

# Inland Musicians usher in holiday season with songs

Reservations recommended for upcoming Echo concert

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Familiar Christmas favorites are featured during the 21st annual holiday concerts of the Inland Northwest Musicians.

From classical, traditional, Russian ballet music or a modern classic like LeRoy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride," music director and conductor R. Lee Friese has chosen a program to usher in the season. Featuring both the orchestra and chorus, the event is Saturday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. at the Echo Community Center, 20 S. Bonanza St.

While admission is free, it is highly recommended that people make reservations to ensure a seat. The past concerts have been extremely popular, playing before a full house.

"The Christmas concert at Echo is like going home for the orchestra and chorale — we have performed many concerts there," Friese said. "This concert is always a celebration. It is an intimate setting and very exciting."



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The Inland Northwest Musicians will present its annual holiday concerts Dec. 7 in Echo and Dec. 8 in Connell, Washington. Reservations are highly recommended for the Echo performance.

The most famous of Tchaikovsky's ballets, "The Nutcracker," will surely bring familiar pictures into your mind, said Sue Friese. From the Sugar Plum Fairy, the Arabian veiled dancers and the well-known Waltz of the Flowers will transport you to the world-famous stages presenting the "Nutcracker Ballet."

The orchestra will change

paces a bit with LeRoy Anderson's popular "Sleigh Ride." The popular classic will be conducted by Ashley Walchli. The Hermiston resident is participating in a conducting apprentice with the Inland Northwest Orchestra. Her premier conducting introduction, Walchli received a bachelor's degree in music with an emphasis in piano perfor-

mance in 2016 from Oregon State University.

The chorus will perform a selection of Alfred Burt carols that were originally written and sent to family and friends on Christmas cards in the 1950s, Friese said. The chorus also highlights the Austrian carol, "Still, Still, Still," arranged by Norman Luboff. The program also features the combined



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Tuba player Ralph Werner plays with the Inland Northwest Musicians during a past holiday concert. Featuring the orchestra and chorale, performances are Dec. 7 in Echo and Dec. 8 in Connell, Washington.

chorus and orchestra with "Festive Noels," a medley of European carols by Bob Krogstad. And, Friese said, the greatest shout-out of celebration from throughout all music history, the "Hallelujah Chorus" by George Frideric Handel.

The program will be repeated during a Sunday, Dec. 8 performance at 4 p.m. at Connell High School,

1100 W. Clark St., Connell, Washington. That concert will include high school choir students in the singing of "Festive Noels" and the "Hallelujah Chorus." The Connell performance doesn't require reservations.

To RSVP for the Echo concert, call 541-289-4696. For more about the INWM, visit [www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com](http://www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com).

## BRIEFS

### Weekend bazaar features photos with Santa

A large holiday market is planned this weekend at the Hermiston Community Center.

The Hermiston Christmas Bazaar is Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 415 S. Highway 395. There is no admission charge. In addition to shopping at vendor booths, photos with Santa will be available from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call 541-667-5018, visit [www.hermiston.or.us](http://www.hermiston.or.us) or search Facebook.

### CCT announces 'Sound of Music' auditions

A variety of men, women and children are needed for an upcoming performance of "The Sound of Music."

The production is being staged by the Blue Mountain Community College theatre and music departments along with College Community Theatre. The general public is invited to participate. Character roles include ages 7 through adults.

The auditions are Monday, Dec. 2 and Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 151 of the BMCC music department. The college is located at 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. A

total of 10 performances are set for Feb. 20 through March 1. Most rehearsals will be scheduled from 6:30-8 p.m., as well as some Saturday mornings.

Those auditioning should plan on the following "The Sound of Music" selections:

- Lead roles, women: "Something Good"
- Lead roles/ensemble, men: "Edelweiss"
- Children: "Do, Re, Mi"
- Adult chorus, females: "My Favorite Things"
- Mother Abbess: "Climb Every Mountain"

Those who plan on attending an audition are asked to complete a form, which is available at [www.collegecommunitytheatre.com/auditions](http://www.collegecommunitytheatre.com/auditions). Also, people can submit questions via a form on the website.

### Fundraising sale to benefit veterans

A bake sale, crafts bazaar and indoor yard sale will help raise money for veterans.

The benefit event is Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 45 W. Cherry St., located behind The Nickel, off Highway 395 in Hermiston. There is no admission charge. Hot dogs are \$2 each. Also, coffee and soda pop will be available.

The fundraiser is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and

the American Legion Auxiliary. Vendor space is still available for \$10 per table.

For more information, contact Cathy Stolz at 541-571-5816 or [cathystolz@gmail.com](mailto:cathystolz@gmail.com).

### Pictorial history books have arrived

In time for holiday gift-giving, the *East Oregonian's* new pictorial history book, "Umatilla County Memories: A Pictorial History of the mid-1800s through 1939," has arrived and is available for purchase.

The 144-page hardcover and heirloom-quality book features a glimpse of Umatilla County from the 1800s to 1939 through stunning historic photos — many of them never before published.

"With its visual history of the region, we believe local readers will love having this volume included in their personal library," said EO Media Group Regional Publisher Chris Rush. "For a limited time, we are offer-

ing the books at a discounted price until the end of the year."

The volume features historic photos from the Umatilla County Historical Society, Athena Public Library, City of Echo, Milton-Free-water Area Historical Society, Pendleton Round-Up, Tamástlikt Cultural Institute, as well as from newspaper readers including the private collection of Wayne Low.

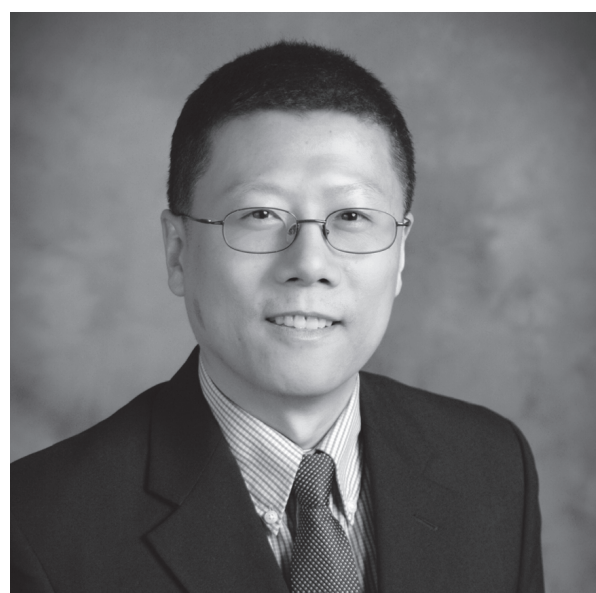
"We are also deeply grateful to CHI St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton for its sponsorship to help make this ambitious project possible," said Rush.

Books may be purchased in-person at the *East Oregonian* office, 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, or the *Hermiston Herald* office at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston. Both offices are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (The *Herald* closes at 2 p.m. on Fridays). The offices are closed for Thanksgiving.

Books may also be purchased online at [UmatillaPictorialBook.com](http://UmatillaPictorialBook.com).



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