



ANNUAL
REPORT

Sunriver Music Festival

2024 / 2025

SEASON
48

**48th Season Artwork by
David Young-Wolff**

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Friday, October 17, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

48th Season Slideshow (5:30-5:50 p.m.)

Call to Order

Greetings from Maestro Brett Mitchell

Board Membership Business

Financial Overview

48th Season Events

Young Artists Scholarships & Music Education

Public Comments from the Membership

48th Season Sponsors

Closing



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Plus Volunteer Appreciation
and mini-performances
throughout!

BOARD MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS

Election of Renewing and New Trustees:

3-year terms

- Renewing: Jan Bull, Ron Carver, Richard Fawcett, Susan Inman
- New: Laura Earley, Scott Fuhrman, John Robbins, Clyde Thompson, Paul White
- Retiring: Jackie Kreitzer, Phillip Ruder
In memoriam, we note with sadness the passing of Past President Mal Murphy

Announcement of Officers:

- President Ron Carver
- Vice President Richard Fawcett
- Treasurer Steve Runner
- Corporate Secretary Holly Bennington



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Thank you, Trustees!
Your commitment is
an inspiration!

WHAT A SEASON

2024-2025 THE 48TH SEASON

This report shares the efforts and results of Sunriver Music Festival during its 2025 fiscal year of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

2,024

Summer Festival Tickets Sold

Summer Festival
Concert Series
August 2-13, 2025
(Down from 2,058
in the previous year.)

\$112,700

in Summer Festival Ticket Sales

(Down from \$120,817
in the previous year -
a 6.7% decrease.)



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ESTABLISHED IN 1977,

The Sunriver Music Festival Board of Trustees established a refreshed mission statement recently, 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 diverse forms."

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

Sunriver Music Festival's Board of Trustees have extended Maestro Brett Mitchell's contract through August 2028.



photo credit Roger Mastroianni

Quality & Community

The maestro's 4-year contract extension is intentional to encompass the Festival's monumental 50th anniversary season in 2027.

"Maestro Mitchell is an esteemed conductor with a dedication to artistic excellence, creative concert curation, and inspired community engagement, and we are thrilled that his role with the Festival will continue."

-- Festival Board of Trustees
President Dr. Ronald Carver



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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:

Along with our Executive Director, Meagan Iverson, and her staff, the Board of Trustees worked hard this past year to ensure another successful season, as outlined in this Annual Report. For 48 years we have had strong support from our Presenting Sponsor: Sunriver Resort. Our Artistic Director & Conductor Brett Michell completed his fourth season with the Festival. With our world-class orchestral musicians from all over North America, Maestro Mitchell continues to bring exciting and wonderful music to the Tower Theater in Bend and the Great Hall in Sunriver. The Board of Trustees is so thankful for the many volunteers who support the Festival throughout the year and assist Meagan and staff in many ways in carrying out their outstanding work. As we begin our 49th season, and the 250th anniversary of our nation, we are excited for the future and look forward to a rewarding season. Thanks to all of you who help make this possible.

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



Board of Trustees, August 24, 2024
photo credit AJ Jimenez

Board of Trustees 2024/2025:

Ron Carver, President
Richard Fawcett, Vice President
Steve Runner, Treasurer
Mal Murphy, Corporate Secretary
Douglass Myers, Interim Corporate Secretary
Clyde Thompson, Past President
Holly Bennington
Jodie Bischof
Jan Bull
Christian Clark
Dan Flaxman
Breanna Hatch
Susan Evans Inman
Edwin Irish
Jacalyn Kreitzer
Clay Richmond

Christine Smrtka
Jon Thompson
David Weilmuenster

Orchestra
Representatives:
Joy Fabos
Ben Lulich
Doug Walter

Admin & Production Staff:

Meagan Iverson, Executive Director
Vivian Houser, Patron Services Manager
Jimena Shepherd, Production Coordinator

Contract and Summer Seasonal Staff:

Pamela Beezley, Development Consultant
Holly Hickman, Up Tempo Marketing
Canda Kastel, Excellence in Bookkeeping
Tim Cogswell, Orchestra Stage Manager
Sarah Viens, Orchestra Manager & Librarian
Hayden Amendola, Summer Production Assistant
Nathan Hughes, Assistant Stage Manager



photo credit David Young-Wolff

THE NUMBERS TELL A STORY

In the 2024/2025 fiscal year, the Festival continued to thrive thanks to community support and foundation grants. The 10-year Long Range Plan adopted in recent years 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 position to continue growing and to steward donations received for their intended purpose.

