



Community Orchestra of Central Oregon received grant support from The Roundhouse Foundation.

Orchestra draws local musicians

Community Orchestra of Central Oregon (COCO), now in its third year, is a volunteer orchestra created for dedicated musicians of all abilities from Central Oregon who want to have fun and make music. They play a variety of music, from jazz, pop, to classical pieces for the enrichment of the local community.

Members of the orchestra provided music at the Sisters Art Works holiday open house on Saturday. Their Christmas concert was held at Bend Senior Center (1600 S.E. Reed Market Rd.), December 6. The Central Oregon Symphony loaned their percussion instruments for the concert.

With the continued growth of membership and desire to play outside of the rehearsal setting, the group needs percussion instruments. An anonymous donor presented COCO with a matching grant for this use, up to \$5,000 by

end of December.

A donation from The Roundhouse Foundation kickstarted the drive.

Musicians come to the orchestra with varied musical back grounds. Many played when they were young, some in a grade school string program. Others got their instruments out of their closet after a 40-year hiatus. Some who always wanted to play an instrument took it up later in life after finding a teacher and are now surprising themselves by playing for others.

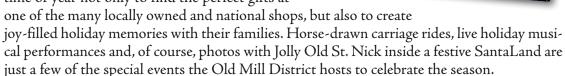
The orchestra gives a place for people of all ages to grow their skills in a safe and supportive environment.

For more information about COCO email COCOmusicmakers@gmail.com, visit www.communityorchestraco.org or call 541-306-6768.

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The Old Mill District resonates with Central Oregon's rich history, and speaks to the ongoing, vibrant transformation of the region. Today, the 100-plus-year story of this special place on the banks of the Deschutes River continues with shopping, dining, entertainment and a holiday season that is full of tradition.

Many families visit the Old Mill District this time of year not only to find the perfect gifts at



With festivities throughout the rest of the year, the Old Mill District invites one and all to come down and start making a new tradition this holiday season. For a complete schedule of events, please visit www.theoldmill.com/holiday-happenings.



The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

The Episcopal Church of The Transfiguration is a unique worshiping congregation, and the services on Christmas Eve reflect that.

The Church is made up of two worshiping styles, one that arises out of several protestant and non-denominational traditions and the other from the Episcopal Church tradition. The first service on Christmas Eve starts at 4 p.m. and is a less-formal service designed with the multi-denominational worship style in mind. There are many Christmas carols, the reading of Christmas lessons, with all attending children invited to take



part in acting out the Gospel Christmas story. The 9 p.m. service is the traditional Christmas Eve service of The Episcopal Church. It is filled with Christmas carols and is what most people often picture when they think of Midnight Mass for Christmas.

Both Christmas Eve services feature music by our choir. Christmas Day Sunday we will have one service at 9:30 a.m.