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26th Annual Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival
August 21, 22, 23, 2026

Bravo Concerts Northwest
Concerts For Kids



“...this region may be rife with summer festivals, but few capture a finer spirit than the Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival...”

(Shawn Vitt – The Oregonian, Portland OR)

“...the Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival is a world-class event...”

(Arturo Sandoval – GRAMMY-winning jazz trumpeter and composer)

“...Concerts for Kids is a vital and important program...”

(Christopher Kelley – Music Specialist, Image Elementary)



AT A GLANCE – Bravo! Concerts Northwest

Bravo! Concerts Northwest is:

- **FOUNDED:** 1993
- 501c3 Nonprofit Organization
- Bravo! Northwest Concert Series
- The Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival
- Music at The Historic Madeleine Church
- Bravo! Northwest Chorale / Chamber Choir
- Northwest Chamber Orchestra / Jazz Ensemble
- Concert series of classical, sacred, jazz, chamber music
- Over 250 concerts & educational programs, 60,000 people served
- Education – Concerts For Kids, Masterclasses, Festival Education Stage
- CD Recordings – Hear My Prayer, Handel’s Messiah, The Tango Project, Mozart at the Summit
- Tour – Northwest Tour with Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra
- Tour – National Tour to Washington DC and New York City
- Tour – Croatia Tour with Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra
- Tour – Italy Tour, “Shrines of Italy” concerts
- TV Broadcasts – CCTV, Vancouver WA
- Dubrovnik Jazz Festival
- **GUEST ARTISTS:** Diane Schuur, Grace Kelly, Oregon String Quartet, Brubeck Brothers, Melissa Manchester, Stanley Jordan, Gospel Hummingbirds, Rita Coolidge, Portland Opera Young Artists . . . and MORE!
- **PARTNERSHIPS:** Portland Opera, Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra, NATO Jazz Orchestra, Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Sno-King Chorale, Tears of Joy Puppet Theatre, Washington State Ballet, Portland Youth Choir, 56th US Army Band, US Navy Band Puget Sound, Seattle Jazz Singers, Vancouver School of Arts & Academics, Washington State School for the Blind, Camas Battle Ground, Heritage, Seton High School. . . and MORE!

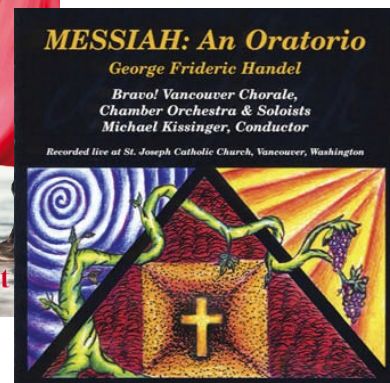
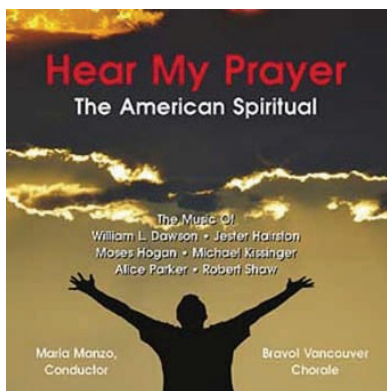


Photo - Concerts For Kids School Concert

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The MISSION of Bravo! is:

“Bravo! Northwest is a music organization committed to the Performance, Presentation, Appreciation and Advancement of the Arts in our Community.”



Past Festivals have included these internationally acclaimed musicians:

Al Jarreau / Alfredo Rodriguez / Arturo Sandoval / Beausoleil



Bela Fleck / Bettye LaVette / Bill Frisell / Billy Childs



Blind Boys of Alabama / Blood, Sweat & Tears / Bo Diddley / Bob James



Brubeck Brothers Jazz Quartet / Chick Corea / Chuck Mangione / Claudia Vilella / Coco Montoya



David Sanborn / David Friesen / Diane Schuur / Dirty Dozen Brass Band / Don McLean



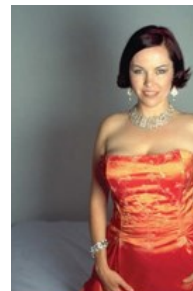
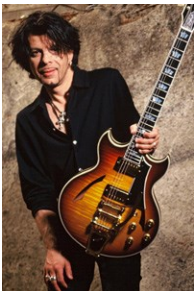
Dr. John / Eddie Palmieri / Grace Kelly / Heritage Blues Orchestra / James Cotton



