The American Balm
Music Inspired by “O Brother, Where Art Thou?”

We all love the music from the film “O Brother, Where Art Thou?”, but do you know where these soulful tunes come from? Since our very first concert, Big Mouth Society has been committed to showcasing the best of American music from many distinct perspectives, socially, politically, and culturally. With The American Balm, we offer another doorway into the rich cultural heritage of the U.S.A.

We're part of the Portland Performing Arts Vaccine Coalition. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination is required at our events. Learn more here.

Our first Mainstage concert since March 2020 was born from the immense suffering and perseverance of the past 18 months. We sustained our connection to each other during weekly rehearsals — online when we couldn't meet in person — and explored this very popular music from the film. In these songs, we encounter depth and nuance by delving into their origins, authorship, and human stories, and solace in expressions of grief, joy, and true hardship that have been sung in America for centuries. To this collection we've added the flavor of Oregon, several new and popular arrangements of folk music, traditional genres made popular by the pandemic Internet boom (sea shanty!), and other surprises. We invite you to partake in this concert, our sound world, for this upcoming ceremony of tenacity, remembrance, and hope.

Dates & Times

Saturday, September 11, 2021 | 8pm (doors open 7pm)

Sunday, September 12, 2021 | 5pm (doors open 4pm)

Tickets

Pay-as-you-can
https://www.big-mouth.org/eventsandtickets

Big Mouth works to ensure open access to the arts and equitable treatment of artists. We kindly suggest that audience members contribute the equivalent of their hourly wage per ticket purchase.

Venue

Alberta Abbey, 126 NE Alberta St., Portland, OR 97211

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