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**SAVE THE DATE** for the 2021 MbM Gala on Sunday, August 8th, in the Dunsmuir Botanical Garden at 4pm. More details to come in our Summer Newsletter and at [musicbythemountain.org](http://musicbythemountain.org)!



*Laura Dahl, Co-Founder*

***A Look At Where We've Been***

Yes, time flies! Music by the Mountain will celebrate eighteen harmonious years come September 2021. The first classical event Music by the Mountain organized was a performance in 2004 by founders, mezzo soprano Sally Porter Munro, member of the San Francisco Opera chorus and pianist Laura Dahl, a professor at Stanford University. The intention of the two innovative women was to eventually build Music by the Mountain into a yearly festival of concerts, galas, school outreach programs and master classes.

As interest in classical music performances and school outreach increased over the years, Music by the Mountain evolved to include several concerts and school programs throughout the year. We became a non-profit 501(c)(3) in 2007 and created a web site as well as regular newsletters to increase our presence in the community. We compiled and still maintain a list of local music instructors to help connect potential students with teachers.

Right from the beginning, loyal supporters have faithfully donated to help provide world class concerts. From opera to string quartets to piano solos and brass ensembles, we have regularly offered these concerts to the public. Generally, admission is not a set price, but rather a suggested donation, so that all may feel welcome to attend.

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*Sally Porter-Munro, Co-Founder*

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## A Look At Where We've Been, cont.

Violin student at Sisson Middle School



Donations and grants have enabled Music by the Mountain to achieve additional goals including increased music outreach in area schools, the purchase of violins for children's violin classes, and support for their professional violin teacher. With special thanks to board member Scott Durbin, Music by the Mountain is an annual participant in North State Giving Tuesday, an online giving event that provides nonprofit organizations the opportunity to gain exposure and start relationships with new donors.

In 2016, our beloved and prominent board member Carol Medrano passed away. Her husband, Vic, requested that Music by the Mountain create and maintain the Carol Medrano Music Scholarship in her honor. Since 2017 it's been a privilege to offer this annual scholarship to an aspiring college music major from Siskiyou County high schools and College of the Siskiyous.



Asher Neitsch, a 2019 scholarship winner

Music by the Mountain, proud to be inclusive, has supported all classical music in our area, including choir and orchestral performances by College of the Siskiyous, Dunsmuir Community Choir, Yreka Red Scarf Society for the Performing Arts and the ten-day Pacific Crest Music Festival held in Dunsmuir each August. Promoting classical music is our passion.

## A Look At Where We're Going!



MbM 2019 Gala attendees

Emerging from a year of the coronavirus and excited about the renewal of live, in-person music performances, we are making plans for the future. Our long-range goals are many, including concerts, music classes for adults, the organization of madrigal and barbershop quartets, continued violin classes for children, vocal workshops for beginners, and support of classical music events wherever generated in our area. Starting in 2022 we envision:

- Organizing a music festival for local school musicians, culminating in a finalists' concert
- Offering music appreciation classes
- Holding home concerts featuring local musicians of all ages and talents

## News & Announcements

### In Memory of Jean Marie Sylwanowicz

We are deeply saddened by the death of former board member Jean Marie Sylwanowicz, who passed away from cancer in January 2021. Jean Marie was passionately engaged in the organization of all music in our area. She was a superb pianist, accompanying both the College of the Siskiyous and the Dunsmuir Community choirs, and taught young students piano and banjo. She is deeply missed by our musical community.



Jean Marie, on the right

### Former MbM President Sings in Carmina Burana Performance

The Rogue Valley Chorale will perform Carl Orff's exhilarating Carmina Burana at the Grizzly Peak Winery Friday June 11 at 7pm and Sunday June 13 at 3pm. Connie Marmet Baldwin, a former and much-beloved President of MbM, will join the Rogue Valley Chorale, Youth Choruses, and Chamber Orchestra along with top soloists for this performance. Tickets can be purchased online at [roguevalleychorale.org](http://roguevalleychorale.org).



Siskiyou County's "Trombone Trio" LTR: Brian McKee, Charlie Buck, Mike Wright (MbM Board Chair)

### Music as Bonding Activity

To quote Benjamin Sander, "Everyone loves classical music, they just don't know about it yet." These trombone players agree!

### Looking to Join a Music Organization?

Do you believe in promoting classical music in our rural area? Join Music by the Mountain! We're looking for enthusiastic folks who are good communicators, have basic computer skills and enjoy volunteering to help with our various events. Call or text Laura Dahl at 650-743-1356 or Sally Porter Munro at 415-317-1770.

## Save the Date

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 7PM  
Pacific Crest Music Festival (PCMF)  
Faculty Concert  
Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mt Shasta, CA

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 6PM  
PCMF Youth Orchestra  
Hoo Hoo Park Pavillion, McCloud, CA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 4PM  
Music by the Mountain Annual Gala,  
with PCMF Youth Orchestra  
Dunsmuir Botanical Gardens, Dunsmuir, CA

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 7PM  
PCMF Student Recital Chamber Music  
Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mt Shasta, CA

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