The Oregon Coast Music Association is a nonprofit corporation organized for the purpose of involving, enriching, and inspiring the community by providing quality classical music, and creative musical experiences.

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OCMA Received support from the following foundations and programs:

Coos County COVID-19 Business Program
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44st OCMA Music Festival—July 16 to 30th 2022!
A full 2-week OCMA Festival is being planned. We have begun reserving venues for a most welcome return to Shore Acres Garden; the OIMB Boat House; Mingus Park; and the Library Seminars. Other venues and events are being planned. The Festival Orchestra is preparing for three concerts in Marshfield Auditorium. Music Director James Paul has already planned the music for the two classical concerts, and Adam Stern is programming the Pops concert details.

Memories of OCMA Outdoors 2021
Thanks to our members, donors, business sponsors, and several COVID-19 relief and grant programs, we provided four highly successful OCMA Outdoors Events this past July.

Steve Simpkins led the Bay Area Concert Band for the traditional opening concert at Mingus Park. Musical selections included Sophisticated Ladies with a featured solo by Wilbur Jensen. The band accompanied local vocalist Shaymus Hanlin in a big band arrangement of But Not for Me.

After a short intermission Shaymus Hanlin continued the concert accompanied by his Quartet featuring Wes Georgiev, keyboard. Liam Hathaway, bass and Michael Rodenkirch, percussion, in a series of swinging vocals and Jazz favorites from the American Songbook.
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The Coos History Museum Plaza Stage

Concerts under a tent on the leeward side of the museum provided a safe and enjoyable opportunity for live music from the OCMA Orchestra and friends.

Rose Canyon Harmonie featured a reed quintet of Mike Gaby, oboe; Mark Margolies, clarinet; Steve Shields, saxophone; Robert Zelickman, bass clarinet; and Tom Schubert, our OCMA principal bassoon.

Pioneer Trombones provided a unique array of musical genres from classical to jazz with South American emphasis. OCMA Festival Orchestra members Andrew Harris and David Bryan were joined by Phil and Gayle Neuman.

Festival Viola Quartet:

Shelley Mathewson, Brenda Liu, Cynthia Scott, and Sharon Eng, performed in the quartet, and all are members of our Festival Orchestra.

The Carlos Ensemble provided the finale with an array of pop, Broadway and familiar tunes. Stephen Chong, violin; Anthony Dyer, Violin Dale Broadway, Cello; and Shelley Mathewson, Viola.

Plans for Expanded Collaborations in 2022

We are contracting with members of the Festival Orchestra for the three Marshfield Concerts July 26th, July 28th and July 30th, 2022. OCMA performers to be required to be vaccinated and we likely will ask all members of the audience to wear masks at indoors events. We plan to reach out to all community supporters who regularly provide housing for musicians to determine their availability and interest to return as hosts for our musicians.

Tentative plans are underway to schedule special performance and educational events in the winter and spring. We are exploring opportunities for chamber concerts at Southwest Oregon Community College, the Coos History Museum, and other venues. We recently partnered with Fritz Gearhart, director of the newly formed Redfish Music Festival (named after the Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve) to promote interactive classical chamber music opportunities for the south coast. The Redfish Music Festival focus is to provide educational workshops and small concerts and they have scheduled their festival events for the first week of August in Port Orford and surrounding towns. Please visit their webpage for more information: http://redfishmusicfestival.com.