

# Keizer Rapids Park hosts Earth Day

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The sun came out for Earth Day on April 23, and Keizer Rapids Park was running out of parking spaces by noon. In addition to the common springtime activities that occur this time of year, several organizations - including a taco truck and an inflatable bounce-house - gathered near the boat ramp to offer the public information on local conservation efforts and how people can get involved.

The Willamette Riverkeepers, Sancho's Tacos, Oregon State Park rangers, Claggett Creek Watershed Council and others teamed up to provide informational booths and activities including kayak rentals and a self-guided ecological tour of Keizer Rapids. The events were followed by a "soggy day in the park" cleanup event coordinated by the Claggett Creek Watershed Council.



Oregon State park rangers joined representatives from the Willamette Riverkeepers at the Keizer Rapids Earth Day event.

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# McNary prepares for its Celebration of Music

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The Elsinore Theatre will be alive with the sound of McNary's Celebration of Music on Tuesday, May 3, when the annual concert returns after a two-year hiatus.

McNary director of bands Elizabeth Hering said the concert is designed to celebrate the best musicians at the school, and will feature the chamber and symphony orchestras, the wind ensemble and the Highland Classics choir.

"We're hoping it's something important for the whole community, not just the students," Hering said.

Each band will perform a set, and all will perform the finale together.

The wind ensemble is playing two pieces they performed at the district festival that they will be taking to the state competition. They also have a new piece, October, which they have not performed previously that they also plan on using at state.

The symphony's set list is also from the district festival, and will be what they perform at state if they qualify.

Hering hopes that holding the show at the Elsinore, which she called formal and beautiful, can bring something more to the experience.

"It adds on an element of sophistication and class," Hering said. "Add some feelings of pride."

The full set list is as follows:

**Highland Classics,**  
directed by Jeffrey Larkin  
• *Alleluia* - Elaine Hagenberg  
• *O Magnum Mysterium* - Thomas Luis de Victoria  
• *The Sun Never Says* - Dan Forrest  
• *Thixo Onothando* - Michael Barrett

**Chamber Orchestra,**  
directed by Sean Williams  
• *Overture to A Midsummer Night's Dream* - Felix Mendelssohn (arr. Carrie Lane Gruselle)  
• *Girl with the Flaxen Hair* (solo: Hannah Eggert, violin) - Claude Debussy (arr. Deborah Baker Monday)  
• *Eight Pieces for String Orchestra, Mvt. 5.* Schnell - Paul Hindemith  
• *October* (solos: Benjamin Standley,

viola; and Tyshin Nguyen, cello) - Eric Whitacre (arr. Paul Lavender)  
• *Por Una Cabeza* - Carlos Gardel (arr. Christopher Selby)

**Wind Ensemble,**  
directed by Elizabeth Hering  
• *Symphonic Dance No. 3* - Clifton Williams  
• *To Be Vivid Stars* - Santoshi Yagisawa  
• *October* - Eric Whitacre

**Symphony,** directed by Elizabeth Hering and Sean Williams  
• *Overture to Rienzi* - Richard Wagner (arr. Sandra Dackow)  
• *Millennium* - Richard Meyer  
• *Mourning Song* (solo: Sam Banton, alto saxophone) - ML Daniels  
• *Jupiter-Bringer of Jollity* from *The Planets* - Gustav Holst (arr. Leidig)

**Ensemble Finale,** directed by Sean Williams and Jeffrey Larkin  
• *Let There Be Peace on Earth* - Sy Miller and Jill Jackson (arr. Hawley Ades)

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**Where and how do you volunteer?**

Everywhere!  
• Keizer Volunteer Coordinating Committee -- currently, I am chair  
• Keizer Community Library--desk volunteer  
• Keizer Heritage--board member, member of committees  
• Keizer Heritage Museum--committee member  
• Keizer Heritage Scholarship committee--chair  
• Marion County Recyclers--tabling, volunteer at large (ie whatever I'm asked to do)  
• Marion County Master Gardener--just started classes, I'll be working the plant sale, as well as tabling at Saturday Markets

**Why do you volunteer?**

I truly believe that as members of society, it behooves us to make sure that the community and ALL of its members thrive. I am trying to help create my ideal community, and one of which I can be proud.

**What does volunteering do for you?**

It's a great way to meet people who I know share at least one of my interests. I enjoy helping people. I enjoy being of use to my community.

**How would you get others to volunteer in their community?**

It depends on who they are, what their interests are, and what their perceived obstacles are. There's a volunteering opportunity for just about anyone. For younger folks, it's a great way to develop skills for resumes. For older folks, it's a great way to keep involved after retirement. There are volunteer opportunities for consistent (daily/weekly) time, or yearly events.

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