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**Portland Festival Symphony  
Celebrates 31 Years of  
*Free Classical Music in Portland Parks!*  
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This summer, Maestro Lajos Balogh and Portland Festival Symphony celebrate 31 years of presenting free, live classical music in Portland's beautiful parks.

When Maestro Balogh first came to this country in 1967, he had a dream to honor his newly found freedom by offering free classical music to the people of Portland. The concerts began with two free performances at Washington Park in the summer of 1980 and have grown into an annual summer series with five free concerts in five parks totaling more than 150 performances. These concerts have attracted over 400,000 Oregonians and visitors from all over the world.

The Portland Festival Symphony concerts are funded by generous donations from local companies, foundations, government grants and thousands of individuals who contribute from \$5 to more than \$1,000.

Portland Festival Symphony concerts bring neighbors together, expose thousands of children to the joy and beauty of classical music, and encourage classical music lovers to seek out parks that they have not visited before. These concerts are just one more reason Portlanders love this great city.

Concert dates are as follows:

**Saturday, July 30**  
Cathedral Park

**Sunday, July 31**  
Peninsula Park

**Saturday, August 6**  
Laurelhurst Park

**Sunday, August 7**  
Washington Park

**Sunday, August 14**  
Grant Park

\*All performances begin at 6:00pm.

For additional information, please go to [www.portlandfestivalsymphony.org](http://www.portlandfestivalsymphony.org).