TOTAL INCOME: \$420,934 (budgeted \$458,250)

TOTAL EXPENSE: \$480,985 (budgeted \$493,000)

NET OPERATING INCOME: Break even balance after transferring from \$60,051 Reserve Operating funds per budget at fiscal year-end 9/30/2025

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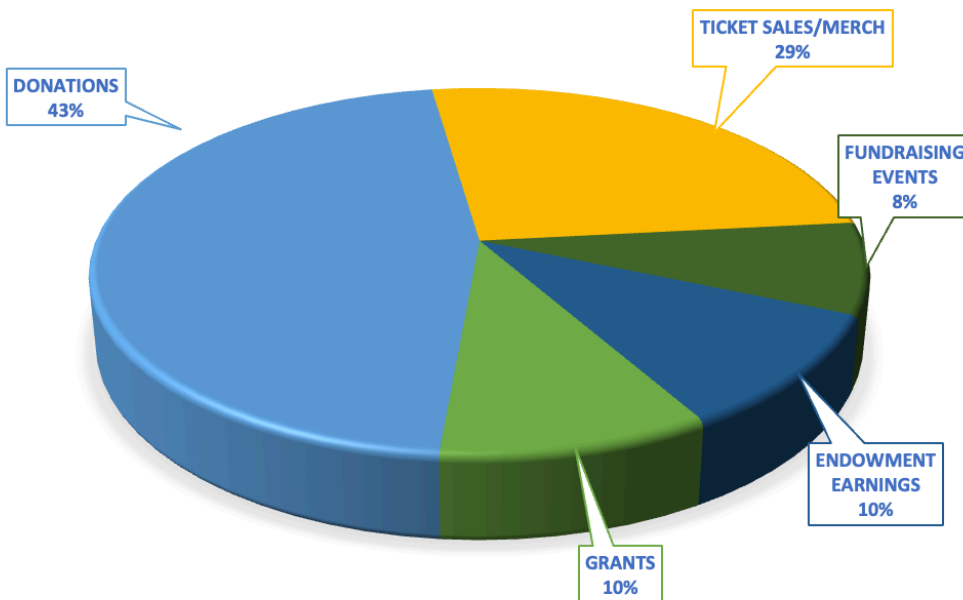
Friends of the Festival
members in 2025

for a total of \$239,956
in individual donations.

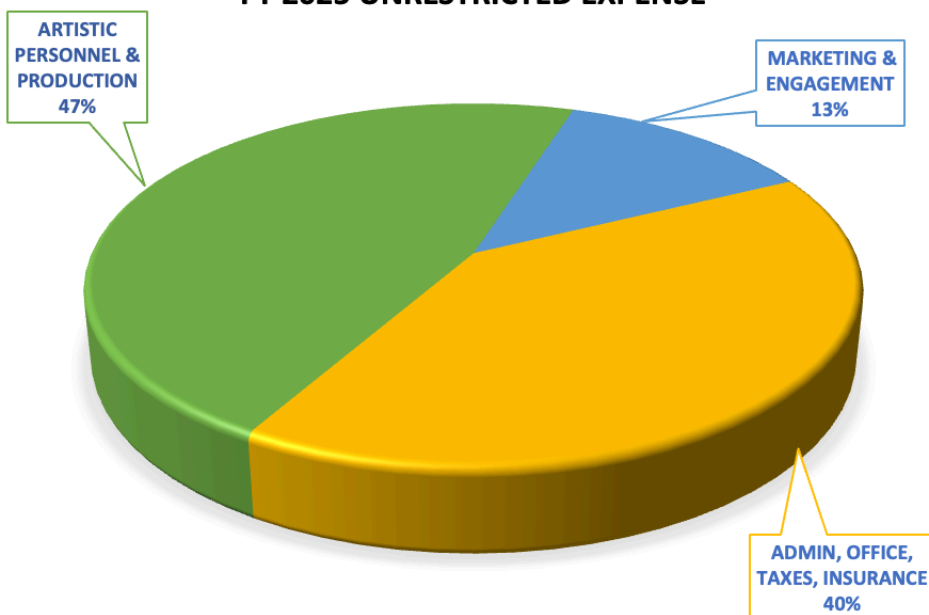
Note:

