

POPS BEND POPS ORCHESTRA

Welcome! We're so happy you've decided to join Bend Pops Orchestra. Our mission is to provide community musicians the enjoyment in preparing and presenting varied programs of music for the enrichment of people in Bend and surrounding communities. 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.

NOTE: *Currently we are on hiatus due to COVID-19 restrictions. Contact us at info@bendpops.org to be notified when rehearsals resume.*

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, Eddy Robinson, is an experienced conductor and music educator, and has been deeply involved in Central Oregon music circles since his arrival here in 2012. He is a bassist and plays with the Central Oregon Symphony and is a co-conductor of the Central Oregon Youth Orchestra.

Concerts: You betcha! Most seasons we prepare and present three concerts in November, March, and June.

Questions? Please contact us at info@BendPops.org.

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