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Western Oregon Symphony opens fourth season

MONMOUTH – The Western Oregon Symphony will entertain audiences with its first concert of its fourth season on Monday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Rice Auditorium on the Western Oregon University campus.

This orchestra, conducted by music professor Ike Nail, Ph.D., consists of strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion. A piano will accompany two of the selections during the performance. The personnel of the group is exclusively WOU students and faculty.

The program will include “Symphony Number 97” by Joseph Haydn, “Linden Lea” by Ralph Vaughan-Williams, “The Wedding of Lieutenant Kije” by Serge Prokofieff, and “Slavonic Dance Number 4” and “Slavonic Dance Number 6” by Antonin Dvorak.

“It is a great pleasure to conduct this group,” said Nail. “The musicality and flexibility of advanced players provides constant inspiration and motivation to attain higher levels of musicianship.”

Nail earned a doctorate in symphonic conducting from the University of Texas at Austin. His career as an orchestra and band conductor, teacher and music director has included working with the Dallas Wind Symphony, California State University at Northridge, University of Southern Mississippi and Sprague High School. He has been co-recipient of two Grammy Awards, including the 2000 National Grammy Gold Award recognizing the most outstanding secondary music program in the country.

The concert is open to the public and free of charge. For more information contact the music department at 503-838-8880 or the conductor at 503-838-8275 or naili@wou.edu.

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