

**MUSIC:** International show is set for Friday, October 30

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on a Can's Found Sound Nation.

The musicians join together to create collaborative cross-genre works, record innovative music, produce short-form videos, engage with local communities and practice music as civic engagement to promote resilient civil societies.

OneBeat fellows are life-long ambassadors for their communities and cities; their combined voices create original works and projects that speak to audiences across the globe.

OneBeat fellows will be teaching at Sisters High School and Middle School, at The Museum at Warm Springs, and at Pilot Butte Middle School.

This year's fellows include: Ng Chor Guan, an accomplished sound designer, composer and theremin player from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Samer Etienne Chami, aka. Etyen, a producer on the forefront of Beirut's electronic music scene; Dragana Tomi, a traditional Balkan vocalist and ethnomusicologist from Belgrade, Serbia, who is one of Serbia's first professional female kaval players; Vieux Cissokho, a Senegalese Griot musician specializing in the kora; and Katherine Suavita Niño (aka. La Real Esa), a circus performer and cumbia accordionist from Bogotá, Colombia, who works with communities affected by violence.

**IRRIGATION:** A variety of interests gain from district's work

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enabling many to get a second cutting of hay. And Whychus Creek never went dry, with a minimum 20 cfs (cubic feet per second) of flow maintained despite the drought.

TSID, partnering with the nonprofit Energy Trust, have also built the Watson Hydroelectric Facility, which was dedicated on Friday. The plant generates about 3.1 kilowatt hours annually.

The piping of TSID's open canals has not been without controversy. It's generated legal actions and demonstrations and protests over the perceived loss of established watercourses and habitat. Some did not like what they considered a heavy-handed approach to the work.

But those on hand at Friday's ceremonies touted TSID's work as an example of how modernizing irrigation systems can bring a variety of benefits to a broad community.

"Three Sisters Irrigation District has demonstrated resourcefulness and innovative leadership," said Dionne Thompson, deputy commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Over the last 10 years, TSID leveraged more than \$15 million in grant funding to do more than \$25 million worth of work on its projects.

Margi Hoffmann, energy policy advisor to Oregon Governor Kate Brown, noted that current environmental conditions point up the



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

Marc Thalacker describes the new turbine at TSID's plant as Senator Jeff Merkley and Bureau of Reclamation official Dionne Thompson look on.

critical importance of agencies and organizations working together.

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"The Governor has issued more drought declarations than ever in the history of Oregon," she said. "This is an opportunity to recognize that we really can come together

and move forward. It takes a lot of blood, sweat and tears to make the world go 'round... We are very lucky to live in a state that is chock full of innovators."

Sen. Merkley acknowledged that projects on the ground like the TSID work he celebrated Friday are a kind of antidote to the gridlock associated with Washington, D.C.

"The perception of DC ... is basically spot-on," he said. "Too much partisanship and too much paralysis."

But in the irrigation and energy work done in Sisters Country, "there is an enormous sense of urgent cooperation," Merkley said. "This shows the environmental, energy and agriculture communities all coming together in a real win-win."



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