

Summer Chamber Concert Brings The Sound Of Strings To The Community



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The Tualatin Heritage Center will host a free chamber music concert on July 9, Saturday, at 10:30 am. The concert will follow the July 1-8 chamber music camp by local string players led by Tualatin resident Rodel Flores, a professional violinist and orchestra conductor. The "Summer Strings Chamber Music Sessions" is organized by the Tualatin Heritage Center and Rodel Flores Violin Studio so string players of all ages can come together as a community to rekindle, reinvigorate, and sustain the tradition of learning and performing classical and contemporary chamber music for strings right here in Tualatin.

According to Yvonne Addington, the President of the Tualatin Historical Society, the community "has a long-standing tradition with music, and the camp and concert will continue enhancing Tualatin's musical heritage." Larry McClure, Chair on Arts, Culture, and Education for Tualatin Tomorrow has said that "the Center is a premiere venue for performances", and

will certainly be inclusive and accessible and where musical yet underserved youth can be nurtured and encouraged. Conductor and violinist Rodel Flores has made it his life's mission to elevate the level of string and chamber music education and performance. In 2010, he received 2 awards, 1 for "his lifelong commitment and dedication

to music as violin instructor and conductor that touched and changed the lives of his young student and for his untiring effort that produced the finest musicians that we have today to carry the legacy of music to the next generation" and the other for his "excellent contribution and initiation leading to raise funds for youth scholarship grants, distinguished involvement, accomplishments, and formation of violin clubs- all for the love of music and in educating young musicians."

Participation in the chamber sessions is open to string players that can read notes and commit to daily rehearsals. For more information, please call [503-486-5528](tel:503-486-5528) or e-mail marempf@gmail.com.



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