

Inland Musicians to present grand performance

'Carnival of the Animals' is a zoological fantasy

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A pair of familiar classical pieces are featured in an upcoming performance by an ensemble of the Inland Northwest Musicians.

Under the direction of R. Lee Friese, the Inland Northwest Orchestra will present "The Carnival of the Animals" by Camille Saint-Saens and "Grand Canyon Suite" by Ferde Grofe. The free performance is Saturday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. at Columbia Basin College, 2600 N. 20th Ave., Pasco. Donations are welcome. Also, the public is invited to a reception following the

concert.

Inland Northwest Musicians — with about half of its participants residing in Hermiston and the surrounding area — travel throughout the region to present classical music free of charge. Tax-deductible donations are accepted.

Saint-Saens, who died in 1921, composed "Carnival of the Animals" in 1886. Regarding the work as a piece of fun, he requested that it should be published posthumously — viewing it as a detraction from his "serious" composer image.

Referring to it as a "grand zoological fantasy," each of the 14 movements represent a different animal or animals, beginning with "Royal March of the Lion." Other creatures represented include hens, roosters, tortoises, elephants, kangaroos, swans and more.



Jody Graves, concert pianist and professor of piano at Eastern Washington University, and Bill McKay, arts and humanities dean at Columbia Basin College in Pasco, will be guest pianists during the Feb. 24 Inland Northwest Musicians concert.

According to a 2016 PBS broadcast, Saint-Saens wrote the pieces as a joke for a Mardi Gras party. "Carnival" has become one of the composer's best-known works.

The performance features guest pianists, Bill McKay, arts and humanities dean at Columbia Basin College in Pasco, and Jody Graves, concert pianist and professor



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of piano at Eastern Washington University in Cheney. In addition, it includes narration featuring humorous poems written in 1949 by Odgen Nash.

Grofe composed the "Grand Canyon Suite" between 1929-31. It was initially titled "Five Pictures of the Grand Canyon."

Each of the five move-

ments highlight typical scenes at the Grand Canyon, including "Sunrise," "Painted Desert," "On the Trail," "Sunset" and "Cloud-burst." The suite was used in "Grand Canyon," a 1958 Walt Disney film that won an Academy Award for Best Short Subject.

Founded in 1999, Inland Northwest Musicians fosters

an atmosphere of encouragement and assists musicians in developing their talent. Auditions are not required.

Other upcoming events:
• Inland Northwest Chorale: March 3 at the Waitsburg Christian Church, in Washington; and March 4 at the SAGE Center, Boardman. Both performances are at 4 p.m.

• Young Artist Competition: March 11 in Hermiston (additional details to be announced).

• Willow Creek Symphony: March 17 at Armand Larive Middle School and March 18 in Arlington (additional details TBA).

The INWM office is located at The Arc building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. For more information, contact 541-289-4696, inwm@machmedia.net or visit www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com.

BRIEFS

Food for Fines benefits area needy

People who have racked up library fines can receive forgiveness while helping others in need.

Organized by the Umatilla County Special Library District, area libraries are participating in Food for Fines. Patrons can gather up overdue books or other library materials (CDs, DVDs and magazines) or settle up with their local library to take care of fines by making a non-perishable food donation.

Food received during the program, which runs from Feb. 19-28, will be distributed to the nearest food bank.

Each food item donated will forgive \$1 in fines, up to \$5. Donations will waive library fines only — the program doesn't include fees for lost or damaged items.

Donated food needs to be in its original packaging. Glass containers, outdated food and opened packages will not be accepted.

This library community food drive presents a great opportunity for residents to give back to the commu-

nity and learn about the programs and resources libraries have to offer, said Erin McCusker, UCSLD director. Area libraries participating in the program include Hermiston, Echo, Stanfield and Umatilla.

For more information, contact McCusker at 541-276-6449, director@ucslid.org or stop by your local library.