This includes donations from individuals as memberships, general donations, and also restricted donations to Young Artists Scholarships, Music Education, Endowment, Young Listeners Guild, and Concert Sponsors.

FY 2025 UNRESTRICTED INCOME



FY 2025 UNRESTRICTED EXPENSE



Restricted/Invested Funds

Balances as of 9/30/2025:

- Endowment Funds: \$1,167,795
- Scholarship Fund: \$31,364
- Music Educ. Fund: \$11,342
- Piano Fund: \$32,862
- Operating Reserves: \$289,053

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

CONCERTS & EVENTS OF THE 48TH 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 7 (2024) "ROCK THE HOLIDAYS" IN COLLABORATION WITH THE TOWER THEATRE FEATURING CONCERT ROCK VIOLINIST AARON MEYER AT SHARC
- FEB 14 VALENTINE'S DINNER AND DANCE CONCERT AT THE GREAT HALL FEATURING THE BLUE SKIES BIG BAND
- MARCH 29 PIANO SHOWCASE AT THE TOWER THEATRE FEATURING ARTHUR MIGLIAZZA
- MAY 30-JUNE 1 YOUNG ARTISTS SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS
- MAY 31-JUNE 1 PLAY ON! PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT FEATURING MEGAN NAVE, VIOLIN (YAS PERFORMER)
- JUNE 6 YOUNG ARTISTS SCHOLARSHIP RECITAL
- JUNE 21 RAISE THE BATON FUNDRAISING PARTY
- AUGUST 2-13 48TH SEASON SUMMER FESTIVAL WITH ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR BRETT MITCHELL AT THE GREAT HALL AND THE TOWER
- OCTOBER 17 "ENCORE!" ANNUAL MEETING & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR:
SUPPORTING MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS
AT BEND/LA PINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS THROUGH
EDUCATIONAL CONCERTS, PRIVATE LESSON
SCHOLARSHIPS, AND MINDFUL MUSIC MOMENTS

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"The joy from Brett Mitchell as well as the orchestra is contagious! Being able to experience Sunriver Music Festival is a privilege every year!"



*Production Coordinator Jimena Shepherd,
Trustee Dan Flaxman,
YAS Recipient Lucinda Mone,
Friend of the Festival Samantha Mone
at Raise the Baton 2025*

SUMMER FESTIVAL

AUGUST 2-13, 2025

In 2025, the landmark Summer Festival featured a full schedule, a full orchestra and world-class performances at the Tower Theatre in downtown Bend and the Sunriver Resort Great Hall.

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR MAESTRO BRETT MITCHELL

- CLASSICAL I: A French Soirée - AUG 2, TOWER THEATRE** feat. Stewart Goodyear, piano
 - POPS - AUG 3, TOWER THEATRE** feat. the Festival Orchestra
 - CLASSICAL II: The Classical Tradition - AUG 7, TOWER THEATRE** feat. Mark Kosower, cello
 - INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO - AUG 8, BENHAM HALL at SHARC**
 - FAMILY CONCERT - AUG 8, BENHAM HALL at SHARC** feat. Fiona Curley, voice
 - HAPPY HOUR HARMONIES - AUG 8, SBC TAPROOM** feat. musicians of the Festival Orchestra
 - CLASSICAL III: The Leipzig Connection - AUG 11, GREAT HALL** feat. Yi Zhao, violin
 - SOLO PIANO RECITAL - AUG 12, GREAT HALL** feat. Vitaly Starikov, piano
 - CLASSICAL IV: Vienna Waits for You - AUG 13, GREAT HALL** feat. Vitaly Starikov, piano
- ...plus 10 orchestra rehearsals free and open to the public!

