

Symphony to present ballet suites in Hermiston

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Local audiences will be treated to a pair of American ballet suites as the Oregon East Symphony presents weekend concerts in both Hermiston and Pendleton.

OES conductor and artistic director Beau Benson will lead the symphony in performing Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate's "Winter Moons" and the original version of Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring."

The performances are Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Bob Clapp Theatre at Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton; and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Hermiston High School auditorium, 600 S. First St.

Tate's composition—based on American Indian legends from the Northern Plains and Rocky Mountains — its title is derived from the idea that Ameri-



Photo contributed by E.J. Harris

Conductor and artistic director Beau Benson and the Oregon East Symphony will perform concerts this weekend in Hermiston and Pendleton.

can Indian stories are best told during the full moons of winter, said OES executive director J.D. Kindle. "Winter Moons" was Tate's first composition, commissioned and cho-

reographed by his mother, Patricia Tate, in 1992, for University of Wyoming Dance Theater.

According to the *Washington Post*, Tate was recognized for "his ability to

effectively infuse classical music with American Indian nationalism."

Funded by the Coolidge Foundation, Copland's "Appalachian Spring" was commissioned by choreog-

IF YOU GO

WHO: Oregon East Symphony
WHAT: Two American ballet suites
WHEN AND WHERE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Pendleton; 2 p.m. Sunday in Hermiston
HOW MUCH: Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$15 for students or \$65 for a family of four.
MORE INFO: Contact 541-276-0320 or info@oregoneastsymphony.org

rapher/dancer Martha Graham. She danced in the lead role during its 1944 premiere at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C.

The piece was originally scored for a 13-instrument chamber orchestra and later achieved widespread and enduring popularity as an orchestral suite. Its story tells of a spring celebration of the American pioneers of the 19th century, after building a new Pennsylvania farmhouse.

Since the piano is a prominent instrument in both ballet suites, the symphony is welcoming Matt

Cooper as a guest performer. A recently retired music professor at Eastern Oregon University, Cooper is active as a jazz and classical pianist.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$15 for students or \$65 for a family of four.

They are available at the symphony office, 345 S.W. Fourth St., Pendleton; the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, 1055 S. Highway 395, Suite 111, or www.oregoneastsymphony.org.

For questions, contact 541-276-0320 or info@oregoneastsymphony.org.

Inland musicians to perform



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Music director and conductor R. Lee Friese and the Inland Northwest Musicians Chorale will present a free concert Saturday in Ukiah.

The free chorale concert, set Saturday in Ukiah, will feature an unusual accompaniment

HERMISTON HERALD

Folk songs, liturgical and classical music in a wide range of choral styles are featured during a weekend performance by the Inland Northwest Musicians.

The INWM Chorale concert is Saturday at 4 p.m. at Ukiah School, 201 Hill St. There is no admission charge, however, donations are accepted. A reception will follow the performance.

Featuring 40 voices from across the region, the program opens with the New Orleans-style of "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" and will close with a snappy rendition of "Do Lord."

Chorale member Sue Friese said Tori Scott of Hermiston, a former member of Portland's Concordia University choir, will sing the solo soprano feature from "Beautiful Savior" as a memorial to her alma mater — the private college recently announced that it's closing at the conclusion of spring semester.

Also, Friese said a new experience for the chorale will feature an interesting

accompaniment using water glasses — often referred to as glass harp or musical glasses — while performing "Stars."

Phil Ruud of Pendleton will serve as INWM's "glass technician and tuner," which will be played by seven chorale members.

Led by music director and conductor R. Lee Friese of Athena, Inland Northwest Musicians was founded in 1999 with a commitment to provide live musical performances to rural audiences.

For more information, contact 541-289-4696, inwm@machmedia.net or visit www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com.



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Diabetes workshop offers information

A workshop series about diabetes is being offered at the Irrigon Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Participants will learn how to form new habits and make informed choices. The program highlights nutrition, exercise and other lifestyle strategies.

Diabetes Undone began March 5. It continues each Thursday and Sunday from 7-8:30 p.m. through March 29. The cost is \$40. For more information, contact 541-626-8726 or irrigon7thdayadventist@yahoo.com.

Fashion show benefits Funland Park project

The public is invited to see fashions for spring and summer while raising money for the Funland Park rebuild project.

The Spring Fashion Show Fundraiser is Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at the Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395. Admission is \$10 in advance (table of eight for \$65) or \$15 each at the door. A silent auction and raffle items will benefit the park project. Also, desserts will be available.

For questions, call 541-667-5018.

Bingo party raises money for scholarships

A luncheon and bingo party will help raise money for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Our Lady of Angels Court #1692.

The event is Saturday at the Our Lady of Angels parish hall, 565 W. Hermiston Ave. The doors open at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door, in advance at the parish hall or by calling Kristi Smalley at 541-571-0997. In addition, she can assist with making table reservations.

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