

## GOALS

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### **...TO HAVE A GOOD TIME MAKING MUSIC.**

The LMO is comprised of friendly people who like to enjoy and make music together. In addition to our fun-filled rehearsals and concerts, we have an occasional social gathering during the season.

### **...TO PROVIDE A MUSIC EDUCATION AND PLAYING EXPERIENCE FOR OUR MEMBERS.**

The LMO is composed of players of all levels of musical backgrounds, from the beginner who is still learning to read music, to people who teach music at the university level.

### **...TO SHARE OUR MUSIC WITH THE COMMUNITY.**

The LMO continues to serve our community by providing a musical outlet for local players, by offering community concerts, and by bringing the world's leading mandolinists and guitarists to Louisville.

## REHEARSALS

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Rehearsals are usually held every Monday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 with time off during the summer months and holidays. Occasionally rehearsals are moved to a different location or an additional day is added, especially when concerts are pending. Contact the LMO if you are uncertain about a particular rehearsal location or time.

*Players of all levels are invited to come to a rehearsal and sit in to see if the orchestra is right for them.*

LOUISVILLE MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA  
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## MEMBER INFORMATION

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# THE LOUISVILLE MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA

## WELCOME!

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Welcome to the Louisville Mandolin Orchestra.

The LMO is a volunteer orchestra providing Louisville area musicians and audiences with an opportunity to enjoy a quality musical experience.

This brochure contains information about LMO goals, rehearsal locations, history, contacts, dues and pledges.

We hope that you will consider becoming a permanent part of our organization. The LMO is always looking for new mandolin enthusiasts. There are no formal auditions and anyone with an interest is welcome to sit in on a rehearsal and give us a try. Our common bond is a love for music and the mandolin.



## CONTACTS

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## A BRIEF HISTORY

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The mandolin is a member of the lute family. It was possibly developed as early as the 15th century. Although the mandolin has similarities to the violin family with its scale and tuning, in lieu of bowing it is played with a plectrum and tone is sustained using tremolo technique.

Over 100 years ago mandolin orchestras were very common in the United States. In fact, the Louisville area had at least eight such orchestras.

In 1988, Mike Schroeder founded the current Louisville Mandolin Orchestra. It is comprised of mandolins, mandolas, mandocellos, guitars, and bass. Conductor Jim Bates lead during the formation years with Bob Elkins leading the orchestra presently.

In its brief history, besides numerous local concerts, the LMO has appeared as part of the Lonesome Pine concert series, has hosted two conventions for the Classical Mandolin Society of America, and has been a featured guest orchestra at international mandolin music festivals in Germany, France, and Spain. The LMO has completed several recording projects of their own and in addition has recorded as guests on others.

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## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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The members of the LMO provide financial support for the orchestra in numerous ways. Income is used for music, instruments, travel and various administrative costs.

### AUDIENCES

Concerts are given at various times throughout the year that are generally free but where donations are accepted. The LMO is available for private bookings as a full orchestra, small ensemble, or quintet. In addition to concert revenue the LMO offers CD and merchandise for purchase.

### MEMBERS

Money is also collected to pay a stipend to our conductor. While we cannot afford to pay a living wage, we provide some compensation for the hours of musical education and leadership. An annual goal is set forth, but personal contributions vary according to the individual.

### DONATIONS

The LMO always welcome contributions whether from an individual or a corporation.

*All contributions are tax-deductible.*

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