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Four days of live community youth symphony concerts, creative workshops, clinics, and mentoring... to instill a drive for excellence and to inspire our Oregon classical music students to be musicians for a lifetime!

The Festival's board of directors and I welcome you to the second annual Oregon Coast Youth Symphony Festival at Newport and to the beautiful Oregon coast!

With the mission to enhance the quality of life for Oregon's youth by providing the opportunity to learn and perform orchestral music together in a non-competitive and collaborative environment, the Festival board is committed to creating a unique music education opportunity for members of Oregon's high school orchestras.

The Festival's schedule includes opportunities for students to learn in small innovative group workshops, play music together in fun-filled venues, bond with peers in their own and other orchestras, perform short programs for each other, and perform together as part of the Festival's finale. While many fine youth orchestras exist in Oregon as standalone non-profit organizations, the Festival board is specifically interested in supporting and promoting orchestra programs within Oregon's public schools. As students expand their skills in reading music and hone their technical abilities, moving on to play with an ensemble helps these students develop skills in teamwork, personal goal-setting, responsibility to themselves and others, and a sense of pride in their group, school and community.



Enjoy the Festival and Newport,

*- Michael Dalton*

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## Pendleton High School

The Pendleton High School Orchestra and Strings program began in the mid-1970's and was one of the first schools in the US to pilot group instruction in the Suzuki method. Elementary string instruction is provided two afternoons a week. The PHS orchestra has collaborated with Tingstad and Rumbel, the Grande Ronde Symphony, the Oregon East Symphony, and annually with the PHS Symphonic Band and A Cappella Choirs. They host an annual weeklong fiddle workshop dedicated to the preservation of traditional stringed instrument music, and they are conducted by Emily Muller Callender.



## Clackamas High School

With over 200 students, the Clackamas high school orchestra is the largest high school orchestra program in the state. In 2017, Clackamas high school chamber placed 1st in OSAA state of Oregon championships. CHS offers a holistic curriculum of orchestral studies, chamber music coaching, master class instruction and performance opportunities. Concert orchestra is an orchestra for sophomores, juniors and seniors who would like a large string ensemble experience. We tour at Disneyland, Vernonia, and other outreach destinations. Ms. Hanson, the director, is a violinist with the Vancouver symphony and has been conducting CHS orchestras since 2010.



## McKay High School, Salem

The Salem-Keizer School District has long been committed to music as a vital part of its students' education and has built a program that is nationally recognized for its quality. Douglas McKay High School boasts a diverse population of students who speak forty languages. Over the past 14 years, the number of students in the orchestra program has nearly tripled. There are now three string ensembles made up of dedicated young people who love music. The orchestra program just added a symphony component with the inaugural year of the McKay Symphony Orchestra in 2016.



## Reynolds High School

Reynolds High School is located in Troutdale, OR (east of Portland) and serves nearly 3,000 students each year. The Chamber Orchestra is an auditioned group of the top string players in the program and is made up of mostly upperclassmen. The string program currently consists of four string orchestras, a symphony orchestra, and a pit orchestra for the musical. In 2016 the Chamber Orchestra went on tour in Anaheim, CA and had a recording session in the Disneyland recording studio. They also took 1st place at the Clackamas Community College Orchestra Invitational.







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## McNary High School

The McNary Chamber Ensemble is the most advanced of the three string orchestras at McNary High School in Keizer, Oregon. The Chamber Ensemble has garnered four top-five trophies in the past five OSAA State Orchestra Championships, and in 2017 its members earned the third-highest average GPA among state-qualifying orchestras.



## Newport Youth Symphony

Students from the Oregon coast rehearse and perform together throughout the year in two new Newport Symphony Orchestra-sponsored youth orchestras, co-coordinated and led by NSO violinists Kathy Follett and Barbara Wilcox, with help from other NSO string musicians and area instructors. The Newport Youth Symphony of the Oregon Coast (NYSOC) is a full orchestra that includes intermediate and advanced string students, as well as youth woodwind, brass, and **percussion** players. The 2018-2019 season runs September through May and includes young musicians in grade 4 to high school who rehearse together along with their adult accompanists.



