

OREGON EAST SYMPHONY PRESENTS HOLIDAY MUSIC FESTIVAL

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.

General admission is free. To find complimentary tickets at 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. 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. Zach Banks is the guest conductor of this performance. He is the OES education

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

THEATRE PRESENTS 'A TUNA CHRISTMAS'

BAKER CITY — Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre will present "A Tuna Christmas" Dec. 10-12 and Dec. 17-19. Showtimes are 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. on Sundays. All are at the EORT performance space, 2101 Main St. in Baker City.

Tickets are \$15 adults, \$13 EORT members, and \$8 for students. For opening night only, Dec. 10, all adult tickets are \$12. Purchase tickets online at www.easternoregonregionalthatre.com, call 541-523-9652 or buy at the box office before the show.

The comedy features only two actors — Savannah Brown and Marie Taylor — who portray 11 different characters each. Abby Dennis is the director; Addison Collard is assistant director.

TREE LIGHTING, SANTA VISIT IN RICHLAND

RICHLAND — Eagle Valley's fifth annual Christmas Tree Lighting is Friday, Dec. 10. The tree



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The Sumpter Valley Railroad's Christmas trains are set for Dec. 10-12.

lights will illuminate and Santa will be arriving at 6 p.m. in front of Richland City Hall.

'A CHRISTMAS CAROL' OPENS DEC. 10

PENDLETON, ELGIN — The Elgin Opera House will open "A Christmas Carol" at Blue Mountain Community College this weekend, then return to Elgin for the remaining performances.

This version of the Dickens classic is directed by Jon Kretzu, former associate artistic director at Artists Repertory Theatre in Portland. The performances at BMCC's Bob Clapp Theatre in Pendleton are at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 10 and at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30

p.m. on Dec. 11. Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased at www.elginoperahouse.com.

The show then moves to Elgin for performances on Dec. 17 and 18, then Dec. 21, 22 and 23. Shows are at 7:30 p.m., except for Dec. 18, which has two performances (2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.). Tickets are \$18 for the orchestra level and lower balcony, and \$8 for the upper balcony. Purchase tickets in advance at www.elginoperahouse.com.

THREE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS TRAINS IN SUMPTER

SUMPTER, MCEWEN — The Sumpter Valley Railroad will offer

three days of Christmas trains on the same weekend of Sumpter's holiday celebration.

A night train on Friday, Dec. 10, leaves McEwen Depot at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors and military, \$15 for ages 3-17, or \$70 for a family of four.

Saturday will feature short runs leaving from the Sumpter Station at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Fares are \$18.50 for adults, \$15 for seniors and military and \$10 for ages 3-17. This is the day of Sumpter's holiday celebration from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Events include horse buggy rides, vendors, ornament making, burn barrels, chestnuts roasting on an open fire, photos and a twilight parade at 5 p.m.

Another full train is set for Sunday, Dec. 12, leaving McEwen Depot at noon. Passengers will have a 40-minute layover in Sumpter to enjoy cookies and hot chocolate at the Sumpter Depot. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors and military, \$15 for ages 3-17, or \$75 for a family of four.

Advance reservations are required; go to www.sumpter-valleyrailroad.org.



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