

Oregon East Symphony is 'Back in The Saddle'

Season finale features in-person performances

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PENDLETON — The Oregon East Symphony will return to in-person concert programming with its season finale, "Back in The Saddle." Maestro Beau Benson will appear with OES for the first time since November 2019, conducting a masked string orchestra.

The performances are Saturday, June 19, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, June 20, at 2:30 p.m. The concerts will be held at the



van Bever

Vert Auditorium, 480 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. According to a press release from J.D. Kindle, OES executive director, because of current COVID-19 restrictions, the total capacity for individuals allowed in the 800-seat auditorium is 50. After accounting for musicians, a minimal production crew and staff, Kindle said the total number of audience members allowed for each performance is 25.

There is a waiting list for those who would like to attend the concert should

Umatilla County move to moderate risk, which would increase the total venue capacity to 100 individuals. Also, for those unable to attend the performances, the symphony will offer a complimentary livestream of the concert on their website (www.OregonEastSymphony.org) beginning Saturday, June 26.

"Our fingers are crossed that Umatilla County is moved to 'Moderate Risk' before the concert takes place so we can accommodate more audience members," Kindle said. "This past year has been frustrating to say the least."

The Oregon East Symphony's tumultuous season has included a planned

drive-in concert in September, which was waylaid due to wildfire smoke, its annual Holiday Music Festival, which was reduced to a 45-minute radio program, and a Virtual Chamber Music Series in February.

Kindle, however, was grateful to be able to present alternatives to their regular offerings. However, he said virtual concerts are no substitute for the real thing.

"The visceral impact of the sound waves produced by a full symphony orchestra hitting your ears and body can't be replicated by computer speakers or a high-fidelity home audio system," Kindle said. This is something that needs to

be experienced in-person and we're grateful to be able to provide that again, even though it is for an extremely reduced audience right now."

The program includes two works for string orchestra, Tchaikovsky's "Serenade for Strings" and Sir Edward Elgar's "Introduction and Allegro." Also to be performed is the oboe concerto "The Winter's Passed" by American composer Wayne Barlow. The featured soloist is OES principal oboist Ann van Bever.

Van Bever, who is fully vaccinated, will be the sole exception to the face covering requirement for musicians and concert attend-

ees, Kindle said. She lives in Portland, where she also plays English horn in the Portland Columbia Symphony and oboe and oboe d'amore in the Portland Bach Cantata Choir orchestra. She teaches a private studio of middle and high school oboe students and admits that doing this virtually for the last year has been a challenge.

To be placed on the waiting list for "Back in The Saddle" tickets, contact the OES office at 541-276-0320 or info@oregonEastSymphony.org.

Contact community writer Tammy Malgesini at tmalgesini@eastoregonian.com or 541-564-4539.

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

P.E.O. Chapter BJ announces scholarships

PENDLETON — P.E.O. Chapter BJ awarded college scholarships to two local high school women for the 2020-21 school year.

Bella Baumgartner and Katelyn Kelm of Pendleton each are receiving the P.E.O. Chapter BJ High School Scholarship in the amount of \$1,250.



Kelm



Baumgartner

plans to attend Oregon State University to study political science, and Kelm plans to attend University of Oregon to study environmental studies. Chapter BJ awards this scholarship annually to exceptional

women. In addition to the chapter's local scholarship awards, winners of PEO state level scholarships also were announced.

Morningstarr Redcrane and Nicole Lee each are receiving the Oregon Marguerite Scholarship. Redcrane, who received a \$2,250 scholarship, is studying psychology at Oregon State University. Lee is studying nursing at Western Oregon University and was awarded \$1,800.

Susana Argueta, Marisol Argueta, and Erica Fetzer all are receiving the Oregon Scholarship. Susana Argueta, who received \$1,000, is attending Eastern Oregon University where she is studying sociology and anthropology. Marisol Argueta was awarded \$1,250 and is attending Portland State University, majoring in social science. Fetzer is studying nursing at Oregon Coast Community College and received a \$1,250 scholarship.

Both the Oregon Marguerite Scholarship and the Oregon Scholarship are based on academic achievement, leadership, community service and need.

P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization, where women celebrate the advancement

of women; educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and stewardship of Cottey College; and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations.

