Clark orchestra sets concert

The Clark College orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Donald Appert, will present its winter concert Wed., March 11, 7:30 p.m., with a program that includes the world premier of Symphony No. 5 by Vancouver composer Matt Doran.

The concert will take place at the Vancouver School of Arts and Academies, 3101 Main St., Vancouver.

Doran holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Southern California. He earned a doctorate in 1953.

Doran taught in Texas and Indiana, and then 29 years at Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles, CA. He retired in 1986 and moved to Vancouver.

Doran has composed various works for flute ensembles, plus five symphonies. His first two symphonies were performed in Los Angeles, and his third by the Vancouver Symphony. He dedicated his Symphony No. 5 to his wife, Therese. He is currently working on a four-movement symphony.

The concert program will also include music by Berlioz, Ravel and Dukas.

Admission will be free with donations invited at the door.

More information is available by calling Peggy Winston at the Clark College music department, 992-2662.

Clark choir, band to perform

The Clark College concert choir, under the direction of April Duvic, and concert band, directed by Richard Inouye, will perform Fri., March 13, 7:30 p.m., at the Vancouver School of Arts and Academies, 3101 Main St., Vancouver.

The choir will present musical travel across the centuries and across Great Britain, with music from Danny Boy to Can't Buy Me Love by the Beatles.

Featured soloists will be soprano Caitlin Fisher and tenor D.J. Unlayao, along with oboist Rachel Campbell, Irish step dancer Mary Huibregtsme, and two select ensembles.

The concert band will feature contemporary music by Anthony Suter called Dancing at Stonehenge, winner of the 2005 Young Band Composition Competition. The band will also perform music by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Gustav Holst.

The concert is free and open to the public. More information is available by calling Peggy Winston, 992-2662.

Clark, high school choirs to perform

Two upcoming concerts will feature the Clark College Chorale and Women's Choral Ensemble with guests choirs from other schools.

On Thurs., March 12, 7:30 p.m., the two Clark College groups will be joined by the Prairie High School Symphonic Women's Choral for a concert in Gaiser Hall on the Clark College campus.

In addition to individual performances, the groups will join for the singing of a French Canadian folk song.

Then on Tues., March 17, 7:30 p.m., the three choirs of the Vancouver Girls' Choir will join the Clark College groups for a concert at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 426 E Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver.

The Clark College Chorale, co-directed by April Duvic and Janet Reiter, will perform a familiar opera chorus from La Traviata. Both concerts will feature soloists.

The Women's Choral Ensemble, directed by April Duvic, will perform works by Clark College music professor Gordon Trousdale and Portland composer Joan Szymbko.

Both concerts are free with donations welcome. Peggy Winston, 992-2662.