Jane Monheit / Jean-Luc Ponty / John Hammond / John Mayall / John Pizarrelli



Johnny A / Jose Feliciano / Judy Collins / Kenny Loggins / LaVay Smith / Lee Ritenour



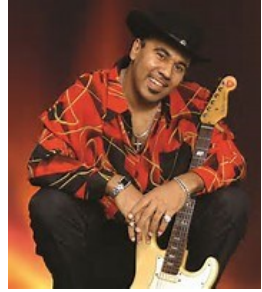
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Pacific Mambo Orchestra / Poncho Sanchez / Preservation Hall Jazz Band / Ramsey Lewis



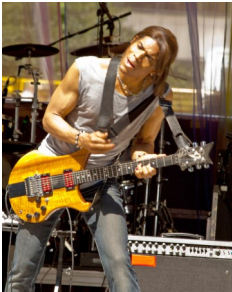
Regina Carter / Rita Coolidge / Ronnie Baker Brooks / Russell Malone / Ruthie Foster



Shemekia Copeland / Spanish Harlem Orchestra / Spyro Gyra / Stanley Clarke



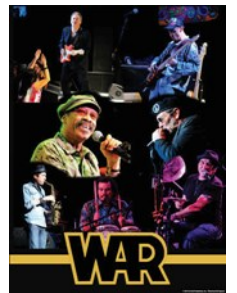
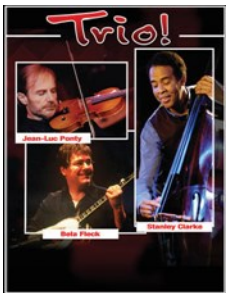
Stanley Jordan / Take 6 / The 5th Dimension / The Family Stone



The Manhattan Transfer / The Rippingtons / The Temptations / The Yellowjackets



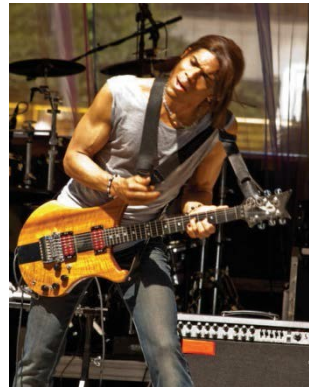
Tiempo Libre / Tommy Castro & The Painkillers / Toshiko Akiyoshi / TRIO / WAR



A FEW FUN FESTIVAL PHOTOS!



Volunteers welcome visitors to the Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival!



internationally acclaimed musicians have performed (Clockwise from left): Russ Freeman & The Rippingtons, Diane Schuur, Stanley Jordan, Grace Kelly, Jose Feliciano, Chris Brubeck and the late, great Al Jarreau.





HUGE crowds always attend the Festival. They listen, dance, sing, and enjoy the music, art, wine and food!



A team of more than 125 volunteers work at the Festival. It's a community event!





Fine artists and crafters, exhibitors, delicious food and more. The BEST in the Northwest!



The Festival is a family friendly cultural event for ALL AGES. Students perform on our Jazz Education Stage, and sponsors enjoy their VIP Suites!



Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival—A 25-Year Record of Success!

What is the Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival?

Awarded 2023 Southwest Washington “Event of the Year” by the Washington Festivals and Events Association and “Outstanding Tourism Event” by Clark County, the Festival is the #1 Cultural Tourism event in Southwest WA and is “...**the largest jazz festival of its kind in the Northwest...**” (ABC TV KATU 2 Portland, OR). Since 1998 visitors from 30 states and internationally have attended.

- **Performing & Cultural Arts!** The Festival is a celebration of the musical, visual, performing, and enological arts and brings together GRAMMY-winning internationally acclaimed musicians, regional jazz & blues bands, Northwest wines, fine artists, and local cuisine.
- **Cultural Tourism:** The Festival draws thousands of visitors to Vancouver. Surveys indicate that visitors from 30 US states, Canada, China, Europe and Japan have attended the Festival. 58% of the audience is out-of-town visitors.
- **Identity & Image:** The Festival is a world-class event. The vision and image of the Festival reflects the vision and image the Pacific Northwest – a beautiful region and a great place to live, work and visit!



What is the Purpose of the Festival?

- **ARTS** – To be a major festival of the musical, visual, performing, enological arts;
- **ARTS** – To entertain, enrich, and educate audiences;
- **ARTS** – To promote the programs of Bravo! Concerts Northwest;
- **ECONOMIC** – To attract thousands of tourists to Southwest Washington;
- **ECONOMIC** – To provide value to Festival Sponsors;
- **EDUCATION** – To provide music education opportunities for students;
- **COMMUNITY** – To build community and civic pride

What Are 3 Long Term Goals of The Festival?

