

Chamber Orchestra to perform two shows

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The BYU Chamber Orchestra will perform a free concert Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall. In addition to this concert, the orchestra will also perform in a benefit concert for the "Help Honduras" organization Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Springville Art Museum.

Sterling Oaks, a junior from Provo, majoring in cello performance, is a member of the chamber orchestra and volunteer for the "Help Honduras" organization.

"There aren't too many musicians that have stayed around for spring but those that have are really solid players," Oaks said.

He also said the class is pretty exclusive during spring term.

"There was limited people who asked to be in the orchestra," Oaks said.

The orchestra will play Beethoven's Symphony No. 8, Shostakovich's Sinfonia for String Orchestra and Dvorak's Serenade for Winds and Elgar's Elegy. The orchestra will be composed of cellos, violins, violas, woodwinds, clarinets, obos, bassoons and the French horn.

"Dvorak's piece is very unusual in that the only strings in that piece are the cello and the bass," Oaks said. He said that situation is not heard too often so it creates a wonderful opportunity for listeners.

Shostakovich's piece has been adapted from a string quartet for orchestra, Oaks said. It was inspired from the time Joseph Stalin led communist Russia.

"It has a lot of deep meaning ... you can hear soldier's footsteps and people screaming and wailing. It is phenomenal that a composer can speak out about communism through music," Oaks said.

Oaks said the concerts will be "a very musically stimulating performance."

The "Help Honduras" organization is composed of many students around campus that decided they wanted to help out those who were struck by the hurricane in October of 1998, Oaks said. The group started out to be an organizational behavior class, but the interest got so intense it has become so much more, he said.

The group tries to gather money for the people of Honduras so they can start up village banks.

These banks will then give out microcredit loans so the people can start their own businesses.

"Help Honduras" is a great humanitarian effort because the people will become self-reliant and be freed from the poverty cycle, Oaks said.

"We'd like to fill the whole art museum and get people aware of 'Help Honduras.' Many people feel motivated and feel they can help out in some way," Oaks said.

The Springville Art Museum is located at 126 E. 400 South. Donations will be appreciated for the "Help Honduras" organization at the Wednesday concert. If you are interested in volunteering for "Help Honduras" contact Sterling Oaks at 371-6887.