## Special Guests: Oregon State University Chamber Strings Ensemble



The OSU Chamber Strings is a select chamber ensemble representing the finest string musicians on the Oregon State University campus. The ensemble is coached by Dr. Marlan Carlson and frequently performs on and off campus, at both formal concerts and official university events. The OSU Chamber Strings vary in size depending on the needs of their current repertoire, and draws its members

from the 110-piece Corvallis-OSU Symphony Orchestra which is one of the largest university-affiliated orchestras in the Pacific Northwest. The concert schedule of the symphony routinely includes the symphonies of Gustav Mahler and Anton Bruckner, and tone poems by Richard Strauss. The Corvallis-OSU Symphony has a well-funded orchestra scholarship program, awarding monies to students of all majors, including the sciences and engineering. In addition to opportunities such as performing with the chamber strings, selected student members of the COSUS are given opportunities to perform major solo works with the symphony.







## Adam Flatt



As Music Director of the Newport Symphony Orchestra, the Colorado Ballet, and the Tuscaloosa Symphony, Adam Flatt, conductor, is an artistic leader in three different regions of the United States. In addition, he is guest conductor for orchestras, ballet and opera companies all over the country.

Mr. Flatt also has a notable career in making music with some of our country's most talented young musicians. He serves on the summer faculties of both the Rocky Ridge Music Center and the Curtis Institute of Music's Summerfest, and recently conducted the springtime residency of the Landes-Jugend-Sinfonie-Orchester Saar.

Mr. Flatt served an acclaimed seven year tenure as Music Director of the Denver Young Artists Orchestra, one of America's best youth orchestras, leading its concerts at home and on international tours. During his DYAO tenure Mr. Flatt founded the organization's first training ensembles: the Conservatory Orchestra and the Young String Ensemble. Before working in Denver, Mr. Flatt served for years on the staff of the Portland Youth Philharmonic, leading both of its training orchestras. He has led several festival and all-state orchestras in Indiana, California, and Colorado.

Adam Flatt has a masters degree in conducting from the Indiana University School of Music, and his bachelor's degree in music with honors from the University of California at Berkeley. He also studied at the Aspen Music Festival and the music academies of Vienna and Saarbrücken.

## Dr. Blake Richardson



Dr. Blake Richardson joined the University of Alabama School of Music faculty as Director of Orchestral Studies in the fall of 2013. He has held assistant conductor positions with the Barcelona Symphony and the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, and has recently conducted the San Diego Symphony, the Brandenburger Symphoniker, and Cincinnati's innovative chamber orchestra, concert.nova. Recent opera credits include *La Cenerentola* at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and *La Bohème* at the Royal Opera House Muscat in Oman as assistant conductor.

A Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Richardson worked extensively with acclaimed conductor Lorin Maazel as associate conductor of Maazel's Castleton Festival from 2010-2012. He has prepared productions of *La Bohème*, *Albert Herring*, and *The Rape of Lucretia*, among others, for Maazel and shared the podium with Maazel in concert with the Castleton Festival Orchestra on numerous occasions.

As winner of the 2010 Ansbacher Fellowship, he attended the Salzburg Festival on invitation of the Vienna Philharmonic.

Originally trained on violin, piano and percussion, Dr. Richardson was a scholarship violin student at the University of Texas and holds graduate degrees in conducting from Indiana University and the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He was the Cincinnati Symphony conducting fellow from 2008-2009 and was awarded the David Effron Conducting Fellowship at the Chautauqua Institution during summer 2006.



# Festival Schedule of Events

## Festival Welcome

**Thursday, April 19 – 5:30 to 9:00 PM**

NEWPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Welcome pizza party and rehearsal.

## Workshops & Rehearsals

**Friday, April 20 – 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

NEWPORT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
& NEWPORT NAZARENE CHURCH

## Performances

**Friday, April 20 – 7:30 to 9:00 PM**

NEWPORT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
McNary High School Orchestra, McKay High School Orchestra, and special guests - Oregon State University Chamber Strings

## Rehearsals

**Saturday, April 21 – 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM**

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## Festival Finale

**Saturday, April 21 – 7:30 to 9:00 PM**

NEWPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Performances by Pendleton High School Orchestra, Reynolds High School Orchestra, Clackamas High School Orchestra, and featuring the combined ensembles of the participating schools.

Earnest Bloch's *Concerto Grosso #1* (first movement)  
Samuel Barber's *Adagio for Strings*

## Aquarium Day

**Sunday, April 22 – 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

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