

**Oregon Symphony**

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## **OREGON SYMPHONY'S WATERFRONT CONCERT RETURNS— BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE!**



(PORTLAND, Ore.) – Oregon Symphony Music Director Carlos Kalmar and President/CEO Scott Showalter this week revealed details about the upcoming August 28 Waterfront Concert that highlight the event's spectacular return. Those details paint a vastly expanded Waterfront Concert that includes a new start time of 2:30 pm rather than the traditional 5:00 pm along with an entertainment lineup that spotlights many of the City's other musical organizations.

"It's going to be something *very* special," Kalmar said. "We have so many great musical groups here in Portland, including some who are doing the important work of training our next generation of musicians. It will be a pleasure to share the stage with them for the Waterfront audience."

Featured groups include **Portland Opera, Oregon Ballet Theatre, Portland Youth Philharmonic, Metropolitan Youth Symphony, 234th Army Band of the Oregon National Guard, Hillsboro School District Mariachi Una Voz, BRAVO Youth Orchestras, and Portland Taiko.**

Showalter acknowledged the special partnership that the arts enjoy with the city of Portland. “Mayor Charlie Hales and all of the City Commissioners have our great thanks for funding the return of the Waterfront Concert—one of the state’s largest community concerts. With these resources, we were able to turn the 18<sup>th</sup> Waterfront Concert into a truly city-wide celebration with many other arts organizations.”

“Nancy and I are fans,” **Mayor Hales** said. “This is one of those great events that make Portland so cool.”

Special thanks also go to the Waterfront Concert’s other generous sponsors: **NW Natural, Boeing, KINK FM and KATU-TV.**

**Waterfront Concert**  
**Thursday, August 28, 2014**  
(rain date if necessary: Friday, August 29)  
**Tom McCall Waterfront Park**  
**1020 Naito Pkwy**  
**Free to the public!**

<b>2:30 – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>234th Army Band of the Oregon National Guard</b>
<b>3:30 – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Metropolitan Youth Symphony</b>
<b>4:00 – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Hillsboro School District Mariachi Una Voz with Edna Vazquez</b>
<b>4:30 – 4:50 pm</b>	<b>BRAVO Youth Orchestras</b>
<b>5:15 – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Portland Youth Philharmonic</b>
<b>6:00 – 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Portland Taiko</b>
<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Oregon Symphony</b> <i>(with selections from Oregon Ballet Theatre and Portland Opera)</i>
<b>Nightfall</b>	<b>Fireworks</b>

The Oregon Symphony’s program includes an **Oregon Ballet Theatre** performance of the Grand Pas De Deux from George Balanchine’s *The Nutcracker* featuring principal dancers Haiyan Wu and Chauncey Parsons as well as a selection from Bizet’s *Carmen* with baritone Alexander Elliott to highlight **Portland Opera’s** upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary season.

The festivities conclude with the traditional grand finale—**Tchaikovsky’s 1812 Overture** complete with military cannons from the Oregon Army National Guard 218th Field Artillery. Immediately following the 1812 Overture the skies will light up with an **elaborate fireworks display**, a signal to everyone in Portland that the musical season has begun.

**With an expected audience of around 15,000** in Tom McCall Waterfront Park, patrons who bring lawn chairs are asked to bring only chairs that sit low to the ground in order to preserve sightlines for patrons behind them.

Complete program details as well as information on all the participating organizations will be available on the Symphony's website: [www.OrSymphony.org/waterfront](http://www.OrSymphony.org/waterfront).

The Waterfront Concert signals the opening of the music season in Portland and kicks off the Oregon Symphony season which sports a firework-worthy September lineup, including Brandi Carlile (9/5), Trey Anastasio (9/9), Béla Fleck (9/13), a Tchaikovsky Spectacular with Arnaldo Cohen (9/14), Ben Folds (9/20), Herbie Hancock (9/21), and Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg (9/27, 28, 29). And that's just the beginning!

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