

Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble opens new season

The Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble has a new concert season planned and is calling for new members.

An all-volunteer ensemble welcoming beginners and experts alike, the Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble rehearses on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m., alternating between Siuslaw High School and Waldport High School music rooms.

Its first rehearsal is scheduled for Sept. 21 at Crestview Middle School in Waldport.

Current musicians come from Toledo, Newport, South Beach, Waldport, Ten Mile and Florence. Many musicians also play or have played in other musical groups such as The Florence Brass, The Dave Craddock Trio, Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra, Florence Community Chorus and The Yachats Big Band.

PCWE's season continues into June, performing concerts in Florence and Waldport as well as at the Performing Arts Center in Newport.

PCWE plays annually for the Waldport High School graduation ceremony.



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Its current conductor is retired teacher and multi-talented professional "reed man" musician Lou Invernón.

In years past, the ensemble has played for Rhody Days in Florence, Beachcomber Days

in Waldport and the "La De Da" celebration in Yachats.

The Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble is a nonprofit organization.

The community concert band of the central Oregon

coast, its membership includes about 40 enthusiastic and talented local musicians of all ages who enjoy coming together to make — and share — music at local concerts.

Like to sing? try out for Community Chorus' 'Appalachian Winter'

Interested singers from high school age and older can still join the Community Chorus of Florence as it prepares for its "Appalachian Winter" concert to be presented Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Florence Event Center. The deadline for joining the Chorus is Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Selections in addition to the

"Appalachian Winter" cantata are "I Wonder as I Wander," "The Holly and the Ivy" and other old favorites.

There will be opportunities for solo performances during the concert.

The Siuslaw Valley Children's Choir and The Flotones will also perform at the concert.

The Chorus rehearses every Monday evening from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Cross Road Church at 10th and Maple streets. There is a \$60 fee to participate, however a few scholarships are available.

For more information and registration forms, visit www.communitychorusflorenceor.org, or call 541-902-8567.

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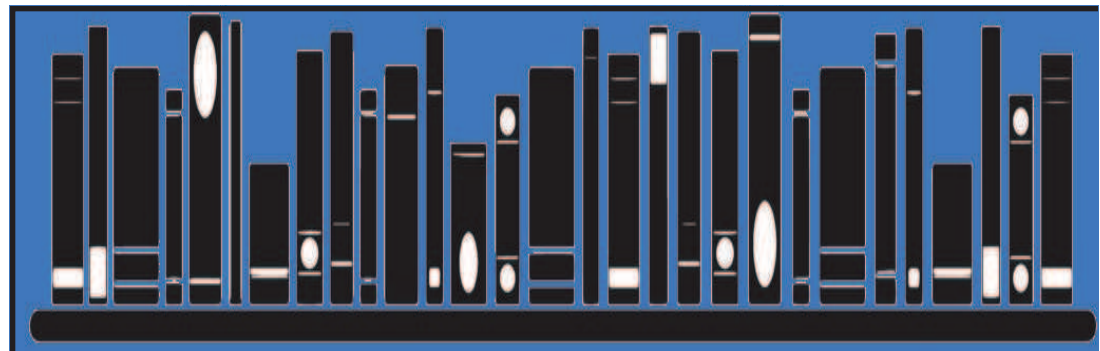
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