- **ACHIEVED** – #1 cultural arts event in Southwest Washington.
- **ACHIEVED** – Recognized as a major West Coast cultural event: a “cultural tourism destination.”
- **ONGOING GOAL** – The Festival has a goal of becoming on par with major festivals around the USA such as: Monterey Jazz Festival, Spoleto Festival, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, etc. Music Education, Dance, and film may eventually become part of the existing offerings.

Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival—A 25-Year Record of Success!

The First Annual Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival took place September 26-27, 1998 in downtown Vancouver. After nearly a year of planning, the Festival premiered to huge weekend crowds. By all measures, the Festival was an enormous success. The 1998 Festival was held on the site of the former Lucky Lager Brewery in downtown Vancouver. International jazz star and vocalist Dianne Schuur entertained a huge Saturday night crowd. 21 wineries, 6 restaurants and 40 fine artists participated.

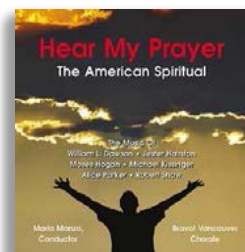


More than 125 people volunteer to support the Festival. Media estimates that 6-7,000 people attend the festival each year. Visitors from 33 states, Europe, China, Japan and Canada have attended.

Every year the Festival features visual artists, hundreds of wines, local restaurants and numerous commercial exhibitors. Over the past 25 years, the Festival has presented such internationally acclaimed jazz artists including: Al Jarreau, Allen Toussaint, Arturo Sandoval, Bela Fleck, BeauSoleil, Bill Frisell, Billy Childs, Blind Boys of Alabama, Blood, Sweat & Tears, Bo Diddley, Booker T. Jones, Bobby Shew, Brubeck Brothers Quartet, Chick Corea, Chuck Mangione, Claudia Villela Coco Montoya, David Sanborn, Diane Schuur, Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Don McLean, Dr. John, Eddie Palmieri, Ed Shaughnessy, Ernie Watts, Family Stone, Four Freshmen, Grace Kelly, James Cotton, Jane Monheit, Jean-Luc Ponty, Joey DeFrancesco, John Hammond, John Mayall, John Pizzarelli, Johnny A, Jose Feliciano, Judy Collins, Kenny Loggins, Lavay Smith, Lee Ritenour, Los Lobos, Manhattan Transfer, Marcia Ball, Mavis Staples, Melissa Manchester, Nicholas Payton, Pacific Mambo Orchestra, Poncho Sanchez, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Ramsey Lewis, Regina Carter, Rita Coolidge, Ronnie Baker Brooks, Russell Malone, Ruthie Foster, Sara Gazarek, Shemekia Copeland, Spanish Harlem Orchestra, Spyro Gyra, Stanley Clarke, Stanley Jordan, Take 6, The Gospel Hummingbirds, The Louis Armstrong Society Jazz Band, The 5th Dimension, The Rippingtons, The Savoy-Doucet Cajun Band, The Temptations, The Yellowjackets, Toshiko Akiyoshi, WAR and others; as well as more than 100 local and regional jazz bands.



The Festival is a program of Bravo! Concerts Northwest, a 501c3 nonprofit arts organization based in Vancouver. Bravo! has presented more than 250 concerts and educational programs since 1993.



Sponsors – Numerous corporate sponsors provide support. For sponsorship information contact:

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SEE *National Geographic Map of Festival* at (<http://thecentralscascades.com/vancouver-wine-and-jazz-festival/>).

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2025 Economic Impact & Cultural Tourism Statistics*

Economic Impact: To determine economic impact we use the Washington State Arts Commission's recommended "**Arts & Economic Prosperity Calculator**" created by Americans for the Arts. Using this AEP Calculator, the 2025 Festival had a positive economic impact on our community of \$529,664 as follows: \$279,664 audience spending impact, at a rate of \$46.61 per person; and \$250,000 spending by our nonprofit organization. Using this calculator since 1998 Bravo! Concerts Northwest and The Festival has had a \$13,241,600 economic impact on our community.*



Festival Media – Media and advertising includes: Website, National Press Releases, Digital & Streaming OTT, Xfinity Cable, Radio, Regional TV, Social Media, E-blasts, and Print such as traditional posters and brochures.

Audience Demographics – Demographic information is compiled through ticket sales, advertising, data collected from vendor, artist, food and wine sales, social media, email, website, etc.

