

'Fractal Miniatures' concludes symphony season

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PENDLETON — Oregon East Symphony wraps up its season with "Fractal Miniatures" on Saturday, June 11, at the Vert Auditorium, 480 SW Dorion Ave. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m.

General admission is free, thanks to a grant from the Roundhouse Foundation, said J.D. Kindle, OES executive director.

For this finale concert, OES conductor and artistic director Dr. Beau Benson will lead the symphony in performing "Fractal Miniatures" by American composer Roger Zare, Danzón No. 2 by Arturo Márquez and Pyotr Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6.

Kindle explained that "Fractal Miniatures" is inspired by Zare's fascination with fractal images, which are "infinitely complex patterns created by repeating a simple process over and over in an ongoing feedback loop."

"In the piece of music, Zare has strung eight short movements together that each reflect his impressions of various fractals, taking them as pieces of art," he said.

In addition to the music, the audience will see a slideshow of photographs by Joe Cantrell,

a Portland photographer who documents fractal patterns in nature.

Also in the program is Márquez's Danzón No. 2, which Kindle said is "one of the most popular and most frequently performed orchestral Mexican contemporary classical music compositions. It is based on the danzón, a slow, formal partner dance from Veracruz, Mexico."

Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6, also known as his "Pathétique Symphony," was the composer's final symphonic work and premiered Oct. 28, 1893 — nine days prior to his death.

"Symphony No. 6 has been interpreted as a suicide note, especially due to the strong emotions conveyed therein and its quotations of the Russian Orthodox requiem," Kindle said.

TICKETS

Complimentary general admission tickets are available at local businesses — for a list, visit oregoneastsymphony.org — and at the OES office, 345 SW Fourth St.

Reserved seating (\$25 adults, \$20 seniors, \$15 students) is available for purchase by calling 541-276-0320 or visiting oregoneastsymphony.org.



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