



Welcome! We're so happy you've decided to join COCO. Our mission is to provide accessible, convenient and affordable opportunities for community musicians to enjoy preparing and presenting varied programs of music for the enrichment of people in Bend and the surrounding communities in Central Oregon. And you're part of fulfilling that mission!

Auditions? Nope! None. Nada. Zilch. Musicians of all skill levels and of all ages are welcome. For beginners, we try to create mentoring relationships with more advanced musicians.

Rehearsals: Definitely! We rehearse during the normal Bend school year at Mountain View High School, 2755 NE 27th St in Bend. We meet in the band room on the north side of the school across from the soccer field (enter off NE Wells Acres and keep right). We start up on **September 5, 2018**. Rehearsal hours are 6:45 - 8:45 Wednesday evenings. Please arrive **no later than 6:30** to set up chairs and stands, and be warmed up and ready to play on time. Any scheduling conflicts can be worked out with our conductor.

Membership Dues: A fact of life. COCO member dues are \$40/month, with a 10% discount if you pay the full year in advance (September - May). Dues go towards rehearsal space rent and venue fees for our concerts. We have a scholarship fund so no one is turned away due to exceptional financial circumstances.

Music: Lots! We play a variety of genres, including classical, pops, and jazz, and feature guest soloists and orchestra-sourced ensembles. It's all geared towards offering a satisfying and interesting experience for a wide general audience. See your section lead or our librarian **Alexa Dellinger** for copies of the current set of rehearsal pieces for your instrument.

Conductor: The best! Our conductor, **Sam Taylor**, has been with COCO since its inception in 2014. He has been a professional violinist most of his adult life, playing and conducting in the US and Europe. He is a member of the Central Oregon Symphony Orchestra and teaches music (primarily strings).

Concerts: You betcha! This season we have the following concerts planned, and **more may be added**.

- December 8, 2018 - Holiday Concert - Sun River (venue TBA)
- December 9, 2018 - Holiday Concert - Bend Senior Center Bend
- February 23, 2019 - Winter Concert - Crook County High School, Prineville
- February 24, 2019 - Winter Concert - Trinity Lutheran Church Bend
- June 8, 2019 - Spring Concert - Performing Arts Center Madras
- June 9, 2019 - Spring Concert - Trinity Lutheran Church Bend

Questions? Please contact us at CocoMusicMakers@gmail.com or even better, call **541-306-6768**.

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