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## Classical festival grabs national ear

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Oregon Bach Festival's beginning in 1970 was a humble one. Consisting of a sole performance and two workshops, the event was hardly what might be called remarkable, even on a local scale.

This year the Eugene's 14th Annual Oregon Bach Festival has the nation by the ears.

Major American orchestral players, world-famous singers, and a multitude of local musical talent make up what should prove the Festival's biggest and best year.

Starting June 20 and running through July 3, the Festival is packed with solo recitals, lectures and concerts.

But executive director Royce Saltzman, the energy behind this year's undertaking, didn't stop there.

The Bach Festival was previously housed entirely in Beall Concert Hall on campus. This summer the Hult Center's 2,500-seat Silva Concert Hall will hold the major concert presentations. The move will put the Festival in an international spotlight.

The world-wide recognition the Oregon Bach Festival will likely achieve should come as no surprise as Principal Conductor Helmuth Rilling is already internationally known.

Rilling has been with the Festival since its beginning, and this year he will again bring his deep understanding and sensitivity to the Bach performances.

Concerts to be held at 8 p.m. at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts include Bach's "Magnificat," "Mass in G Major," and "Mass in B Minor." For Brahms enthusiasts, "German Requiem," "Alto Rhapsody," "Rinaldo," and two evenings of chamber music commemorate Brahms' 150-year anniversary.

Ticket prices are \$6.25 to \$15.25 for single tickets and \$127.50 for the entire series.

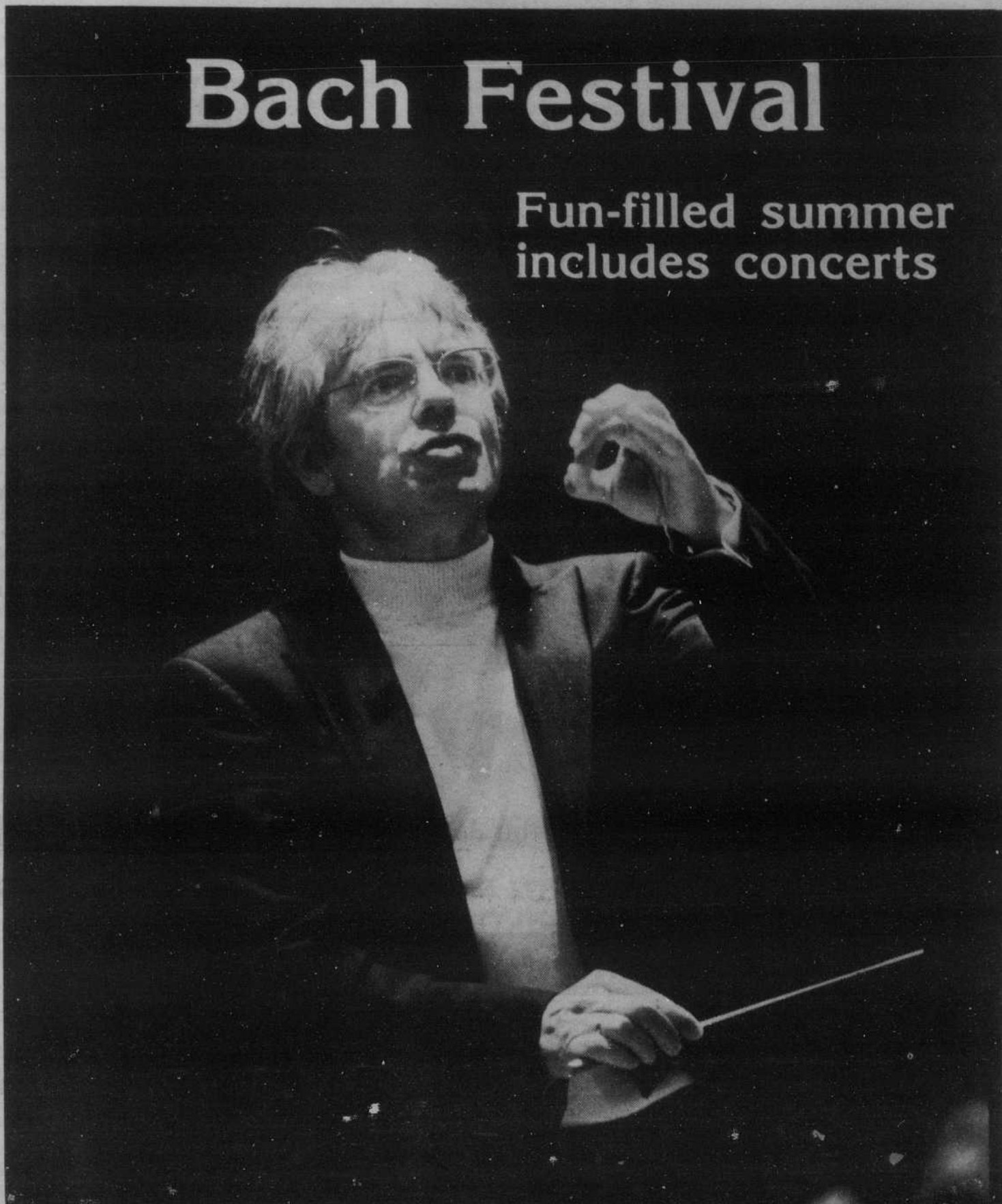
Series I of noon recitals, each preceded with a lecture by Rilling, will be held in Beall Concert Hall for no charge. The Series II Cantatas will be held at 5:15 Monday through Thursday evenings both weeks — the first week at Beall and the second week at the Hult Center. General admission tickets for the Cantatas are \$1 and \$11 for the entire two week series.

