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ENDLETON — The Oregon East Symphony's youth orchestra will play two spring concerts this month.

The first is Thursday, May 19, at Vert Auditorium, 480 SW Dorion Ave. The music starts at 7 p.m.

On Friday, May 20, the orchestra will add music to the Pendleton Farmers Market starting at 5:30 p.m. The market is held on South Main Street.

Both performances are free.

The youth orchestra is OES's intermediate level preparatory orchestra. Under the direction of Zach Banks, OES education director, the musicians will perform Brahms' "Academic Festival Overture," Rimsky-Korsakov's "Capriccio Espagnol," Tchaikovsky's "Themes from Romeo & Juliet" and the "Finale" from Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony."

Both concerts will also feature the Preludes Orchestra under the direction of Viet



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The Oregon East Symphony Youth Orchestra performed in the Vert Auditorium Jan. 27, 2022. The next concerts are May 19 and 20.

Block, OES educator and assistant concertmaster. Preludes students will perform Edmund J. Siennickki's "Suite for Strings," Merle J. Isaac's "American Folk Song Suite No. 3" and Brahms' "Hungarian Dance No. 5."

J.D. Kindle, OES executive director, said the Symphony Strings will join the May 19 performance. Symphony Strings is an after-school beginning classical strings education program, in collaboration with Pendleton School District, for local fourth and fifth grade students.

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Strings students learn basic playing techniques on an instrument of their choice (violin, viola, cello), and learn how to read music at an elementary level and how to perform as part of a string ensemble.

For more information about the Oregon East Symphony and Playing for Keeps, its comprehensive suite of classical music education activities for rural youth, visit oregoneastsymphony.org or call the OES office, 541-276-0320.



