



**SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE
WHO SUPPORT THE MUSIC**

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CAPACITY BUILDING CAMPAIGN

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WHO ::

Chatter PDX presents nearly **65 programs each year**, offering Portland a consistent, easily accessible, and artistically rigorous chamber music and poetry series. With programs **every week**, ChatterPDX offers a communal space to enjoy music, poetry, homebaked goods, coffee, and conversation. In addition to our weekly program, Chatter PDX also partners with a number of local organizations & ensembles each year to amplify their work, increase opportunity for locally-based artists, and provide programming in underserved areas of our community.

WHAT ::

Capacity Building means not only allowing Chatter PDX programming to continue, but to expand our programming, reach, and community support. Bringing in larger ensembles, providing support for more community partners each year, commissioning & recording new pieces by living artists, and performing concerts in more cities across Oregon are just a few of the ways ChatterPDX hopes to grow – **increasing our capacity to provide high-quality music & poetry to our region and beyond.**

WHY ::

Artistic & organizational excellence relies on quality staff and leadership to develop, organize, and implement programming. While our volunteer core provides over 700 hours in support each year, our paid staff ensure Chatter PDX continues to operate and grow between each Sunday's show. Our staff helps with processing donations, developing strong community partnerships, promoting our musicians & performances, organizing rehearsals, programming for our special events like Chatterlandia and the Gordon House series, and more.



HOW ::

Our goal is to raise **\$150,000** to support staff capacity across FY 2026, FY 2027, and FY 2028. This multi-year approach allows Chatter PDX to:

- Increase compensation in tandem with rising costs of living
- Avoid crisis-driven fundraising and ensure stability
- Retain excellent & experienced professionals on our team

Paired with steady growth in earned revenue and individual giving, this campaign supports a transition toward a **self-sustaining future**—supporting the people who plan, produce, fundraise, and steward Chatter PDX week after week.



Help Strengthen the Chatter Community!

The **Capacity Building Campaign** is an investment not just in Chatter PDX, but in the community we serve.

For more information or to discuss supporting, please contact:

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