NESKOWIN CHAMBER MUSIC

SEASON **2025 - 2026** ANNUAL REPORT

Celebrating 30 Seasons of World-Class Chamber Music

Mission Statement

Lift spirits and nurture souls by bringing live, worldclass chamber music to the rural Oregon coast, and grow local schoolchildren's interest in classical music through outreach by internationally renowned musicians.

I. Executive Summary

The 2025–2026 season marked the **30th anniversary** of Neskowin Chamber Music (NCM). This milestone year was defined by expanded community access, increased audience engagement, strengthened financial stability, and meaningful educational outreach. Thanks to the generosity of our patrons and supporters, NCM continued to fulfill its mission while laying the groundwork for future growth.

II. Program Highlights

A. Concert Season

- Celebrated NCM's 30th season with strong attendance and enthusiastic audience response.
- Attendance at the final concert increased to 100 attendees compared to the previous year.
- More than three fourths of patrons donated, demonstrating deep appreciation for our programming.
- Launched our first free full length concert at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, featuring Oregon's Florestan Trio and drawing 80+ attendees.
- Expanded community engagement through three free community/family events (two at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, one at the Lincoln City Library), offering a blend of performance and educational commentary.

B. Education & Outreach

- Planned four school outreach visits; successfully completed **three**, due to scheduling conflicts and national holidays.
- Reached **50+ students** through each school outreach.
- To remove barriers for youth attendance, NCM will now offer **free admission at the door for all students with valid ID**, replacing the previous ticketdistribution model.

BOARD of DIRECTORS:
Baiju Patel - President
Helaine Koch, Treasurer
Albert Thompson - Secretary
Richard Hook - Outreach Planner
Robert Gamblin - Board Member
Colleen Hofer - Board Member
David Hofer - Board Member
Ian Boyden - Board Member
Myra Thompson - Board Member

III. Artistic Leadership

After booking an exceptional **31st season**, longtime Artistic Director **Fran** stepped down following **25 years of service**. Her leadership, expertise, and dedication have been central to NCM's success. To ensure continuity in artistic quality, NCM is collaborating with Portlandarea organizations to support future programming.

IV. Organizational Capacity

NCM remains a **100% volunteerrun organization**, ensuring that donor contributions directly support programming, outreach, and community engagement.

Board Transitions

- **Fran Madachy** stepped down from the board after 25 years of service.
- Welcomed two new board members with arts and business expertise: **Robert Gamblin** and **Ian Boyden**.

V. Financial Overview

Patron generosity, combined with expanded free programming and generous support from local and state organizations, foundations and business and modest ticket price adjustments, resulted in a strong financial year.

Key achievements include:

- Audience growth of **over 10%**.
- Successful implementation of a strategy to seek **multiple small grants** from foundations, local governments, county agencies, and state organizations.
- Increased visibility in Lincoln City, resulting in broader community awareness and support.
- Strengthened financial reserves, enabling NCM to sustain expanded programming.

NCM remains committed to responsible stewardship of donor funds and to maximizing community impact.

VI. Strategic Priorities

Looking ahead, NCM aims to:

- Continue offering **free community and family events** as a permanent part of our programming.
- Maintain **free admission for all students**.
- Expand the concert season to **10 performances**, contingent on continued donor and grant support over next several years.
- Deepen partnerships with regional arts organizations to ensure artistic excellence.
- Grow digital engagement through a redesigned website and upcoming **Facebook and Instagram** presence.

VII. Communications & Transparency

This year, NCM launched a fully redesigned website featuring:

- Online ticket sales
- Online donations
- Comprehensive organizational information
- Community resource listings

These improvements enhance transparency and accessibility for patrons, donors, and community partners.

Thank You!

Neskowin Chamber Music extends heartfelt gratitude to our patrons, donors, volunteers, and community partners. Your support ensures that worldclass chamber music remains accessible to residents and students across the rural Oregon coast.

Together, we are preserving and expanding a cultural resource that enriches lives and strengthens our community.

Thank You to Our Generous Business Donors for 2025-2026

Neskowin Community Association

James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation

Lincoln City

Oregon Arts Commission

Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation

Tillamook Coast Visitors Association

Oregon Coast Bank

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And our Individual Donors, we appreciate your generous support for this program which cannot exist without you! Thank you in advance for your help..... let's make it another great season!

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Plan Now To Attend Another Season of Great Music

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SEASON 2026 - 2027

SUNDAY October 11, 2026
Telegraph Quartet

SUNDAY January 24, 2027
Tomás Cotik, Violin, Shinmyung Rho, Piano

SUNDAY March 07, 2027
Yaël Weiss – Piano

SUNDAY November 15, 2026
Crescendo: A Live Show based on Memoir

SUNDAY February 7, 2027
Daedalus Quartet

SUNDAY April 18, 2027
Texas Guitar Quartet

SUNDAY May 23, 2027
Aeolus Quartet

2 FREE COMMUNITY CONCERTS

3pm on Nov 14, 2026: Quartissimos
3pm on Jan, 23, 2027: Tomás Cotik, violin, Shinmyung Rho, piano
Lincoln City Cultural Center, Lincoln City, OR

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