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PRESS RELEASE

Arts Commission Brings Bellevue Youth Symphony to Sumner for Free Concert

Sumner, WA—On April 17, starting at 7:30 pm, the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra will fill Sumner’s Performing Arts Center with a musical journey. The concert is free, thanks to the Sumner Arts Commission, and no tickets are required. Attendees may bring non-perishable food, which will be collected at the concert to share with the Sumner Food Bank.

The Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra features 55-60 members ranging in age from 12 to 20. Director Dr. Teresa Metzger Howe will lead the orchestra as it takes Sumner on *A Trip Through Musical History*, featuring pieces from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Modern periods. The program will feature soloist Calvin Chan, playing “Lalo's Concerto in D minor” on the cello. Chan, a junior at Interlake High School, won the orchestra’s concerto competition in November and has been playing the cello since he was 11 years old.

“In looking how to bring Sumner different art selections this year, we realized that many people may find it challenging to buy tickets to performances in Seattle, Bellevue or Tacoma,” said Barbara Bitetto, chair of the Sumner Arts Commission. “We are excited about having the Bellevue Youth Symphony perform here since live music is a great way to be renewed and energized.”

The Performing Arts Center is located at Sumner High School, 1707 Main Street. Next, the Sumner Arts Commission will present Music Off Main with free outdoor concerts in July. Details will come soon at www.ci.sumner.wa.us.

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