



Portland Recorder Society

Sunday, September 13th, 2026 Playing and Annual Meeting Session 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm



Laura leading a class at
Menucha

Location: St David of Wales Episcopal Church, 2800 SE Harrison St. Portland, Oregon

Parking in back; enter through the two red doors

Leader: Laura Kuhlman

Time: 2:00 - 4:00

Music: [Click here to download the music](#)

Bring: Instruments (all instruments welcome), music, music stand, stand light



This playing session begins with an introduction of Board members, followed by brief reports on PRS finances and activities. We want to share with you our accomplishments this past year, and some of the exciting plans for the upcoming season. Following the short membership meeting, we'll do the thing we love to do most—make music together! Bring your music stand, stand light and instruments—let's play! Laura

The Portland Recorder Society and Rose City Renaissance are teaming up to bring us an exciting opportunity to make beautiful music with recorders, singers, and other instruments. On Sunday Nov 29th we'll hold a joint workshop with the singers and other instrumentalists from Rose City Renaissance to explore some of the music of Spain and Portugal from the 16th century. PRS will be rehearsing this music at our Sept, Oct, and Nov playing sessions (along with other music), to have plenty of time to prepare for the workshop. This workshop does require registration (see below), but it is free for all current PRS members (\$20 for non-members). We strongly encourage recorder players who want to participate in the workshop to attend at least one of the PRS playing sessions to rehearse the music. And of course if you can't attend the workshop we still encourage you to attend the PRS playing sessions to enjoy playing this beautiful music.

[Click here to register with Rose City Renaissance](#)

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Congratulations Dave!



PRS board member and Membership Director Dave Sandage has been elected to the national board of the American Recorder Society, our parent organization. We know he will be a huge help with their many tasks and activities as he has been with ours!

PRS Chapter News

Portland Recorder Society 2026-7 Schedule

- October 11, 2026
- November 8, 2026
- November 29, 2026*
- December 13, 2026
- January 10, 2027
- February 14, 2027
- March 14, 2027
- April 7-11, 2027, Columbia Gorge Early Music Retreat
- April 11, 2027
- May 16, 2027
- July Workshop, (1-day) tbd
- August 14, 2027, Picnic in the Park

*Workshop in collaboration with Rose City Renaissance

PRS Offering Instruments to Loan

Have you ever wondered what it is like to play a larger or smaller recorder? The Portland Recorder Society is making a musical instrument library available to its members. Members can borrow one of our library recorders for a month at a time to test it out at home, with friends and at our playing session. Some are available to purchase at reasonable prices. We offer four sizes of recorders, including a bent-neck tenor recorder (not for sale), which is especially useful for hands that have trouble reaching all the holes on a larger instrument. Those who already play all the sizes of recorders can testify that it expands their musical enjoyment to produce the low, mellow sounds of a larger instrument or to whistle away on a smaller one. This is also a good way to test instruments and learn what you like if you are thinking of buying one, either from us or from a music store. The list of available instruments and the conditions to borrow them is on the website.

[Click here](#) or:

- Go to [portlandrecordersociety.org>Resources>Recorders to Loan](http://portlandrecordersociety.org/Resources/Recorders%20to%20Loan), or
- Send an email to prs.portlandrecordersociety.org

Washington County Playing Session Sunday, September 20th

Our first Washington County playing session after summer break will be Sunday Sept. 20 from 2-4 pm in the multipurpose room (upstairs) at the Brookwood branch of the Hillsboro Public Library, 2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy, Hillsboro, OR. Dave will send out music in advance as always. All are welcome. If you need music or have questions, please email membership@portlandrecordersociety.org for more information. We will NOT have a session in Oct. Our November playing session is tentatively Sunday Nov 22nd from 2-4 PM.

NEW POLICY: In order to make sure that we can accommodate a wide range of playing levels at the Washington County sessions, from 2:00-2:30, we'll go over individual parts and hard spots for anyone who would like a little extra time/help before we start playing through the music. This time will be geared toward our less experienced players, but of course everyone is welcome to come at 2:00. Starting at 2:30, we'll run the session the way we always have, reading through and working on the music all together. Everyone is encouraged to attend this part of the playing session.

Summer PRS Potluck and Picnic in the Park

Many eager players attended the summer picnic to enjoy chicken, salads, chips and cookies, followed by music. Laura led the group playing dances, while Heather Peterson enticed six dancers to perform the steps for one of the tunes. Singers rounded out another song. Passers-by were amazed. The weather was cloudy, and thankfully cool. It was a perfect way to spend a summer afternoon!



Upcoming Events

Musica Universalis: Cantigas de Santa Maria Clea Gallano: recorder and Madelain Ross: vocals

Friday-Saturday, September 18-19; 7:30 pm

Sunday, September 20; 3:00 pm

The 2509, at 2509 NE Clackamus, Portland, OR

Join us for an evening or afternoon of colorful interpretations of Cantigas de Santa Maria, a medieval manuscript with stories of devotion and inspiration. Also joining Musica Universalis is the rising vocal star of the Portland Opera scene, Madeline Ross. Musica Universalis is devoted to re-imagining the works of medieval music and blending new styles with old for enjoyable, emotional and thought-provoking concerts.

Members of Musica Universalis:

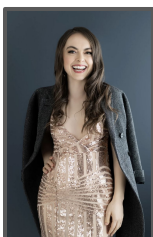
Paul Beck (cimbalom, percussion)

Laura Kuhlman (recorders, reeds, gems horns, bagpipes)

Elizabeth O'Connor (vielle, violin)

Esther Saulle (viola da gamba, vielle, recorders, gems horns, crumhorns)

Madelain Ross (vocals)



Madelaine
Ross

Click here for tickets: [TicketTomato.com](https://www.tickettomato.com)



Musica Universalis

Fall Fipple Flute Forum Two-Day Workshop and Concert

The Seattle Recorder Society announces that the sixth FFFF will return to the lovely Shoreline Community College north of Seattle on Saturday and Sunday, September 26-27, 2026. There will be a kick-off concert on Friday, September 25.

