

## **Chamber Music Amici**

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### **Chamber Music Amici: New Executive Leadership**

Founding Executive Director of Chamber Music Amici Loi Heldt will retire in August of 2024. For 16 years she has helped shape the ensemble as the first resident company of the Wildish Community Theater, collaborating with its five core musicians and a wide array of musical guests. By managing day-to-day operations, she has helped establish Amici as one of the most successful chamber music ensembles in our community. Her leadership, generosity and approachability will be greatly missed.

Loi is now in the process of creating a smooth transition to Interim Executive Director Troy DeShazer, who assumes management responsibilities in mid-August. Troy brings with him a breadth of experience in nonprofit operations and arts leadership, and fresh perspective, having served the vital role of Director of Operations at Eugene Concert Choir over the past 4 years, here in our community. He is a professional tuba player and educator with an advanced degree in performance from University of Redlands, California.

The Amici family looks forward very much to working with Troy to produce our concerts, starting at 6:45 pm, September 3 and 4, 2024, with our Two-day Summer Festival under the White Oak Pavilion of Mt. Pisgah Arboretum. This mini-festival, free to families out on the lawn, presents a different program each night, one featuring the beloved Brahms Horn Trio, the other featuring Astor Piazzolla's "Four Seasons of Buenos Aires." Information for these concerts and the complete 2024–2025 Amici season, as well as tickets, are at [chambermusicamici.org](http://chambermusicamici.org) and 541-953-9204.

We send our enormous thanks to Loi Heldt for her sixteen years of leadership, and we welcome Troy DeShazer to the Amici family, as we embark on our best season ever!

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