

# Inland musicians will share the season in song

Holiday concert set this weekend in Echo and in Connell, Washington

By **TAMMY MALGESINI**  
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The annual holiday concert of the Inland Northwest Musicians features a variety of ensembles playing holiday music, including traditional and contemporary songs.

“The Carols of Christmas” will be performed Saturday at Echo Community Center, 20 N. Bonanza, and Sunday at Connell High School, 1100 W. Clark Road, Connell, Washington. Both concerts are free of charge, but donations are accepted. A reception follows each concert.

Due to the popularity of the Echo concert and the limited number of seats, those planning to attend are encouraged to reserve tickets by contacting 541-289-4696 or [inwm@machmedia.net](mailto:inwm@machmedia.net). Salli Ketchersid, publicity coordinator, said those attending the Connell performance do not have



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The Inland Northwest Musicians will perform “The Carols of Christmas,” its annual holiday concert Saturday in Echo and Sunday in Connell, Washington.

to make a reservation.

Under the direction of R. Lee Friese, the program includes pieces performed by the orchestra, the chorale and the combined orches-

tra and chorale.

Numbers by the orchestra include “A Canadian Brass Christmas,” a piece that includes “Ding Dong Merrily on High,” “I Saw

Three Ships,” “The Huron Carol” and “Here We Come A-Wassailing.” It’s arranged by Luther Henderson and adapted for orchestral performances by Calvin Custer.

Also on the orchestra’s play list are “Fantasia on We Three Kings,” “The Bells of Christmas” and “Concert Suite from The Polar Express.” The latter should provide songs that are familiar to children from the fantasy adventure movie released in 2004.

Among the pieces to be performed by the chorale are “Carol of the Drum,” which became popular from “The Little Drummer Boy.” Other songs include “Candlelight Carol,” “Calypso Carol,” “Fanfare for Christmas Day,” “Velvet Shoes” and “Sleigh Ride.”

The combined ensembles will perform “Grinch! A Christmas Carol Medley, which should appeal to Dr. Seuss fans of all ages. It features “Welcome Christmas,” “You’re a Mean One, Mr. Grinch” and “Perfect Christmas Night.”

Founded in 1999, the Inland Northwest Musicians is committed to providing live musical performances to rural audiences. It fosters an atmosphere of encouragement and assists musicians in developing their talent.

For more information, contact 541-289-4696, [inwm@machmedia.net](mailto:inwm@machmedia.net) or visit [www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com](http://www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com).

# Giving trees sprout holiday cheer

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Area children, senior citizens and even animals will benefit from the generosity of people in the community.

A number of giving trees are sprouting up at locations throughout Umatilla and Morrow counties. While out Christmas shopping, people are encouraged to consider the opportunity to help brighten the holiday season for those who might be less fortunate. A number of businesses and organizations have set up trees and people can stop by and choose tags and shop for requested items.

The Salvation Army Pendleton Corps sets up several Angel Trees — including one at Shari’s Cafe & Pies in Hermiston — in order to receive gifts for needy children ages 0-14 throughout the Hermiston and Pendleton areas. Helen Markle, a volunteer with the organization, said while The Salvation Army provides help to people in need throughout the year, they boost their efforts around Christmas.

“This is the season of giving,” she said. “We want to be sure each child has at least something under the tree.”

Residents of Sun Terrace, an adult assisted living facility in Hermiston, will receive gifts through a Senior Giving Tree at the Hermiston Safe-

way store. Jessica Jacobson, Sun Terrace community relations director, said they’ve been spearheading the effort for about five years. She said it’s a way people can give back to the community.

“It’s always nice to bring joy to their Christmas as well,” Jacobson said. “Some of the residents here don’t have family that live near.”

Jacobson said it could be something as simple as popcorn or chocolate. Some residents, she said, would like new scarves, shirts or hats. In addition, some of the Sun Terrace residents have pets and have asked for a sweater for their dog.

In its third year, an effort to provide for area animals was spearheaded by Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter. The tree at D&B Supply in Pendleton even includes tags with photos of current cats and dogs at PAWS, said Sara Hebard-Hinkle, a stove department sales associate.

A former PAWS board member, she is thrilled about the effort to help provide for animals. Everything from pet food and dog beds to leashes and blankets are needed. In addition, Hebard-Hinkle encourages people to consider volunteering their time.

“The giving trees all have the same goal,” Markle said.

“We want to make their Christmas better.”

## Area giving trees

### The Salvation Army

- Return unwrapped gifts by Dec. 7
- Shari’s Cafe & Pies, 800 S. Highway 395, Hermiston

Remove tags from tree and return gifts there. Serves children 0-14.

### Sun Terrace Assisted Living

- Return wrapped gifts to facility by Dec. 21
- Safeway, 990 S. Highway 395, Hermiston

Take gifts to Sun Terrace, 1550 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston.

### Boardman children & youths

- Return wrapped gifts by Dec. 17
- Banner Bank, 204 N. Main St., Boardman

Remove tags, shop for gifts and return to the bank.

### Irrigon children & youths

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- Irrigon Library/City Hall lobby, 500 N.E. Main St.

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### Morrow County foster children

- Return wrapped/unwrapped gifts by Dec. 7
- Les Schwab Tire Center, 124 N. Main St., Heppner

Presents distributed to children living in area foster homes.

### Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter

- Return wrapped/unwrapped gifts by Dec. 24
- D&B Supply, 850 Southgate Place

Pet supplies to benefit PAWS and animals in need.

# Christmas art show offers unique gifts

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People can enjoy beautiful and creative artwork and purchase unique gifts during the annual Christmas Art Show & Sale.

Everything from fine art paintings and specialty jewelry to prints and metalwork will be available for purchase. In addition, hand-crafted Christmas card are \$3.50 each or three for \$10.

The show, sponsored by Jan Beitel, is Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Oxford Suites, 1050 N. First St., Hermiston. There is no admission charge.

A local artist, Beitel has gathered together an assortment of area artists to show



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People browse among the work displayed during a past Christmas Art Show & Sale. This year’s event is Saturday and Sunday at Oxford Suites in Hermiston.

\$15. Framed prints of original paintings start at \$39, she said. Original paintings range from \$80 to \$399.

In addition to Beitel’s own work, other artists who will show and sell their creations include Pola Galindo, who makes glasswork jewelry; Gayle Weatherson, who is bringing her gold and silver jewelry; Linda Phillips, who focuses on western art with paintings and metal work; Andrea Murphy, a western artist who paints; jewelry by Justa Phillips and oil paintings with some abstracts by Ann Bajovich.

“These are one of a kind works of art, just in time for Christmas,” Beitel said.

For information, contact Beitel at [janbeitel@outlook.com](mailto:janbeitel@outlook.com).

their work. This is her 20th year of organizing various art shows and sales in the community. Beitel’s work includes paintings, prints and Christmas cards.

A former school board member, Beitel realized years ago that art and music often wasn’t considered as important as math and sci-

ence. Because of that, she has supported efforts to bring both student and adult shows to highlight the importance of art in the community.

“It is food for the soul,” she said.

The prices vary, Beitel said. People can pick up matted prints from original paintings for as little as

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