

# POPS BEND POPS ORCHESTRA

**Welcome!** We're so happy you've decided to join Bend Pops Orchestra. Our mission is to provide accessible, convenient and affordable opportunities for Central Oregon musicians to enjoy preparing and presenting varied programs of music for the enrichment of people in Bend and the surrounding communities in Central Oregon. And you're part of fulfilling that mission!

**Auditions?** Nope! None. Nada. Musicians of all skill levels and of all ages are welcome. For beginners, we try to create mentoring relationships with more advanced musicians.

**Rehearsals:** Definitely! We rehearse during the normal Bend school year at **Mountain View High School, 2755 NE 27th St** in Bend. We meet in the band room on the north side of the school across from the soccer field (enter off NE Wells Acres and keep right). We start up on **September 11, 2019**. Rehearsal hours are 6:45 - 8:45 Wednesday evenings. Please arrive **no later than 6:30** to help set up chairs and stands, and be warmed up and ready to play on time.

**Membership Dues:** A fact of life. BPO member dues are \$40/month, with a 10% discount if you pay the full year in advance (September - May). Dues go towards rehearsal space rent and venue fees for our concerts. We have a scholarship fund so no one is turned away due to exceptional financial circumstances.

**Music:** Lots! As a "pops" orchestra, we play a variety of popular selections, Broadway and film hits, jazz arrangements, and well-known classical pieces. It's all geared towards offering a satisfying and interesting experience for a wide general audience. Contact our librarian [Lisa Hakesley](#) for access to the current set of rehearsal pieces.

**Conductor:** The best! Our conductor, Maestro **Sam Taylor**, has been with Bend Pops since its inception in 2014. He has been a professional violinist most of his adult life, playing and conducting in the US and Europe. He is active in the Central Oregon music community and teaches violin and guitar.

**Concerts:** You betcha! This season we have the following concerts planned, and **more may be added**.

- December 14, 2019 - Holiday Concert - Trinity Lutheran Church, Bend
- December 15, 2019 - Holiday Concert - Bend Senior Center
- June 13 & 14 - Spring Concerts - venues TBA

**Questions?** Please contact us at [info@BendPops.org](mailto:info@BendPops.org).

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