Musicians sought for new RCC community orchestra

MEDFORD — Rogue Community College is establishing a community orchestra in Medford under the direction of Gary Kroll.

The new group will be open to high school students (advanced players), college students, and adults, said Kroll, who also directs RCC’s community orchestra in Josephine County. Kroll is seeking string, woodwind, and brass players and will soon be looking for percussionists. Auditions will be held if several players seek key spots.

Rehearsals are scheduled 7-9 p.m. Mondays with Sept. 24 targeted as the first session. Rehearsals will be on the RCC Riverside Campus, in C Building, 130 E. Eighth St.

For participants who do not want college credit, there is no charge. One college credit is available. This applies to high school students as well. Tuition is $87 per credit plus applicable fees. To earn credit, students must register with RCC in advance of first rehearsal. Visit www.roguecc.edu.

For more information contact Gary Kroll at gkroll_1@yahoo.com. Include your name, age or grade in school; instrument; how long you have played; orchestras or groups you play or have played with, and the position in the new orchestra in which you are interested.

Kroll, a professional choir and orchestra conductor for 22 years, has served as director of RCC’s Orchestra in Josephine County since 2010. The repertoire has included: Beethoven’s “Symphony No. 1,” Bizet’s “Carmen Suite,” Borodin’s “Polovtsian Dances,” Handel’s “Messiah”, and Mussorgsky’s “Night on Bald Mountain.”

Kroll’s accomplishments include directing the “Messiah” sing-a-long in Grants Pass with the RCC orchestra, playing in the first violin section of the Rogue Valley Symphony, and teaching strings for the Medford School District. He has a bachelor’s in performance from Arizona State University and a master’s in church music from Southwestern Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.