- 1. Income, Education, Age** – Middle to upper income, educated, professional adults. Age from 35-75.
- 2. 2025 Visitors** –
 - 60% of attendees are Visitors | 40% of attendees are Local
 - 20% of Visitors traveled greater than 50 miles round trip (MRT)
 - 2025 visitors traveled from 127 cities, 19 states and Canada.
 - FARTHEST visitor greater than 50 MRT: Marco Island, Florida (6,460 miles round trip)
 - CLOSEST visitor greater than 50 MRT: Wilsonville, Oregon (52 miles round trip)
 - SINCE 1998 – annual average attendance of 6,000 = 150,000 people since 1998.
- 3. Over the past 25 years visitors have traveled from 33 states & internationally** – Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia. Visitors have also attended from Canada, China, Europe, and Japan.
- 4. Participants Include:**
 - **National Bands** – GRAMMY-winning internationally acclaimed jazz, blues, pop, gospel, rock musicians.
 - **Regional Bands** – More than 150 regional and student jazz bands have performed.
 - **Fine Artists & Crafters** – The Festival has presented more than 600 artists.
 - **Wine & Food** – Washington, Oregon, California wineries are featured. Local restaurants participate.
 - **Exhibitors** – range from autos to locally hand-crafted gourmet candy and barbecue sauces.
 - **Volunteers** – 150 volunteers and 22 volunteer staff provide more than 3,000 annual work hours.

*Sources include: Washington Festivals and Events Association, Washington State Arts Commission, and Americans for the Arts "**Arts and Economic Prosperity Calculator.**" SEE: <https://www.arts.wa.gov/creative-economy/>. These figures are compiled by the Festival from 1998-2025.

2022-2024 Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival Visitor Info

NOTE: Visitor Info is collected from advance tickets sales and day of show attendees & includes address data.

- 58% of attendees are Visitors | 42% of attendees are Residents
- 20% of Visitors traveled greater than 50 miles round trip (MRT)
- Farthest 2024 visitor traveled 6,520 MRT | Closest traveled 52 MRT

2024 VISITORS TRAVELED TO FROM 12 STATES:

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| 1. Arizona | 4. Florida | 7. Maryland | 10. Oregon |
| 2. Arkansas | 5. Idaho | 8. Massachusetts | 11. Texas |
| 3. California | 6. Illinois | 9. North Carolina | 12. Washington |

