

## news

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### CHAMBER MUSIC NORTHWEST EARNS TOP 4-STAR RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR FOR 3RD YEAR

CHAMBER MUSIC NORTHWEST has been notified by Charity Navigator, America's premier independent charity evaluator, that it has been awarded the top rating of four stars for "sound fiscal management," for the third consecutive year. The letter to CMNW read, in part:

*Charity Navigator (www.CharityNavigator.org) congratulates Chamber Music Northwest on achieving our coveted 4-star rating for sound fiscal management. Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that your organization excels, as compared to other charities in America, in successfully managing the finances of your organization in an efficient and effective manner.*

*We are proud to announce that Chamber Music Northwest has earned its third consecutive 4-star rating for its ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances. Only 12% of the charities we've rated have received at least two consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Chamber Music Northwest outperforms most charities in America in its efforts to operate in the most fiscally responsible way possible. This "exceptional" rating from Charity Navigator differentiates Chamber Music Northwest from its peers and proves that it is worthy of the public's trust and commitment.*

The ratings are based on nonprofit organizations' fiscal responsibility and overall financial health. The report verified that 75.7% of donations to CMNW go directly to support its programs, with the balance for administration and fund-raising.

Charity Navigator, founded in 2001, is a nonprofit whose mission is to guide intelligent giving, helping donors make intelligent giving decisions by providing information on over 5,000 charities in the United States and by evaluating the financial health of each of these charities.

Chamber Music Northwest's high ranking places it 35th nationally among the 257 performing arts organizations included in the ratings. Of the 77 Oregon nonprofits listed, CMNW is the only arts organization to receive a 4-star rating. The other 4-star charities in Oregon's top group include the Oregon Community Foundation, Ecotrust, Oregon Food Bank, Oregon Humane Society, Northwest Medical Teams, and Mercy Corps.