



Did you know that arts participation in school-aged children can stimulate new thinking, improve emotional health, and even increase community volunteerism? Exposure to the arts in seniors has been shown, among other benefits, to foster meaningful conversation and to improve specific health conditions such as dementia and depression.

During this time of social distancing, human connection is more important than ever. That's why we're reaching out to invite you to join us in celebrating the performing arts **and their contribution to our wider community**—not just on WOU's campus, but for greater Monmouth/ Independence and throughout the mid-Willamette Valley—by becoming a sponsor of our 2020 "Embrace the Music" Online Auction.

This event takes place over five days and culminates in an entertaining, livestream program on November 15. When you choose to become a sponsor, your name or business name will be made visible immediately on our website and elsewhere; during the event and after, you will continue to be recognized as a supporter of quality cultural offerings in our region. Be sure to check out the full list of recognition opportunities on our Sponsorship Form. And, because this is an online event, **when it comes to the number of people who will see the name of your business, the sky's the limit!**

Although we may not be gathering in person right now, we are all looking ahead to the time when live activities can resume in Rice Auditorium. Smith Fine Arts Series has successfully presented world-class performances for 43 years. Your sponsorship will help ensure the future of quality performing arts, and arts education, in our greater community for years to come.

We fully recognize is a challenging time for all. **Thank you for considering this request.**

Sincerely,

Linda Yorke, 2020 Auction Co-Chair  
SFAS Board Member

Brenda Kidder, 2020 Auction Co-Chair  
SFAS Board Member



Smith Fine Arts Series presents quality performing arts for the mid-Willamette Valley community and supports the community service and educational missions of Western Oregon University, with performances featuring world-class, professional artists, as well as free education and community outreach events with these visiting artists.