2024 VISITORS FROM THESE FARTHEST & CLOSEST CITIES:

2 Farthest cities of visitors greater than 50 MRT

- 6,246 Miles Round Trip: Plymouth MA
- 6,520 Miles Round Trip: Miami, FL

2 Closest cities of visitors greater than 50 MRT:

- 52 Miles Round Trip: Wilsonville, OR
- 58 Miles Round Trip: Yacolt, WA

2024 VISITORS TRAVELED FROM 127 CITIES:

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|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Aberdeen, WA | 33. Estacada, OR | 65. Marysville, WA | 97. Salem, OR |
| 2. Albuquerque, NM | 34. Evanston, IL | 66. McMinnville, OR | 98. San Bruno, CA |
| 3. Aloha, OR | 35. Fayetteville, AR | 67. Miami, FL | 99. Sandy, OR |
| 4. Anderson Island, WA | 36. Federal Way, WA | 68. Milwaukie, OR | 100. Santa Cruz, CA |
| 5. Arch Cape, WA | 37. Fife, WA | 69. Molalla, OR | 101. Seattle, WA |
| 6. Auburn, WA | 38. Frederick MD | 70. Mulino, OR | 102. Seaview, WA |
| 7. Austin, TX | 39. Freedom, CA | 71. Newberg, OR | 103. Shelton, WA |
| 8. Battle Ground, WA | 40. Ft. Lauderdale, CA | 72. North Bend, OR | 104. Sherwood, OR |
| 9. Beavercreek, OR | 41. Gig Harbor, WA | 73. North Bonneville, WA | 105. Shoreline, WA |
| 10. Beaverton, OR | 42. Glenwood, WA | 74. North Port, FL | 106. Spokane Valley, WA |
| 11. Bellevue, WA | 43. Gold Beach, WA | 75. Oakland, CA | 107. St Helens, OR |
| 12. Bellingham, WA | 44. Gold Canyon, AZ | 76. Ocean Park, WA | 108. Stevenson, WA |
| 13. Bend, OR | 45. Grants Pass, OR | 77. Olalla, WA | 109. Tacoma, WA |
| 14. Blaine, WA | 46. Gresham, OR | 78. Olympia, WA | 110. The Dalles, OR |
| 15. Bothell, WA | 47. Hanford, CA | 79. Onalaska, WA | 111. Tigard, OR |
| 16. Brush Prairie, WA | 48. Happy Valley, OR | 80. Oregon City, OR | 112. Tillamook, OR |
| 17. Buckley, WA | 49. Hillsboro, OR | 81. Palm Springs, CA | 113. Toppenish, WA |
| 18. Caldwell, ID | 50. Hood River, OR | 82. Phoenix, AZ | 114. Tualatin, OR |
| 19. Camas, WA | 51. Hubbard, OR | 83. Plymouth, MA | 115. Tumwater, WA |
| 20. Cashmere, WA | 52. Jacksonville, FL | 84. Port Angeles, WA | 116. Vashon, WA |
| 21. Centralia, WA | 53. Kalama, WA | 85. Portland, OR | 117. Walla Walla, WA |
| 22. Chandler, AZ | 54. Keizer, OR | 86. Puyallup, WA | 118. Washougal, WA |
| 23. Chehalis, WA | 55. Kelso, WA | 87. Rainier, OR | 119. Wauna, WA |
| 24. Clackamas, WA | 56. Kent, WA | 88. Redmond, WA | 120. West Linn, OR |
| 25. Clarkston, WA | 57. King City, OR | 89. Renton, WA | 121. White Salmon, OR |
| 26. Clatskanie, WA | 58. Kirkland, WA | 90. Richland, WA | 122. Wilsonville, OR |
| 27. Corbett, WA | 59. La Center, WA | 91. Ridgefield, WA | 123. Woodland, WA |
| 28. Corvallis, OR | 60. La Quinta, CA | 92. Rochester, WA | 124. Yacolt, WA |
| 29. Cottage Grove, OR | 61. Lake Oswego, OR | 93. Rockford, IL | 125. Yakima, WA |
| 30. Dayton, OR | 62. Lake Tapps, WA | 94. Rocklin CA | 126. Yelm, WA |
| 31. East Wenatchee, WA | 63. Lakewood, WA | 95. Roxboro, NC | 127. Yucaipa, CA |
| 32. Edmonds, WA | 64. Longview, WA | 96. Sacramento, CA | |

POST COVID 2022-2024 VISITORS TRAVELED FROM 21 STATES AND CANADA:

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|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Vancouver BC | 7. Idaho | 13. Mississippi | 19. Utah |
| 2. Arizona | 8. Illinois | 14. New Mexico | 20. Washington |
| 3. Arkansas | 9. Louisiana | 15. North Carolina | 21. West Virginia |
| 4. California | 10. Maryland | 16. Oregon | |
| 5. Colorado | 11. Massachusetts | 17. Tennessee | |
| 6. Georgia | 12. Michigan | 18. Texas | |

2022-2024 VISITORS TRAVELED GREATER THAN 50 MRT FROM 145 CITIES:

