



Guiding Principles for the Portland String Quartet in navigating COVID-19:

1. Prioritizing health, safety, and well-being

The Portland String Quartet will meet or exceed guidance from public health officials to protect the safety of our people and ensure the health and well-being of our community.

2. Staying mission-driven

The Portland String Quartet, and the PSQ Society which supports it, is dedicated to bringing the finest chamber music to the widest audience. We will serve our community by presenting live performances when possible and by offering virtual or digital concerts when the artists can't be with you in person. Programming will continue to be diverse, well planned, and beautifully presented. Education and outreach will remain an important part of the PSQS mission.

3. Protecting our fiscal sustainability

The PSQ Society will employ sound fiscal principles to ensure organizational sustainability now, into our 52nd Anniversary, and beyond.

4. Focusing on our PSQ musicians + staff

The PSQ Society will keep our musicians and staff as connected to and supported by the organization as possible, so we are ready and able to perform our duties effectively and safely.

5. Being adaptive and responsive

The PSQ and PSQ Society will respond to the needs of the organization and community by adapting programming that is feasible to our new environment; postponing or canceling programming that is not adaptable or feasible; creating new programming as necessary; and developing new skills and embracing opportunities required to fulfill our mission.

6. Connecting + communicating with our community

The PSQ and PSQ Society will develop and nurture community relationships through ever-present, relevant, and "guiding principle-centric" connections and communications.

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