A FEW TICKET SALES STATS:

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

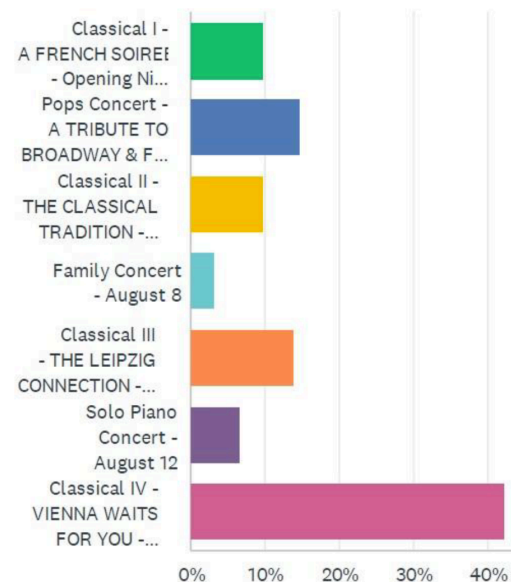
Q6 – Rank the Importance of the following	2025 MOST+ SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	2024 MOST+ SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	2023 MOST+ SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	2022 MOST+ SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
Concert programming	94%	95%	94%	95%
The soloists performing	77%	72%	73%	81%
Location of concert (Bend)	60%	64%	58%	61%
Location of concert (Sunriver)	68%	67%	69%	74%
Ticket prices	56%	61%	66%	59%
Environmental (parking, smoke, fire, covid)	45%	49%	45%	59%

“...the highlight of my summer! Brett Mitchell and the Sunriver Music Festival orchestra bring such joy to their audience. Our community is fortunate to share this musical journey!”

Where's your primary home?

HOME LOCATION	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Bend-Redmond area (North Deschutes)	57%	51%	45%	55%	38%
Sunriver-La Pine Area (South Deschutes)	20%	27%	29%	24%	25%
Oregon but not Central Oregon	8%	13%	11%	11%	13%
California/Washington/Nevada/Idaho/Arizona	10%	5%	12%	9%	13%
Other U.S. States	5%	4%	3%	2%	2%

Which concert was your favorite?



Festival Friends enjoying Classical Concert II at the Tower Theatre photo credit David Young-Wolff

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!



HOUSING PARTNERS

Thanks to the generosity of host families opening their homes or donating funds as housing partners this year, the Festival was able to house 65 musicians. (An additional 12 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!

MUSICIAN HOUSING PARTNERS:



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| Bend RV Resort | Janice Dost |
| Pam Beezley & Gene Bennington | Linda Dunn |
| Jodie & Bruce Bischof | Donna Farnam |
| George Blankenship & Shereda Benfield | Tom & Maggie Gunn |
| Greg & Michelle Brenholdt | Lori Hecker & Scott Rigby |
| Archie Bleyer | Lucy & Dan Hilburn |
| Jane Boubel | Meagan Iverson & Jeff Woodruff |
| Jan Bull | Randy Iverson |
| Robin Burford | Matthew & Connie Ives |
| Ron & Mary Carver | Fred & Binnie Kinyon |
| Jim Dobrowski | Nancy Kraemer |
| | Joan Landsberg |
| | Marjorie & Stu Mathison |



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| Rose & Richard Meyer |
| Ross & Debbie Rieke |
| Gina Rosbrook |
| Steve & Bevalee Runner |
| Kathy Sabatier |
| Jeannie Sifneos |
| Jay & Yvonne Smith |
| Janet Sturkey |
| Rosalie Tank |
| Clyde & Jo Ann Thompson |
| Claire-anne & John Wood |
| Carol & Tom Woodruff |

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 Raise the Baton, at concerts, and by hosting musicians, providing refreshments, ushering at concerts, as YAS adjudicators, and in countless ways of ensuring the future of music thrives!