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|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Aberdeen, WA | 38. Estacada, OR | 75. Lakewood, WA | 112. Rockford, IL |
| 2. Arch Cape, OR | 39. Eugene, OR | 76. Long Beach, WA | 113. Roxboro, NC |
| 3. Albuquerque, NM | 40. Evanston, IL | 77. Longbranch, WA | 114. Sacramento, CA |
| 4. Anderson Island, WA | 41. Fayetteville, AR | 78. Longview, WA | 115. Salem, OR |
| 5. Auburn, WA | 42. Federal Way, WA | 79. Los Angeles, CA | 116. San Bruno, CA |
| 6. Austin, TX | 43. Fife, WA | 80. Maple Valley, WA | 117. Sandy, OR |
| 7. Bakersfield, CA | 44. Frederick, MD | 81. Marquette, MI | 118. Santa Cruz, CA |
| 8. Bastrop, LA | 45. Freedom, CA | 82. Marysville, WA | 119. Seattle, WA |
| 9. Beavercreek, OR | 46. Fremont, CA | 83. McMinnville, OR | 120. Seaview, WA |
| 10. Bellevue, WA | 47. Ft. Lauderdale, CA | 84. Miami, FL | 121. Shelton, WA |
| 11. Bellingham, WA | 48. Gainesville, GA | 85. Molalla, OR | 122. Sherwood, OR |
| 12. Belmont, CA | 49. Gig Harbor, WA | 86. Morgantown, WV | 123. Shoreline, WA |
| 13. Bend, OR | 50. Gearhart, OR | 87. Mukilteo, WA | 124. Spanaway, WA |
| 14. Bingen, WA | 51. Georgetown, TX | 88. N Bonneville, WA | 125. Spokane Valley, WA |
| 15. Blaine, WA | 52. Glenwood, WA | 89. Nashville, TN | 126. Stevenson, WA |
| 16. Boise, ID | 53. Grants Pass, OR | 90. Newberg, OR | 127. St. Helens, OR |
| 17. Bothell, WA | 54. Greenville, NC | 91. North Bend, OR | 128. Tacoma, WA |
| 18. Brea, CA | 55. Gold Beach, OR | 92. North Port, FL | 129. The Dalles, OR |
| 19. Bremerton, WA | 56. Gold Canyon, AZ | 93. Oakland, CA | 130. Tillamook, OR |
| 20. Buckley, WA | 57. Hanford, CA | 94. Ocean Park, WA | 131. Toppenish, WA |
| 21. Caldwell, ID | 58. Hillsboro, OR | 95. Ogden, UT | 132. Vancouver, BC |
| 22. Camarillo, CA | 59. Hood River, OR | 96. Olympia, WA | 133. Vashon, WA |
| 23. Canby, OR | 60. Hubbard, OR | 97. Onalaska, WA | 134. Walla Wall, WA |
| 24. Carson, WA | 61. Huntington Beach, CA | 98. Oregon City, OR | 135. Warrenton, OR |
| 25. Cashmere, WA | 62. Jackson, MS | 99. Palm Springs, CA | 136. Wauna, WA |
| 26. Centralia, WA | 63. Jacksonville, FL | 100. Parker, CO | 137. Wenatchee, WA |
| 27. Chandler, AZ | 64. Kalama, WA | 101. Phoenix, AZ | 138. West Linn, OR |
| 28. Chehalis, WA | 65. Keizer, OR | 102. Port Angeles, WA | 139. White Salmon, WA |
| 29. Clarkston, WA | 66. Kelso, WA | 103. Port Orchard, WA | 140. Wilsonville, OR |
| 30. Clatskanie, OR | 67. Kent, WA | 104. Puyallup, WA | 141. Winlock, WA |
| 31. Corvallis, WA | 68. Kirkland, WA | 105. Plymouth, MA | 142. Yacolt, WA |
| 32. Cottage Grove, OR | 69. La Mesa, CA | 106. Rainier, OR | 143. Yakima, WA |
| 33. Damascus, OR | 70. La Pine, OR | 107. Redmond, WA | 144. Yelm, WA |
| 34. Dayton, OR | 71. La Quinta, CA | 108. Renton, WA | 145. Yucaipa, CA |
| 35. Des Moines, WA | 72. Lacey, WA | 109. Richland, WA | |
| 36. East Wenatchee, WA | 73. Lake Tapps, WA | 110. Rochester, WA | |
| 37. Edmonds, WA | 74. Lakeway, TX | 111. Rocklin, CA | |

Bravo! Concerts Northwest — A Brief History – 30th Anniversary

Founded in 1993, Bravo! Concerts Northwest is one of the most creatively diverse arts organizations in our region. Bravo! is a 501c3 nonprofit arts corporation based in southwest Washington. Our scope is local,



regional, and international. Our programs are focused on music performance, presentation, and education. Current programs include: our **Bravo! Concerts Northwest Series** and **Concerts At The Madeleine Old Church**; the **Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival**; and Music Education projects such as our new **Concerts For Kids** program. Programs have included Masterclasses and Workshops for students, International Arts Partnerships – such as the Dubrovnik Wine & Jazz Festival, Regional Arts Partnerships,



Recordings, Music Tours and more. Our Mission Statement is: **“Bravo! Concerts Northwest is a music organization committed to the Performance, Presentation, Appreciation and Advancement of the Arts in our Community.”**

CONCERTS & EDUCATION Over the past 30 years Bravo! has presented more than

250 concerts and educational programs to more than 60,000 people ranging from elementary school students to adults. We present concerts of sacred, classical, jazz, contemporary, American, and chamber music. Concerts feature the Bravo! Chorale, Northwest Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Ensembles, nationally recognized conductors, and soloists; and has included nationally acclaimed artists such as Grace Kelly, Diane Schuur, Brubeck Brothers Quartet, Melissa Manchester, and others.

