

Symphony, concert band combine for free concert

ASTORIA — Over 100 musicians from Oregon and Washington will come together for a massive family-oriented concert this weekend. Astoria's Columbia River Symphony and Vancouver, Washington's Beacock Music Concert Band will combine their talents to present a Summer Pops concert Aug. 14 as part of the Astoria Regatta's weekend celebrations.

The program will feature selections from popular Hollywood films and musicals including "Phantom of the Opera," James Bond's "For Your Eyes Only," "Titanic," "Unchained Melody" with special guest soloist Bob LaTorre on flugelhorn, "Star

Trek: Into Darkness" and more.

The concert will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14 in the Astoria High School Auditorium, located at 1001 W. Marine Drive. This special concert is free, and families with youth and small children are encouraged to attend. Donations will be accepted. The Astoria Regatta Court will make a guest appearance.

This concert will mark the third time that these two ensembles have come together to perform in the last four years. Both directors of their respective groups are brothers and identical twin brothers without doubt. Their love for music and the joy of

sharing and learning within and outside their communities have brought them together to showcase the talents of their musicians.

Cary Pederson's Beacock Music Concert Band is a 50-member ensemble that is part of the New Horizons music program in operation across the nation. These programs provide entry points to music-making for adults. Their motto: "If you consider yourself to be an adult, you're eligible." The first New Horizons program was founded in 1991 at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York.

The 70-member and still growing Columbia River Symphony is comprised of

both adults and youth from local schools in about equal numbers. Led by conductor Cory Pederson and assisted by Angela Pederson-Calvin, the Columbia River Symphony is a community-based, all-volunteer, non-profit performing arts group. Its mission is to provide quality musical entertainment, increase visibility of the musical talents of its performers, and promote music education in the community.

The symphony welcomes new members and is open to anyone who plays a stringed instrument, wind instrument or percussion. For further information about joining the symphony or information about upcoming concerts,



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Astoria's Columbia River Symphony performs here at a recent concert that included a visual and multi-media component. The symphony will perform with the Beacock Music Concert Band on Aug. 14 in Astoria.

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Each ensemble will perform selections separately at the Regatta concert before

joining together as one 100-plus-member ensemble to perform many movie favorites plus other musical numbers.

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