

Inland Northwest Orchestra plans Condon concert



Inland Northwest Musicians/Contributed photo

The Inland Northwest Musicians will perform at Condon High School on Sunday, May 1.

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CONDON — The Inland Northwest Musicians will present the Inland Northwest Orchestra, under the direction of R. Lee Friese, in concert at Condon High School, 210 E. Bayard St., at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 1.

Admission is free of charge with donations welcome.

This concert is sponsored by Murray Drug and other businesses in Condon and the Gilliam County area.

Amanda Takagi, current board member for Inland Northwest Musicians, helped organize this concert.

The orchestra will include a robust percussion and full brass and woodwinds, along with a string section. According to Lori Johnson, who is with the INWM, "this is the first time in two years the large expanded group has been able to offer this type of literature to the public."

Here is a look at the program, provided by the INWM:

- "Selections from 'West Side Story'" with lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and music by Leonard Bernstein features familiar tunes that all who have seen the musical should recognize.
- "Music for Orchestra" by Czech-American composer Vaclav Nelhybel is a work that utilizes varying rhythms and chordal harmonies to create a unique orchestral experience.
- "Tone Poems," which are pieces of orchestral music that evoke the content of a poem, short story, novel, painting or landscape.
- "Mississippi Suite," by American composer Ferde Grofé and arranged by Merle Isaac, is a work that depicts scenes along the Mississippi River from the headwaters in Minnesota down to New Orleans.
- "Finlandia," written by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius in 1900, is a piece mostly featuring rousing and turbulent music, representing the national struggle of the Finnish people to preserve

their independence from the Russian Empire. Toward the end, a calm comes over the orchestra, and the serene and melodic Finlandia Hymn is heard. Often incorrectly cited as a traditional folk melody, the Hymn section is of Sibelius' own creation.

ABOUT THE INLAND NORTHWEST MUSICIANS

Founded in 1999, Inland Northwest Musicians is composed of volunteer musicians from throughout Northeastern Oregon and Southeastern Washington.

The performance ensembles include the Inland Northwest Orchestra, Inland Northwest Chorus and Willow Creek Symphony, all of whom present concerts throughout the region in communities of all sizes. Admission to all concerts is free of charge, funded by corporate sponsors, grants, local concert sponsorships, and individual donations.

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