

Oregon East Symphony offers complimentary general admission to Holiday Music Festival

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PENDLETON — The Oregon East Symphony will present the in-person return of its annual Holiday Music Festival at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Vert Auditorium, 480 SW Dorion Ave. in Pendleton.

To find out where to obtain complimentary tickets through partnering local businesses and organizations, visit www.OregonEastSymphony.org.

Balcony seating and reserved floor seating are available by purchase at www.OregonEastSymphony.org, or at the Symphony office, 345 SW Fourth St., which is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The office number is 541-276-0320. These tickets are \$25 adults, \$20 seniors, \$15 students, or \$65 for a family.



Oregon East Symphony/Contributed image
Our Songs Are Alive rehearse for the 2019 Holiday Music Festival.

Masks/face coverings are required of all audience members.

The Holiday Music Festival is an interdenominational celebration of the holiday season featuring a variety of

community music ensembles. This year the OES will perform an orchestral arrangement of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite," two works by Leroy Anderson — "Sleigh Ride" and "Suite of Carols" — and "Pastorale" from Arcangelo Corelli's "Concerto Grosso No 8."

Zach Banks is the guest conductor of this performance. He is the OES education direc-

tor and principal cellist, and conductor of the Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra.

Additional featured performers include: Our Songs Are Alive, an indigenous drumming, singing and dancing group led by Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation cultural historian Fred Hill; Kumpenga Marimba from Cove, who perform African and African-inspired music on large wooden xylophone-like marimbas; and bluegrass group Raggedy Em & Andy and The Fabulous Raggettes, led by banjo/harmonic player Carl Scheeler and including Pendleton musicians Emily and Andy Cary, national fiddling champion Dan Emert, and bassist Alan Feves.

Adam Lange, worship music leader with Christ Church in La Grande, will lead Christmas carol sing-alongs between featured ensembles. Additionally, the Pendleton Brass Quartet will provide pre-concert entrance music.

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Vert Auditorium, 480 SW Dorion, Ave., Pendleton
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