



Eugene Masonic Cemetery Music for 2025 (and more!)



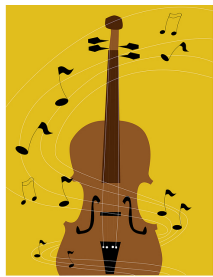
Cemetery Music For 2025

The Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association hosts two very different types of musical series.

Music To Die For (MTDF) is a series held inside Hope Abbey mausoleum at 2 PM, normally on the second Sunday of the month. Seating is limited to about 50. All programs are essentially "acoustic" in that microphones are not used.

Music On The Square (MOTS) is an outdoor affair beginning at 6 PM on the ridge above Hope Abbey where the public square is located. The musical groups chosen are more appropriate for outdoor listening in a serene setting surrounded by tall trees. Folding chairs and blankets are very appropriate, as is a picnic supper, if desired. Information to get to the public square is given below.

Music To Die For Concert Series 2025



July 13: The Porch Band
August 10: Mike & Carleen McCornack
September 14: Oregon Bach Collegium
October 12: David Helfand

All concerts are at 2 PM on a Sunday, are free and held in Hope Abbey mausoleum. They last about an hour.

Please park on city streets because there is no general public parking on the cemetery grounds. Enter either at 25th and University or the entrance at the end of E 26th St. Walk uphill to the Hope Abbey mausoleum. Admission is free!

The Porch Band Sunday, July 13 @ 2 PM



The Porch Band has appeared for MTDF several times over the past 14 seasons, and for good reason. They're a favorite with our guests!

Dan Bilderback (guitar) and Rich Spence (mandolin, vocals) have played together since 1995. "Scoop" McGuire, (upright bass) joined them in 2008 when they were invited to become the house band for KLCC's live "Front Porch Revue" which ran until

2013. Dan's wife, Corrina, will provide vocals.

So come on out on July 13th to hear one of the best string bands I've ever heard, and it's free!

Music on the Square Concert Series 2025



The Masonic Cemetery's outdoor music program continues on July 6th in the gorgeous Masonic Cemetery Public Square! These concerts are sponsored by Lane Forest Products. Admission is free.

July 6: Kef!
July 20: Oregon Tuba Ensemble
August 24: Kyzyl Gul-Red Rose
September 21: Kara Ubanks and Nathalie Fortin

Bring a folding chair or a blanket to sit on and a picnic dinner if you wish.

Please park on city streets because there is no general public parking on the cemetery grounds. Enter either at 25th and University or at the end of E 26th St. Walk uphill to the Public Square.

For easier access to the Public Square, people with mobility issues can be dropped off at the southeast cemetery entrance at the end of Elinor St. This is a pleasant level walk without major elevation changes. Parking is almost nonexistent.

Kef! Sunday, July 6, 2025



The word "Kef" refers to that spirit and energy shared by a group of people in celebration. Providing Balkan dance music to Eugene and the greater Pacific Northwest for the past 18 years, Kef! brings together musicians from

the folk and conservatory music worlds to play the best of music from Bulgarian, Serbia, Macedonia and Greece.

This performance will be featuring Kef!'s brass band configuration, focusing on the rich brass tradition of the Roma of south Serbia and North Macedonia.

Masonic Cemetery Tour

Saturday, July 19th
1 to 2:30



EMCA board member Caroline Forell will conduct a free tour of Hope Abbey mausoleum and the cemetery grounds on Saturday, July 19th, starting at 1 PM. Meet Caroline at the entrance of the historic Hope Abbey to begin the tour, which includes the interior of Hope Abbey. You'll visit the graves of many of the early settlers of

Eugene, and get a good overview of this 1859 cemetery.

The photo above (looking east) shows Hope Abbey mausoleum front & center, just below the Douglas-firs, which largely define the cemetery grounds.

So mark your calendar for Saturday, July 19th, and come see it in person!

The tour will last about 90 minutes.

A reminder that there is no parking in the cemetery. Park on Potter or E 25th & University and walk up to Hope Abbey.

(Photo courtesy of Philip Bayles)

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Mission Statement

To restore, rehabilitate, maintain, interpret and operate the historic Eugene Masonic Cemetery and Hope Abbey Mausoleum as a cultural and natural resource for the community.

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