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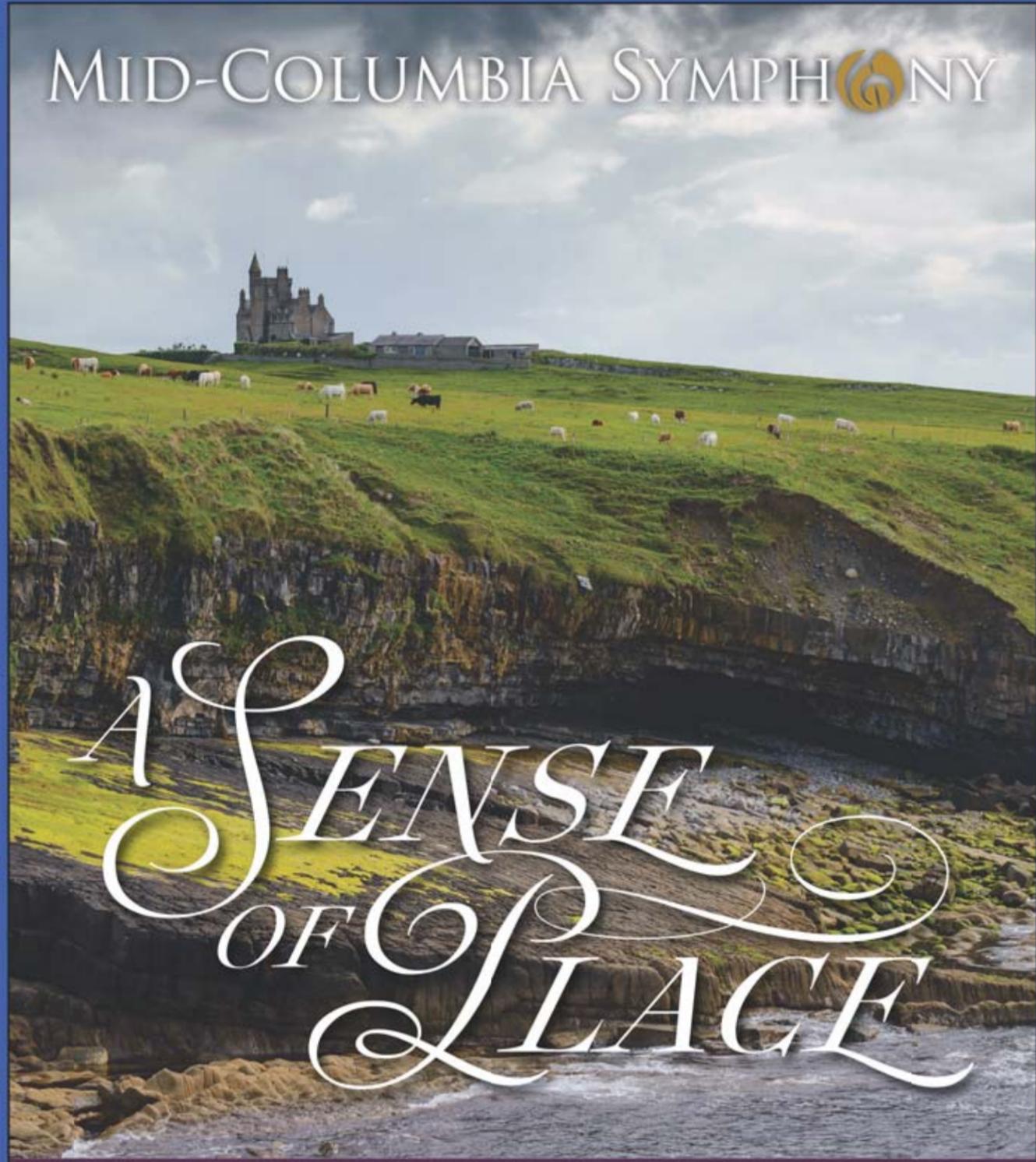


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January 2020

Mid-Columbia Symphony celebrates 75 years of making beautiful music!