Other special events include a Bach's Supper Thursday, June 30, at 6 p.m. and Friday afternoon lectures June 24 and July 1, each at 3:30 p.m.

Tickets are still available at the University's School of Music Box Office and will become available June 6 at the Hult Center. For more information, call 687-5000.

## Bach Festival

### Fun-filled summer includes concerts



## Music festivals add spice to summer fun

### Concerts cover it all — classical, jazz and bluegrass programs ready to go

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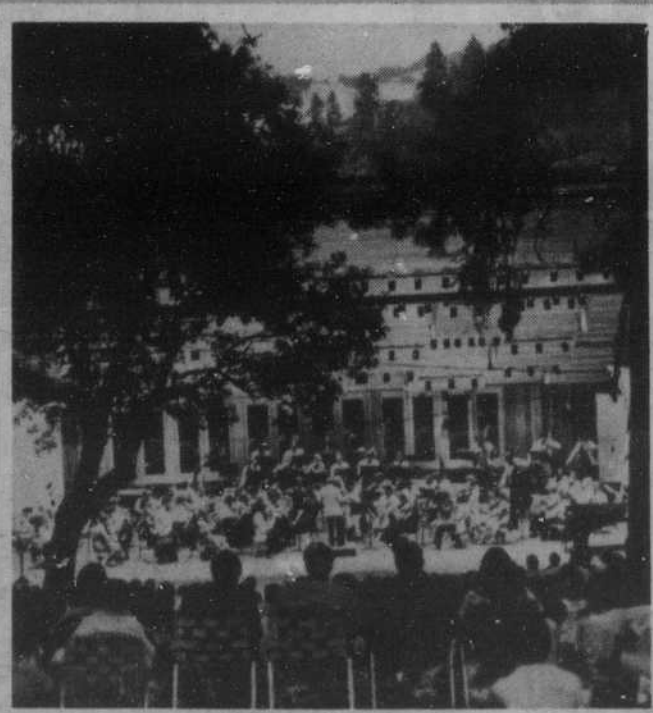
Whatever your idea of the perfect summer, add the finest in classical, jazz, or bluegrass music the Northwest has to offer, because Oregon is hosting three of the best music festivals this summer — all only a day's drive away.

If you favor a "hot August night" in the mountains under a diamond-studded sky, head to Jacksonville for the 1983 Peter Britt Music and Arts Festival which takes place July 22 through August 27. The festival is held out doors and on a grassy hillside and consists of three parts.

For classical music lovers The Classical Festival has daily concerts from August 5-20, including symphonic works, chamber music, vocal and instrumental recitals and two of the finest piano soloists in the world.

Headed by the artistic director and conductor John Trudeau, the festival's shows are slated to begin at 8:30 p.m. with special programs beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The Peter Britt Jazz Festival, its theme "Three Nights — Three Styles," will be held August 25, 26, and 27. The artists, including Dave Brubeck,



The Peter Britt Festival will feature jazz artist Dave Brubeck in late August.

George Winston, and William Ackerman, change nightly. Shows begin at 6:30 p.m.

Three-time Grammy award winner John Hartford and Riders in the Sky headline the Bluegrass Festival which runs July 22, 23, and 24. The shows begin at 6:30 p.m., with different artists nightly. There will also be a special gospel program Sunday morning.

For tickets and information on the Peter Britt Festival call 773-6077 or write the festival at PO Box 1124, Medford, Oregon, 97501.

The Oregon Coast Music Festival is held in Coos Bay from July 18-24. It includes nine concerts of varied styles, special films for children and an open-pit salmon barbecue on the bluffs facing the ocean. The festival is open to the public but accommodations are limited. Ticket prices run from \$2 to \$6. For more information write the Oregon Coast Music Festival, PO Box 663, Coos Bay, Oregon, 97420.

For those who haunt Sunriver each summer, the Sunriver Music Festival, from August 21-27, will host four nationally known conductors.

For information, call James Reeves at 687-9487. Tickets go on sale next month. For ticket information, call 593-1221.