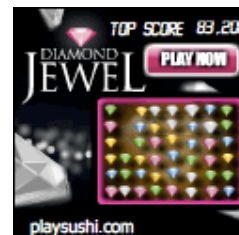




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Henderson Pavilion to present back-to-back orchestra concerts

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The Henderson Pavilion will be busy this weekend with back-to-back concerts from the Henderson Symphony Orchestra and Las Vegas Youth Orchestra.



View File PhotoHenderson Symphony Orchestra conductor Taras Krysa leads violinist Barbara Ellis, foreground, and other musicians during a rehearsal at Greenspun Middle School in August 2007.

HENDERSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Henderson Symphony Orchestra will take to the stage first from 8 to 10 p.m. Friday at the pavilion, 200 S. Green Valley Parkway.

"The pavilion is our home venue," said DeAnne Wolfgram, clarinet player and publicity coordinator. "We have a loyal following, and they know where we are."

Every year, a few of the orchestra's nine concerts are performed in downtown Henderson, but the majority of



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the shows take place at the pavilion.

"We're one of Henderson's best-kept secrets," Wolfgram said. "We're always looking for new ways to let people know we're here."

The 65-person orchestra will celebrate its 23rd season with J. Adams' "Short Ride in a Fast Machine" and Robert Schumann's "Symphony No. 3." There also will be a performance by clarinetist Marina Sturm. She will play Aaron Copland's jazz-inspired "Clarinet Concerto."

The nonprofit organization's season opener will be performed under the direction of conductor Taras Krysa.

All Henderson Symphony Orchestra concerts are free and open to the public.

"The orchestra is a huge resource to the community," Wolfgram said. "It offers phenomenal entertainment value."

A preshow discussion about the history of the music will be held from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m., and a meet-and-greet with the conductor and members of the orchestra will follow the concert.

LAS VEGAS YOUTH ORCHESTRA

On Saturday, the Las Vegas Youth Orchestra will continue the weekend of music at 2 p.m. The orchestra, consisting of four separate ensembles of 250 8- to 18-year-old children from across the valley, will take part in Daniel Pearl World Music Day, in honor of the journalist and musician who was killed in Pakistan in 2002.

The third Henderson concert will include performances of Georges Bizet's "Carmen," "Zampa" by Louis Joseph Ferdinand Herold, Gioacchino Rossini's Overture to "The Italian Girl in Algiers" and the concert suite from "The Dark Knight."

The orchestra, which is in its 34th season, is an after-school program for kids interested in performing arts. Children audition to be part of the orchestra every May.

"The history and longevity of the orchestra is a testimony that this is such a worthwhile program," said Bev Patton, executive director.

Patton said the musicians get a lot out of being part of the orchestra.



"They make friends with kids they wouldn't otherwise meet and learn technical and time management skills they will take with them," Patton said.

Tickets, which are available at the gate, are \$9 for adults and \$5 for kids, seniors and people with disabilities.

For information on the Henderson Symphony Orchestra, visit www.hsorch.org; for the Las Vegas Youth Orchestra, visit www.lvyo.org; or call the city's Cultural Arts and Tourism Department at 267-2171.

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