

MUSIC ARTS

For many Boomers, love of music plays some role in their leisure time choices. Some ways Boomers get involved in music include:

- Performing in local bands or orchestras.
- Attending live concerts.
- Working behind the scenes.
- Learning or expanding their own music knowledge and skills.
- Teaching others.
- Performing in hospitals, nursing homes, senior facilities.



Portland's musical offerings are as diverse as the city itself – Bluegrass, folk, Indie rock, jazz, classical, pop and more.

Volunteering

The music scene offers a tremendous variety of ways to be involved, whether you play an instrument, want to help aspiring young musicians, or just plain appreciate music.

In addition to working directly with performing artists, volunteer benefits may include concert passes and patron and recognition events. Music organizations need volunteers in tasks such as office data entry and filing, answering the phone, fundraising, marketing, writing, graphic design, ushering, ticket taking and serving refreshments. Some take music to their audiences and will put you to work in outreach programs.

Several youth music organizations rely on volunteers to help make music accessible to everyone. Volunteers help teach and mentor, maintain instruments, set up and host events, fundraising and office activities.

Similarly, if you enjoy being immersed in the festival scene, volunteers work in all aspects of stage set-up and take-down, electronics, assisting performers, serving refreshments and activities unique to the concert.

The lists below show the wide variety of volunteer options to fit every music taste, including classical music, music festivals, and annual concerts. Concerts in large venues such as the Portland Symphony Orchestra rely on volunteers assigned through the venue such as Portland'5. In some cases, a "Friends-of..." group, such as the Friends of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, fill the volunteer roles. Volunteering information is generally available on each organization's website, though sometimes you may have to creatively dig for it.

Folk Music

- [Portland Folk Music Society](#)

Classical Music

- [Metropolitan Youth Symphony](#)
- [Oregon Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra](#)
- [Oregon Symphony Orchestra](#)
- [Pacific Crest Wind Symphony](#)

- [Portland Baroque Orchestra](#)
- [Portland Chamber Orchestra](#)
- [Portland Columbia Symphony Orchestra](#)
- [Portland Festival Symphony](#)
- [Portland Youth Philharmonic](#)
- [Rose City Youth Orchestras](#)
- [Vancouver Symphony Orchestra](#)

Music Festivals

- [Cathedral Park Jazz Fest](#)
- [Chamber Music NW Summer Fest](#)
- [Improvisation Summit of Portland](#)
- [Jim Pepper Native Arts Festival](#)
- [Music Fest NW](#)
- [Northwest String Summit](#)
- [Oregon Music Festival](#)
- [PDX Pop Now](#)
- [Pickathon](#)
- [Quiet Music Festival](#)
- [Vancouver Wine and Jazz Festival](#)
- [Waterfront Blues Fest](#)
- [What the Festival](#)

Youth Music Education

- [Vibe of Portland](#): Offer affordable visual-arts and music classes to low-income neighborhoods through in-school, afterschool and studio classes and camps. [Volunteers](#) teach classes, help at workshops or even put on a show.
- [Ethos](#): Provides after-school music lessons, group classes, camps, multicultural performances and workshops to more than 7,000 students across Oregon each year. [Volunteers](#) assist with community events, office tasks, clean, repairing instruments, teaching, hanging posters and flyers, painting classrooms, repairs amps, electronics.

Voice

- [Aurora Chorus](#)
- [Portland Gay Men's Chorus](#)
- [Portland Symphonic Choir](#)
- [Pride of Portland Chorus](#)

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