Rosselle named to President's List

STILLWATER, Okla. — Macy Rosselle of Adams was named to the Oklahoma State University President's List for the spring 2021 semester. Rosselle is majoring in agriculture with a minor in ag business.

Students named to the President's List must complete 12 or more hours with a GPA of 4.0.

Pendleton grad receives BBB scholarship

PENDLETON — Better Business Bureau Great West + Pacific, a nonprofit organization committed to advancing marketplace trust, has announced the 2021 Students of Integrity Scholarship recipients.

Marcus Allen of Pendleton received a \$2,000 award for his written essay, which can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/2SWanKo>.

The company awarded six scholarships to students from throughout the region.

Allen is eager to pursue an engineering degree in "green design" with plans of attending Oregon State University to complete both undergraduate and graduate programs.

"Allen and all of the scholarship recipients embody the best and brightest of our future, and BBB is honored to help them take the next step in their educational careers," said BBB GW+P President and CEO Tyler Andrew.

"Collectively, they demonstrate that integrity and curiosity are alive and well in young people preparing to become integral members of both the workforce and marketplace."

BBB offers its scholarship annually to recognize

high school juniors and seniors who personify and communicate ethics in the real world, as demonstrated through community service, personal integrity and academic accomplishments.

Wasteland Kings to rock Maxwell Market

HERMISTON — With such influences as the Rolling Stones, Muddy Waters and Townes Van Zandt, The Wasteland Kings mix up the Americana sound with their own unique twist. The La Grande-based band will take the stage during this week's Maxwell Market in Hermiston.

The free event is Thursday, June 10, from 4-7 p.m. at the Maxwell Siding Event Center & Pavilion, 145 N. First Place, Hermiston. People are invited to hang out, browse the vendors, enjoy food and drinks and get their groove on while the band performs.

The band has been playing in bars, clubs and festivals across the Pacific Northwest since 2008. For information about other upcoming performances, visit www.facebook.com/TheWastelandKings.

Evening features free Yu-Gi-Oh! game play

UMATILLA — All ages are welcome during an evening of playing Yu-Gi-Oh!, a Japanese trading card game. The event will feature casual card play, a chance to try out new decks, trade cards with others and meet new friends.

The free event is Saturday, June 12, from 7-10 p.m. at Infinity Watch Collectibles, 1300 Sixth St., Umatilla. The event also includes free snacks and drinks and a movie.

For more information, call/text 541-571-6693 or visit www.facebook.com/InfinityWatchCollects.

Lions Club supports Pilot Rock senior class

PILOT ROCK — The



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Holly Sorenson of The Wasteland Kings sings during a 2019 event at the Maxwell Siding Event Center in Hermiston. The La Grande-based band will perform during the Thursday, June 10, 2021, farmers market in Hermiston.

Pendleton Lions Club recently made a donation toward the senior trip for the Pilot Rock High School class of 2021.

Margaret Gianotti, Lions publicity person, said the citizens of Pilot Rock have stepped up and been very supportive of the club's can and bottle drive, as well as donating used eye glasses and hearing aids to its recycle program. The club gave

\$500 to the senior class for their June 6 trip to Silverwood Theme Park. Students, Gianotti said, were looking forward to participating in activities, including paintballing and zip-lining.

Community members can still make donations of used eye glasses. A box is at the Pilot Rock Market.

In addition, can and bottle donations can be dropped

off anytime at 956 S.W. Cedar in Pilot Rock. There is a sign on the fence so people know that they are at the right house.

For more information about making donations, contact Gianotti at margaret.gianotti05@gmail.com.

Cattlemen's association awards scholarships

SALEM — Jaden Mahoney of Heppner is one of five Oregon students awarded a 2021-22 Oregon Cattlemen's Stewardship Fund Scholarship worth \$1,000. The Oregon Cattlemen's Association received a record of 16 applications from students dedicated to the improvement of agriculture.

Mahoney is studying animal science at Washington State University.

Other Oregon students earning scholarships include Alexandra Colton of North Powder, Sabine Graetsch of Klamath Falls, Francesca Rossi of Gold Beach, and Deidre Schreiber of Enterprise.

OCA's 2022-23 Scholarship application will be available on the OCA website in spring 2022. Scholarships are available to OCA members in good standing and must have at least a college sophomore standing enrolled full-time at a college or university.

For more information, visit www.orcattle.com.

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