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Carthage Wind Orchestra “Return from Japan Concert”

KENOSHA, Wis. - The Carthage Wind Orchestra will present their “Return from Japan Concert” to celebrate their return from studying in Japan during the month of January. The concert will be held on Sunday, January 26 at 2 p.m. in the A. F. Siebert Chapel.

The Carthage Wind Orchestra, an ensemble of woodwind, brass, and percussion performers will return to Japan for the sixth time in the past fourteen years as part of a month-long study of Japanese music, culture, and language. The tour engages students in educational outreach and integrates their experiences with their Japanese musical counterparts. This year, the students will spend a few days at Sakuyo University (School of Music) along with performances at a four-concert tour.

The “Return from Japan Concert” will include a variety of works and performances. Among these pieces include "Respite," by David Reeves, "Cyber Trip," and “Shieldmaiden,” written by Jocelyn Hagen. James Ripley, conductor of the Carthage Wind Orchestra, explains that “Shieldmaiden” is a production that “portrays the imagery of the female Vikings, called "Shieldmaidens," and includes an exciting battle sequence incorporating the sound of ancient brass instruments and battle cries!” The piece was written in honor of the 150th anniversary of women at Carthage celebration as well as the intrepid spirit of the first women of Carthage.

“We can bring the music to our community just a couple of days after we return to Kenosha. It is really the culmination of the trip to play for our own friends and family,” Ripley said.

The concert is free and open to the public. For additional information, please contact Carthage Fine Arts at finearts@carthage.edu or 262-551-5859. Be sure to like us on Facebook facebook.com/carthagefinearts for upcoming events and information about Fine Arts at Carthage.

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