

Pacific Crest Wind Symphony begins its 24th season with "Regal Classics"

This program features a variety of works, from Overtures to Marches and Bach to Holst. Selections include the beautiful wind composition by Gustav Holst "First Suite in Eb", Vaughan Williams "Flourish for Wind Band", Kenneth Alford's march "The Mad Major", and four additional works.

The Pacific Crest Wind Symphony will also perform the gorgeous composition, "October" written by Eric Whitacre. The selection opens with a harmonic drone, a single sustaining note. Concurrently, the delicate wind chimes begin the familiar distant sounds indicative of the fall breeze. Thus begins the exquisite soli between the oboe and the clarinet leading into the break of day on a brisk October morning. The subsequent grand section embodies the entire day as Whitacre illustrates a typical October day from sunrise to sunset. American composer, Eric Whitacre, initially composed "October" for orchestra in 1998 but was later offered a commission to place this particular composition into a wind ensemble setting.

Whitacre quotes:

"October is my favorite month. Something about the crisp autumn air and the subtle change in light always make me a little sentimental, and as I started to sketch I felt that same quiet beauty in the writing. The simple, pastoral melodies and subsequent harmonies are inspired by the great English Romantics (Vaughan Williams, Elgar) as I felt that this style was also perfectly suited to capture the natural and pastoral soul of the season"

The performance will be on Sunday, 13 November 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at

St Mary's Academy * Portland, Oregon * 1615 SW 5th Ave.

Tickets are \$10 and \$15 at the door.

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Meet The Musician



Abby Seemann, flutist, enthusiastically joined Pacific Crest Wind Symphony 21 years ago. She also performs with the Oregon Sinfonietta, "Rondo" a trio of flutes, and she has enjoyed performing in the pit for productions with The Broadway Rose Theater Company and Lakewood Theatre. A flutist since 5th grade (it was love at first toot), Abby studied at the University of Rochester and took flute lessons at Eastman School of Music. Former occupations include finish carpentry, barmaid, teaching, coordinating Tri-County Respite Care, Case Manager for Multnomah County Mental Health Division and Information and Resources Coordinator for SIDS Resources of Oregon. Abby's happy 33 year marriage to Tom has produced two fabulous sons and has survived a total kitchen remodel. She enjoys gardening and became an OSU Master Gardener in 2005. Abby also enjoys reading and will be celebrating 24 years with the same book group this February. Further, Abby has been a volunteer at KQAC All Classical Radio for 14 years and is a lifelong dark chocolate aficionado. In addition to her many other interests, Abby serves on the PCWS board and is the Communications Manager.

Holiday Concert

Christmas? Already?

Yes, it's that time of the year to embark on pricey shopping, eat an abundance of yummy treats, wear gaudy clothing and partake in a listening session of some old holiday LPs that have been tucked away in the attic. But wait just a Portland minute!! ...why not spend an afternoon of musical joy with Oregon's Premiere Wind Ensemble? That's right! On December 11, 2011, Pacific Crest Wind Symphony will be performing a holiday concert at Lakeridge High School at 3 pm. The concert will not only be an extraordinary listening experience, but there is a rumor that Santa might be making a special trip from the north pole (on Alaska Airlines, no doubt) for a surprise appearance. Now wouldn't that be a hoot? Music, candy canes and Santa Claus ...oh my!

What's New

As we begin our 24th season there have been a few changes and some exciting things occurring within our musical organization. Here are a few items that we are proud to share with you:

- Dan Reed and Blake Allen are the newest members of PCWS. They are both fantastic saxophonists who blew our socks off at the recent audition. We certainly look forward to making great music together.
- Jennifer Johnson was recently appointed as the Pacific Crest Wind Symphony's Business Director. She comes to us from Intel where she has been employed for 12 years. Jennifer currently holds the position of Global Technical Enabling Program Manager. Look out! She is a force to be reckoned with!
- Retired Army, Al Torres is a euphonium player within PCWS who was recently appointed as Marketing Director. Having been a Marketing and Public Relations specialist while in the Army, Al looks forward to contributing his experience and skills to expand Pacific Crest Wind Symphony's horizon. Question is, can he still do pushups?
- The upcoming concert features a world premiere. George Chaltas has written Organ Barrel for the Pacific Crest Wind Symphony. It is a wonderful piece and we are excited to perform Chaltas' newest composition.

No Place Like Home



Although this is not a proud and joyous bit of information, we feel the need to share this with our FANS: If you are wondering where our home is, sadly, we don't have one. However, we are currently looking for a permanent venue to perform the majority of our concerts in throughout the season. If you have any ideas or if you know of any fabulous performance venues, please get in touch with our [Business Director](#).



It Pays To Give - Why pay the IRS when you can direct those same dollars to support this group? PCWS is a 501(c)3 non-profit, which means you can potentially get a break on your taxes if you make a contribution. Your tax advisor will have all the details, but you should consider sending your hard earned cash to us instead of Uncle Sam. Contact [Jennifer Johnson](#) for details on how to make this happen.

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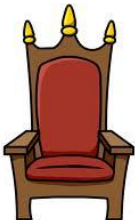


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[Jennifer Johnson](#).



Conductor's



Dear Friends,

We are proud to have been a part of the musical culture in Portland for the past 23 years. More recently, we believe that our Wind Symphony has reached new heights. We now look at this season as an opportunity to bring even greater successes to the concert hall.

Please join us for the fun.

Musically,

Dr. Edward Higgins

Artistic Director and Conductor

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