

Orchestra Kentucky show will salute horn bands

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Orchestra Kentucky will give audiences “Blood, Sweat, Tears, Earth, Wind, Fire ... and a Little Chicago” with its upcoming performance.

“It’s a tribute to some of the greatest horn bands of the late ’60s and ’70s who used horns typically found in jazz and added them to their particular sound,” said Jeff Reed, the orchestra music director and conductor. “They had 31 top-10 hits combined. They were major forces in popular music. There will be lots of tunes people will know.”

The concert, which is part of the orchestra’s Retro Series, will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$36.

Canadian group Jeans ’n Classics will perform with the orchestra. “They’re very similar to what we do with the Rewinders and Retro Series,” Reed said.

Jeans ’n Classics has been together for about 18 years, said Peter Brennan, owner of the London, Ontario-based company.

“We’ve been together since we decided we were going to jump into the deep end with both feet,” he said.

The band travels all over North America as guests of orchestras.

“Once you put your foot in, there’s nothing like the sound of an orchestra to work with. It’s not Muzak. It’s a proper rock band and proper vocalists. You get a great deal of sound. It’s a really neat experience.”

There are 25 people in the organization, so it expands how many places in which they can perform. They do 45 different shows, performing everything from Led Zeppelin to James Bond. Jeans ’n Classics performed in Bowling Green in November for the orchestra’s James Taylor show.

“We’re very happy to be coming back,” Brennan said. “We’ll have some of the people from that show as well as several different faces.”

“Blood, Sweat, Tears, Earth, Wind, Fire ... and a Little Chicago” is sponsored by Larry Halcomb Co., First Choice Home Medical, Logan Aluminum, Reliable Restoration and Lynne and Cecil Martin. The Retro Series is sponsored by Overhead Door Co. of Bowling Green.

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