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The public is invited for musical and ice cream treats as the Southwest Symphony opens the season with its “Sunday Sundaes Concert” at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Liberal Senior Center. There is no admission charge but a freewill donation will be accepted with proceeds to benefit both the Southwest Symphony Society and the Liberal Senior Center. Memberships also may be renewed at this time.

“This concert marks the premiere of our new conductor, Josiah Smiddy,” Kay Burtzloff, president of the Southwest Symphony Society, said. “We’re excited about the new ideas he has for the orchestra and his plans to incorporate more singers into the productions.”

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The concert will feature “Bolero” by Maurice Ravel; “Fantasy on Simple Gifts,” a traditional Shaker folk song; “The Inner Light” by Jay Chattaway; “The Blue Danube” by Johann Strauss; and “Pirates of the Caribbean” by Hans Zimmer.

Orchestra performers will include: violins - Bethany Adams, Christopher Seeman, Blinda Massa, Rebekah Strand; violas - Nancy Allen, Alison Rice; Cellos - Troy Skinner, Susan Chesnut; flute - Jerilee Rediger; piano - Donna Apsley; and percussion Shamaya Leon-McGee and Shelly Rowson.

The Southwest Symphony Society will provide ice cream and a variety of toppings for the concert attendees to enjoy as well as cookies and drinks.

There will be a short annual membership meeting at the concert.

“We have to have an annual meeting every year and it works really well with this concert. We promise it will only take about 10 minutes,” Burtzloff said.

The Southwest Symphony Society is a Liberal non-profit organization dedicated to promoting classical and contemporary music in the community utilizing the talents of local and professional musicians. For more information, contact Burtzloff at 629-0203 or visit the Symphony’s Facebook page.