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PORTLAND, OR—Classical Up Close (CLUC) is a recipient of a \$5,000 grant from The Fred W. Fields Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) to provide financial support for the organization’s fourth annual Spring Chamber Music festival series of free concerts.

“Classical Up Close is grateful for the financial support granted by: The Fred W. Fields Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation (OCF),” said Sarah Kwak, executive director of Classical Up Close, and concertmaster of the Oregon Symphony Orchestra. “The grant will be used to mount our 2016 series of free concerts in the Portland metro area, and allow us to compensate the wonderful musicians who make the music possible.”

### **About Classical Up Close**

Classical Up Close is a cooperative effort by musicians of the Oregon Symphony Orchestra (OSO) and community partners to offer free chamber music concerts — performed by musicians from the OSO and select musician friends — in venues around the Portland metro area. Visit CLUC’s website for more information about the 2016 series at: [www.classicalupclose.org](http://www.classicalupclose.org).

### **About The Oregon Community Foundation**

The mission of The Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) is to improve life in Oregon and promote effective philanthropy. OCF works with individuals, families, businesses and organizations to create charitable funds to support the community causes they care about. Through these funds, OCF awards more than \$60 million annually in grants and scholarships.

The foundation makes grants through an application process that involves local citizens in the review and evaluation of requests for funds. Application materials are available through the Foundation’s Portland office.