Laureen Anderson
Beth Anderson
Margaret Angell
Virlene Arnold
Carolyn Barr
Pamela Beezley
Henry Bennington
Holly Bennington
Jodie Bischof
Lawrie Bloom
Lori Boshears
Jane Boubel
Teresa Bowerman
Greg Brenholdt
Michelle Brenholdt
Jan Bull
Robin Burford
Quinna Carlson
Mary Carver
Ron Carver
Christian Clark
Darlene Cusick
Lynne Ekstrom
Carole Elsbree
Richard Fawcett
Urszula Fawcett
Dan Flaxman
Michaele Grabenhorst

Breanna Hatch
Bob Hickman
Connie Hilton
Meghan Houser
Susan Evans Inman
Ed Irish
Randy Iverson
Christy Johnson
Michele Kelley
Terry Kemple
Holly Kimbrel
Pam Klampe
Jackie Kreitzer
Victoria Kristy
Peggy Lindsey
Brent MacClure
Jean Maina
Marjorie Mathison
Stu Mathison
Elouise Mattox
Cindy McCabe
Cindy McConnell
Mark McConnell
Richard Meyer
Rose Meyer
Nancy Milliron
Maryann Mohn

Lyle Morgan
Wendy Morgan
Melodee Munckton
Douglass Myers
Chuck Nunez
Brandy Odekirk
Kelly Pence
Gladys Pilz
Chris Poirier
Leslie Poirier
Mitzi Putney
Clay Richmond
Gina Rosbrook
Phillip Ruder
Bevalee Runner
Steve Runner
Doug Seator
Jeannie Sifneos
Yvonne Smith
Christine Smrtka
Linda Spaet
Brita Stern
Ken Stern
Carol Thomas
Clyde Thompson
Jo Ann Thompson
Jon Thompson



Vicki Udlock
David Weilmuenster
Claire-anne Wood
John Wood
Jeff Woodruff
David Young-Wolff
Pam Young-Wolff
Alan Zalewski
Laura Pavlovich, Bethany Grabher,
and the National Charity League



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



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DANIEL FLAXMAN in memory of MAL MURPHY

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BOB & JEAN MAINA
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PHILLIP & RUTH RUDER
STEVE & BEVALEE RUNNER
ST. CHARLES HEALTH SYSTEM
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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 49TH SEASON

SUNRIVER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2024/2025

- OCTOBER 17 (2025) ENCORE! A STANDING OVATION FOR FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS + ANNUAL MEETING
- NOVEMBER 2 (2025) CLASSICAL + BLUEGRASS VIOLIN CONCERT FEATURING TESSA LARK
- DECEMBER 10 (2025) ROCK THE HOLIDAYS FEATURING CONCERT ROCK VIOLINIST AARON MEYER
- FEB 14 (2026) VALENTINE'S DINNER & DANCE CONCERT AT THE GREAT HALL
- APRIL 12 PIANO SHOWCASE AT THE TOWER THEATRE
- MAY 29-31 YOUNG ARTISTS SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS
- MAY 30-31 PLAY ON! PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT
- JUNE 5 YOUNG ARTISTS SCHOLARSHIP RECITAL
- JULY 11 RAISE THE BATON FUNDRAISING PARTY
- AUGUST 49TH SEASON SUMMER FESTIVAL WITH ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR BRETT MITCHELL AT THE SUNRIVER RESORT GREAT HALL AND THE TOWER THEATRE

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PRIVATE LESSON SCHOLARSHIPS, AND
MINDFUL MUSIC MOMENTS

TICKETS ON SALE NOW:

**TESSA LARK
BLUEGRASS + CLASSICAL
VIOLIN**

NOV 2, 3:00 PM

**ROCK THE HOLIDAYS WITH
CONCERT ROCK VIOLINIST**

**AARON MEYER
DEC 10, 7:30PM**

Sunriver Music Festival FALL & WINTER CONCERTS



NOV 02

**TESSA LARK
CLASSICAL + BLUEGRASS
VIOLIN IN SUNRIVER**



DEC 10

**AARON MEYER
CONCERT ROCK VIOLIN
TOWER THEATRE**



FEB 14

**VALENTINES
DINNER & DANCE
SUNRIVER GREAT HALL**

TICKETS LIVE NOW

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