

## Virtual Tenor Guitar Gathering June 4, 2021

We are excited to announce that the Eleventh Annual Tenor Guitar Gathering, previously scheduled for June 4, 2021, will be a virtual event this year at 3 pm PDT, 4 pm MDT, 5 pm CDT and 6 PM EDT. It will be free for all to watch at [Tenor Guitar Gathering](#) with details to follow on our website. We'll have the same wonderful musicians sharing their new music.

Next year, June 3 and 4, 2022, will be in person again - so we can enjoy the river walk, the sounds of the sea lions, playing music on the trolley Saturday morning, with views of the beautiful Astoria Megler Bridge, either fog wrapped or sunny. Maybe 2022 will be the year that you actually climb the iconic Astoria column! We look forward to seeing you in person then.

In the meantime, we are happy to present our favorite returning performers for our on-line event.

For anyone who hasn't attended this wonderful event that gave Astoria the title of Tenor Guitar Capital of the World, let's go back a few years. The Tenor Guitar Foundation and Tenor Guitar Gatherings were started as a labor of love by Astoria resident, Mark Josephs. He was a six string guitar and harmonica player, and a singer songwriter who wrote over 300 songs. Later in life, Mark fell in love with the sound of the four string tenor guitar, and searched the internet but found little information. He and a few others started the Tenor Guitar Registry and website. It is now a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. At the time of Mark's death, he was planning and organizing the 7th Annual Tenor Guitar Gathering in 2016. He was inducted into the Tenor Guitar Hall of Fame in 2017.

The Gatherings have been held annually since 2010, and have attracted top tenor guitar players from around the country to give workshops, join in jam sessions with beginner players, and hold well attended concerts both nights of the event. One tradition has been gathering on the trolley Saturday morning, playing music and singing, traveling up and down the tracks, to the great enjoyment of other passengers. Following the trolley ride, there has been the delicious lunch at the Bridgewater **Bistro with jazz tenor guitar virtuoso, John Lawlor, playing background music, joined by other performers.**

After lunch another custom has been to fit as many tenor players as possible into Carol Newman's radio broadcast booth for an impromptu jam and discussion of tenor guitars.

All classes, jam sessions, and concerts will be held in 2022 at the Charlotte Larson Center for the Performing Arts, a location loved by the performers and attendees alike.

This year, we are thrilled to have our first virtual event. Please check out our website: [TenorGuitarGathering](#) and our Facebook page, [tenorguitargathering](#). We'll be updating the list of performers. While on the website, sign up for our newsletter to get all the latest news on our plans to foster musicianship four strings at a time.

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