged 13-24 were awarded a combined total of \$35,800 in scholarships to aid with expenses related to college tuition or private music lessons.

Tickets are \$125 per person, and includes dinner, complimentary wine and soft drinks, and performances. To save your seat (or table of 8 – table reservations get special perks!), visit [sunrivermusic.org](http://sunrivermusic.org), email [tickets@sunrivermusic.org](mailto:tickets@sunrivermusic.org) or call 541-593-1084.

**Sunriver Music Festival's 2025 summer season will be held in Bend and Sunriver from August 2-13.** Events 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 soloists in a remarkable 48<sup>th</sup> season. For details and tickets, visit [sunrivermusic.org](http://sunrivermusic.org).

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*Sunriver Music Festival is a year-round nonprofit presenting world-class orchestral performances and supporting 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. | [sunrivermusic.org](http://sunrivermusic.org)*