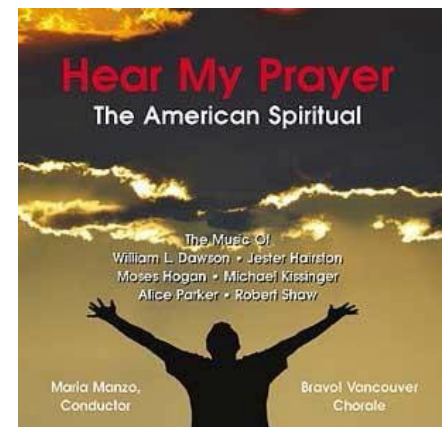


BRAVO! NORTHWEST CHORALE & NORTHWEST CHAMBER ORCHESTRA The Bravo!

Chorale is an auditioned choir of singers who have a passion for singing and a love for music. The Choir ranges in experience from accomplished amateurs to trained professionals. The group has performed most of the major choral music of the 19th and 20th centuries, including Johannes Brahms’ **German Requiem**, J.S. Bach’s **St. Matthew Passion**, the **Requiem**s of Mozart, Gabriel Fauré, Maurice Duruflé, John Rutter and Giuseppe Verdi; Joseph Haydn’s **Te Deum** and **Creation**; Rachmaninoff’s **Solemn Vespers**; Beethoven’s **Christ on the Mount of Olives**, and **9th Symphony**; Felix Mendelssohn’s **Elijah** and **St. Paul Oratorio** and others. The choir also performs a broad range of music, including **Broadway, American Folk, Spirituals, Pop, Contemporary, and Jazz** –



such as Duke Ellington’s **Sacred Concert**, and Dave Brubeck’s **To Hope: A Celebration**. The choir has premiered NEW music, including Michael Kissinger’s **Psalms for Peace, Sacred Cantata, and Jazz Requiem**. In 2025 the choir will perform **Cantata for a More Hopeful Tomorrow** composed by Portland Opera Music Director Damien Getter. The choir has toured with the **Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra** in Croatia and the Pacific Northwest; and has performed with the **Duke Ellington School of the Arts Jazz Orchestra** in Washington D.C. and Lincoln Center in New York City.



The Chorale has released three CD recordings: **Hear My Prayer: The American Spiritual** – a collection of classic Spirituals and new spirituals by contemporary American composers; a live recording of George Frideric Handel’s **Messiah – An Oratorio**, and **Mozart at the Summit**, featuring Mozart’s Requiem. Our **Northwest Chamber Orchestra** is comprised of professional freelance musicians from Vancouver-Portland region. Our orchestra members have also performed with **Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera, Eugene Symphony, Pink Martini,**

Portland Cello Project, and other regional ensembles.



PARTNERSHIPS Bravo!

believes in collaboration, and over the years we have enjoyed musical partnerships with: Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra, Oregon Bravo Youth Orchestra, Pacific Youth Choir, Portland Opera, jazz singer Diane Schuur, saxophonist Grace Kelly, pop singer Melissa Manchester, The Brubeck Brothers Jazz Quartet, Broadway baritone Douglas Webster, 56th US Army Band, NATO Jazz Orchestra, jazz guitarist Stanley Jordan, Seattle Jazz Singers, Sno-King Chorale, Duke Ellington School of the Arts Jazz Orchestra, Washington State Ballet, Washington State School for the Blind, Oregon String Quartet, Tears of Joy Puppet Theatre, Battle Ground High School, Vancouver School of Arts & Academics, Camas High School, and many others.

VANCOUVER WINE & JAZZ FESTIVAL Since 1998, Bravo! has produced the **Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival**. The Festival features internationally acclaimed GRAMMY-winning jazz, blues, and gospel artists, Northwest wines, fine artists, exhibitors, and local restaurants. The Festival was awarded 2023 Southwest Washington “Event of the Year” by the Washington Festivals and Events Association. It is recognized as the #1 Cultural Tourism event in Southwest Washington and is “...the largest festival of its kind in the Northwest...” (ABC TV KATU 2, Portland, OR). An estimated 150,000 people have attended the Jazz Festival since its founding in 1998, with visitors from 27 U.S. States, China, Japan, Europe, and Canada.