Irrigon chamber to discuss future

A round-table discussion is planned during the upcoming Irrigon Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The no-host luncheon gathering is Wednesday, Feb. 14 at noon at Stokes Landing Senior Center, 150 Columbia Lane, Irrigon. The meal costs \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. The discussion will focus on the future of the Irrigon chamber.

Also, people are encouraged to save the date for "Time to Shine," the community's citizen recognition event. Additional details will be announced.

For more information, contact Tracey Johnson at

irrigonchamber@irrigonchamber.com, 541-922-6259 or visit www.irrigonchamber.net.

Theater show is 'sensory friendly'

For a calmer atmosphere, hop on down for a special screening of "Peter Rabbit."

In conjunction with The Arc Umatilla County, the sensory-friendly show features the lights up a little and the volume down. The viewing is Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Hermiston Stadium 8 Cinema, 355 W. Theater Lane. Tickets are \$5.

The animated adventure comedy features the voice of James Corden as Peter Rabbit. The recently released flick follows the tale of a rebellious rabbit who tries to sneak into a farmer's field.

A nonprofit organization, The Arc advocates for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They offer activities to help in connecting the community and expanding opportunities for people with disabilities.

For more information, call 541-567-7615 or visit www.facebook.com.

Scholarships available for local students

HERMISTON HERALD

Several scholarship opportunities are available to area students who are looking to further their education.

• **Oregon Music Hall of Fame:** High school seniors from across the state who plan to major or minor in music are eligible for a \$2,500 scholarship. Four scholarships will be awarded to either voice or instrumental musicians in their pursuit of higher education in the field of music. The scholarship deadline is Thursday, March 1.

For more information or an application, visit www.omhof.org. Send questions to info@omhof.org.

• **Hermiston Education Foundation:** Eight scholarships of \$2,500 each will be awarded to 2018 Herm-

iston High School seniors. Important factors in the evaluation of applicants include academic scholarship, community service, leadership and financial need.

The nonprofit organization started its scholarship program in the spring of 2017. HEF also awards grants to district personnel for projects that enhance the educational experience of students.

The application is due by Friday, March 23, with interviews to follow. Applications are available at the high school counseling office. For more information, visit www.hermiston-educationfoundation.org, call George Clough at 541-314-3182 or write HEF, P.O. Box 1096, Hermiston, OR 97838.

• **Pendleton Cattle Barons Weekend:** Graduat-

ing seniors or college students who plan to study or are pursuing a degree related to agriculture are invited to apply. Eligible students must be from designated Eastern Oregon counties, including Umatilla and Morrow.

In its 11th year, the organization has contributed more than \$60,000 to support the education of young adults to preserve the region's ranching heritage.

Held May 11-12, Cattle Barons features saddle bronc and ranch rodeo championships, a horse and working dog sale, a trading post and gear show, demonstrations and the Buckaroo BBQ & Home Brew Challenge.

Scholarship applications are due Friday, April 20. For more information or a scholarship application, visit www.cattlebarons.net.

Catholic Daughters strut their stuff in holiday fashion show

HERMISTON HERALD

More than three dozen models were stylin' during a Saturday fundraiser at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston.

The annual Catholic Daughters Valentine's Luncheon & Style Show raises money for the Marilyn Harris Memorial Scholarship. Money is awarded to a pair of local graduating seniors each spring during a Baccalaureate Mass at the Hermiston church.

Gracing the runway were 37 models of all ages, said regent Kristi Smalley of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court No. 1692. They showed off the latest spring fashions from Bealls, Maurice's, Smitty's Ace Hardware, Andee's Boutique, Lucky Endz Gifts and LuLaRoe by Mandi Bedolla.

With more than 125 people in attendance, Smalley was thrilled by the support. People enjoyed a variety of salads and desserts, she said. In addition, Hermiston High School freshman Marti Plum sang the national anthem.

"The local Catholic Daughters are extremely grateful for the support of this annual event," Smalley said.

For information about the Catholic Daughters or other activities at the church, call 541-567-5812, search Facebook or visit www.ourlady-ofangelscc.org.



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Sarah Thompson and her daughter, Maire, 2, smile during the fashion show at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church.

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