

Willow Creek Symphony plans two concerts in April

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ONE, HERMISTON — The Willow Creek Symphony, a preparatory orchestra with the Inland Northwest Musicians, will give two concerts this month.

This symphony, comprised of musicians with various experience and skill levels, is designed to encourage an opportunity to develop musicians of all ages while performing quality literature, said Lori Johnson, who works in program support for the INWM. It is supplemented as needed by members from the Inland Northwest Orchestra.

On Thursday, April 14, the Willow Creek Symphony will perform a pair of Young People's concerts for regional students from grades 4-6 at the Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395. Johnson said



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R. Lee Friese is music director for the Inland Northwest Musicians.

about 800 students are expected to attend those concerts which will include concert protocol education, an instrument demonstration and performance of selections of examples of classic literature. The experience will conclude with a "Symphony

Safari" where students are led through the midst of the orchestra to get up close and personal with the musicians and their instruments.

On Saturday, April 16, the symphony will perform at the lone Community Charter School, 445 Spring St., at 4 p.m. This

concert is funded by Morrow County Unified Recreation District. There is no admission charge, although donations are welcome at the door.

Johnson said this concert is one of the first public music concerts to be performed in lone in the last two years.

Selections for the April 16 program include: "In the Hall of The Mountain King" from "Peer Gynt Suite No. 1 by Edvard Grieg; "March from Carmen" by Georges Bizet; "Lucille" Overture to the Opera by Andre Ernest Modeste Gretry; "Little Baroque Suite," a three-part compilation of a Rondo by Tylman Susato, Sarabande by William Lawes and March by Francois Couperin; "Pavane" by Maurice Ravel; and "Jazzy Little Brown Jug" by Joseph Winner.

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Johnson said the "Beethoven Quilt," which was custom designed by Mama Bears Quilt Shop in Stanfield, will be on display. This seasonal fundraising project will conclude with a drawing for the winning ticket at the final concert of the season in Baker City on June 12. Tickets are \$5 per ticket — you need not be present to win.

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