The Festival has presented GRAMMY-winning and internationally-acclaimed artists including: Al Jarreau, Arturo Sandoval, Bela Fleck, BeauSoleil, Blind Boys of Alabama, Blood, Sweat & Tears, Bo Diddley, Booker T. Jones, Brubeck Brothers Quartet, Charlie Musselwhite, Chick Corea, Chuck Mangione, Coco Montoya, David Sanborn, Diane Schuur, Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Don McLean, Dr. John, Eddie Palmieri, Elvin Bishop, Grace Kelly, James Cotton, Jean-Luc Ponty, John Hammond, John Mayall, John Pizzarelli, Jose Feliciano, Judy Collins, Jontavious Willis, Kenny Loggins, Lee Ritenour, Los Lobos, Marcus Roberts, Marcia Ball, Mavis Staples, Nicholas Payton, Poncho Sanchez, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Ramsey Lewis, Regina Carter, Rita Coolidge, Rippingtons, Ronnie Baker Brooks, Russell Malone, Ruthie Foster, Sara Gazarek, Shemekia Copeland, Spanish Harlem Orchestra, Spyro Gyra, Stanley Clarke, Stanley Jordan, Sue Foley, Take 6, The 5th Dimension, The Rumba Kings, The Temptations, Tierney Sutton, Toshiko Akiyoshi, WAR, Yellowjackets, and others; and more than 150 Northwest jazz bands.



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Bravo! Concerts Northwest Presents Concerts for Kids!

A music education and performance program for elementary schools in our community.



Concerts For Kids – Programs

CONCEPT – Concerts For Kids brings professional musicians who are concert artists and educators into local elementary schools to perform concerts, engage with students, and provide interactive music opportunities.



PURPOSE – our goal is to bring Concerts For Kids to schools where students may not typically have opportunities to hear LIVE concerts or meet professional musicians, for example in Title 1 Schools. We will work with local school districts to identify elementary schools with the most need and the best fit, and work with the Music Specialists in those schools to create engaging, educational, and FUN programs!

STRUCTURE – Concerts For Kids includes three components:

- 1. Pre-Concert Education** – The musicians performing these concerts are professional concert artists and music educators. The first part of the program consists of engaging students in the classroom prior to the concert performance. A short unit teaching history, style, and cultural aspects of the music prepares students for the concert performance.
- 2. Concert Performance** – Musicians perform a LIVE concert for students in the classroom. One of our 4 programs are selected in coordination with the school and its music teacher.
- 3. Student Participation** – Students have an opportunity to participate in the concert. As an example: students will learn to play jazz rhythms using ‘bucket drums,’ Latin rhythm instruments, or improvise melodies using recorders, kazoos, and other classroom instruments.

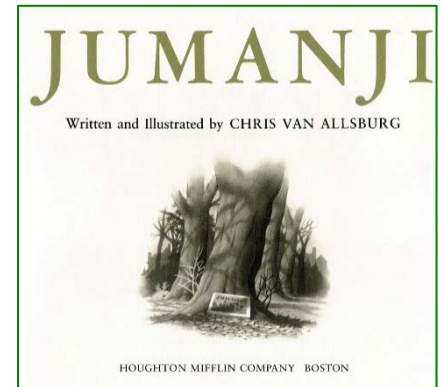
There are FOUR unique Programs:

The Tango Project – This program and concert explores the music and rhythm of Tango music from Cuba, Argentina, Brazil, and Spain. Students will learn about this important music from Latin America and learn how to dance the Tango with our Tango dancers.



Made In America: JAZZ – This program and concert explores the unique American music of Jazz. Our jazz quartet features Brazilian pianist Jasnam Daya Singh. The musicians will perform and explain how to improvise on a melody. Students will get an opportunity to improvise using bucket drums, kazoos, and their voices.

Jumanji – This is a multi-media interactive program featuring music composed for the popular children's book Jumanji. The program combines music, art, and reading the storybook of Jumanji. Students will have an opportunity to participate in the concert by reading the story and taking on the role of various animals.



Fun With Mozart! – This program introduces students to the music of one of the most famous musicians in Western culture, Wolfgang Mozart. The concert includes his most famous melodies; and songs from famous operas like *The Magic Flute*. In partnership with the Portland Opera Education Program, students will hear a live opera singer and learn how an opera tells a story through music.

Concerts for Kids is a program of Bravo! Concerts Northwest. Bravo! is a 501c3 nonprofit music and arts organization, dedicated to presenting live music, performance, and education opportunities for all ages in our community.



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Dear Dr. Kissinger,

Thank you for the recent Concerts For Kids program you and your musicians brought to Image Elementary this past week.

It was a delight to see our 5th grade students perform with your quartet and tango dancer, and I know the entire school enjoyed the performance.

Programs like Concerts For Kids are valuable, because what you brought to the school supports the work of teachers like our Music Specialist Christopher Kelley. Your classroom presentation helped to reinforce what he has taught his students; and the fun concert provided a practical musical experience for his students to perform with professional musicians for the entire school.

We look forward to being part of another Concert For Kids program in the future!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen Keller".

Kathleen Keller, Principal
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Evergreen School District