Recorder players will learn new skills, improve ensemble prowess and immerse themselves in all styles of music. Whether you are at the lower-intermediate level, new to ensemble playing or a seasoned, experienced player, this recorder workshop is sure to please.

The four fabulous female faculty this year are Hanneke van Proosdij, Vicki Boeckman, Rotem Gilbert, and Miyo Aoki.



Details at www.FallFippleFlute.com

Portland Baroque Orchestra: Winds of Fortune

Nina Stern, Recorder

Saturday, October 17th, 3:00 pm

First Congregational Church, 1137 SW Broadway, Portland, OR

Featured Artists:

Nina Stern, recorder

Nate Helgeson, principal bassoon

Stephen Bard, principal oboe

Julian Perkins, Artistic Director, harpsichord



Nina Stern

Visit the Portland Baroque Orchestra website for more information:

<https://pbo.org/2026-27-season/winds-of-fortune>

Rose City Renaissance The 2026–2027 Season

Season 2: Six [workshops](#) and four [performances](#) throughout the season

Spanning the range from sacred to secular, and covering old favorites and undiscovered gems!

[For a narrated video announcement from our Artist Director John Cox, click here](#)

Workshops:

Sunday, October 18, 2026 · 1:00–4:00 PM

Sunday, November 29, 2026 · 1:00–4:00 PM

Sunday, January 31, 2027 · 1:00–4:00 PM

Saturday, February 27, 2027 · 1:00–4:00 PM

Sunday, March 14, 2027 · 1:00–4:00 PM

Saturday, May 1, 2027 · 1:00–4:00 PM

Performances:

Sunday, September 20, 2026 · 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 15, 2026 · 5:00 PM

Sunday, February 14, 2027 · 5:00 PM

Friday, May 7, 2027 · 7:00 PM reception,
8:00 PM curtain

For more information, go to rosecityrenaissance.org



Do you play viol, or are you interested in learning? Cascadia Viols welcomes viol players of all levels. Our mission is to encourage the appreciation, study, and performance of the Viola da Gamba and related music in Oregon and SW Washington.

Website: www.cascadiaviols.org

Email: info@cascadiaviols.org

Local Classes: Online and In-Person

ORB Trio Classes through Zoom

The **ORB Trio** (Cindy Markham, Gayle and Phil Neuman) continue to offer online, 90-minute Zoom intermediate and advanced classes. Play along with the trio on selections of favorite pieces from the Middle Ages, Renaissance, Baroque and beyond. Choose your instrument and which voice you want to play. Learn from their tips and observations about the music. Join the chat to ask interactive questions. Have fun learning at your own speed. For more information, go to emgo.org and go to [Consort Class Online](#).

Community Music Center Classes



Phil Neuman leading the mixed ensemble fall 2025 class at the CMC



Gayle Neuman leading the mixed ensemble spring 2025 class with Phil Neuman playing bass at the CMC

The Community Music Center offers in-person and ever-popular intermediate and advanced recorder classes, led by Phil and Gayle Neuman. The CMC is located at 3350 SE Francis St., Portland, OR. Play recorder or other early musical instruments in an ensemble setting. Registration is through the Portland Parks and Recreation Department or contact the CMC at 503-823-3177.

Boulder Early Music Shop

For over fifty years, the Boulder Early Music Shop has been one of the largest sources in the United States for Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque music, instruments, and accessories. We are also the home of the Charlie Ogle workshop. Located in beautiful Eugene, Oregon, we carry a full line of sheet music, books, scores, bowed stringed instruments, recorders, strings, gifts, and more! We are open Monday through Friday, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm. Store visits by appointment only. Please call us at 1-800-499-1301, email us at info@bems.com, or visit our website at <https://bems.com>.

Eugene composer, Tom Sears, announced new pieces for recorder, including: **2 for 3 Recorders** with *Molly's Madrigal*, and *Heather and the Rose*; **3 for 4 Recorders** with *Moonlight at Midnight*, *Gentle Tendrils to the Sun*, and *Sunrise at Dawn*; **Homage to a Blind Harper**, a tribute to Turlough O'Carolan. There is also a free download of **Butterscotch** (SATB), the featured center spread composition in the 2026 Spring Issue of the *The Recorder Magazine*, published in the UK, for which he was honored to be interviewed. There are also two new 3-part settings of Shakespeare's music: **Music to Shakespeare I** (tr, T, B Viols), and **Music to Shakespeare II** (Solo Recorder, T, B Viols). Sheet music is available through Boulder Early Music, Honeysuckle Music and his website, where you can hear full audio files of all titles, at tomsearssheetmusic.com.

Gerry Leatherman Historical Woodwinds

Renaissance recorders: bassano bore design, single holes, range one octave and a sixth, meantone or equal tempered; woods: hard maple, plum wood, castello.

Baroque recorders: all instruments in three pieces, double or single holes. Default for baroque instruments is equal tempered, but other temperaments possible; woods: hard maple, plum wood, boxwood, rosewood; European boxwood available for soprano and alto sizes.

Instruments generally made to order, examples on hand to try playing, a few ready for purchase.



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The mission of the American Recorder Society is to promote the recorder and its music. Our goals are to be the organization every recorder player wants to join and to support and grow the diverse recorder community by providing resources and opportunities on the social, education and professional levels. We envision a future in which the recorder and its music are enjoyed, valued and supported across generations, ethnicities and cultures.

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