On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 19, the Mid-Columbia Symphony will present the next concert in its 75th-anniversary season — “A Sense of Place.” The repertoire will include pieces by Aaron Copland, Ludwig van Beethoven, and Amy Beach. Three soloists will join the Orchestra — Stephen Beus on piano, Carrie Rehkopf Michel playing the violin and John Michel, cello.

The concert will open with a short piece by Aaron Copland entitled *Letter from Home*. Copland wrote the piece in 1944, the same time that the Mid-Columbia Symphony was just beginning to form. The piece expresses the emotions of a soldier at war upon receiving a letter from home.

Following the Copland music, the three soloists will play Beethoven’s *Concerto in C Major* for piano, violin, and cello with the orchestra — Op. 56, the “Triple” Concerto. This is a unique opportunity to hear three virtuoso soloists and the orchestra at once.

All three soloists have ties to Central Washington. Award-winning pianist Stephen Beus was born in Othello and currently serves as a faculty member at Brigham Young University. Violinist Carrie Rehkopf Michel and cellist John Michel are both faculty members at Central Washington University.



Soloists for the Jan 19 Mid-Columbia Symphony concert are, from left, pianist Stephen Beus on, violinist Carrie Rehkopf Michel and cellist John Michel.

In addition, 2020 marks the 250th anniversary of Beethoven’s birth, so the orchestra is kicking off the year in style!

To close out the concert, the symphony will be performing Amy Beach’s *Gaelic Symphony*. The piece is full of delightful influences from Irish and Celtic folk songs, and transports the listener to the Emerald Isle. The

piece is also important from an historic standpoint, in that it was the first symphony published by a female composer in America, back in 1894.

The concert will take place in the auditorium at Richland High School at 3 p.m.. For additional information about the concert, and to purchase tickets, visit midcolumbiasymphony.org, or call the symphony office at (509) 943-6602.

Walla Walla invites you to a BrewFest

The Downtown Walla Walla Foundation and the Lodge Apartments, the title sponsor, are inviting beer lovers everywhere to an inaugural event that will feature the products of many of the best Washington and Oregon breweries and cideries.

On Feb. 8 from noon to 4 p.m., breweries participating in the Walla Walla BrewFest will be pouring their craft brews. There will be at least 25 breweries in 15 downtown locations within walking distance.

The intent is to make this an annual event to cure the winter blahs, and it will go on rain, snow or shine, so dress for the weather. And gather your friends who drink responsibly to make it an afternoon of fun and camaraderie!

Each brewery will have two different types of brews or ciders to sample, and you will find two or three breweries or cideries in each of the 15 venues. Walking from one location to another, you’ll be able to cover them all in the four-hour period.

Food will be available for purchase at participating host venues and at downtown restaurants and bars. You will have access to a number of downtown restaurants and bars before, during and after the BrewFest. Take the opportunity to explore and find out what downtown Walla Walla has to offer for dining, shopping and recreation.

Tickets to the Walla Walla BrewFest are \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door. Each ticket includes admission to the event, a commemorative tasting glass, and five scrip good for one tasting each. You may also purchase addi-



tional scrip.

If you’re coming from out of town, special rates have been established with host hotels — the Finch at 325 E. Main Street (finchwallawalla.com, 509-956-4994) and the Comfort Inn and Suites at 1419 W. Pine Street (choicehotels.com, 509-522-3500). Mention the Walla Walla BrewFest when making your reservation to get the event discount.

Free parking is available behind Macy’s off of Colville and Alder Street, behind the VFW at the corner of Sumach and Colville, and on Rose Street between Second and Colville behind Main Street businesses.

This is a 21-and-over event, and Washington state law requires that no open alcohol be carried onto the

street. Beer must be consumed within the tasting venues. If you need transportation, use Uber or call ABC Taxi at (509) 529-7726. The organizers ask that you drink responsibly and put safety first.

Proceeds from the BrewFest will benefit the nonprofit Downtown Walla Foundation and help promote the history, culture and commerce of downtown Walla Walla. If you would like to serve as a volunteer at one of the venues, send email to cindy@downtownwallawalla.com or call (509) 529-8755.

For more information and a link to online ticket sales, visit the website downtownwallawalla.com, where you’ll also find lists of breweries and venues that are participating. And check out the event on Facebook for regular updates.

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