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Home Grown Art Exhibit celebrating the images and sounds of the place we call home

The Home Grown Art Exhibit is an expression of the creative community collaboration between the Yakima Symphony Orchestra (YSO) and Cowiche Canyon Conservancy (CCC). This partnership, now in its second season, celebrates the beauty of the arts and nature in our community. The exhibit will be open from January 11 through March 31, 2016 at Essencia Artisan Bakery, located at 4 N. Third Street in Yakima.

The Home Grown Art Exhibit features 27 diverse and beautiful works of art, all inspired by Cowiche Canyon Conservancy lands. The exhibit can be seen during regular business hours at Essencia and also during the First Friday event, February 5 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm and during the Home Grown Artist's Reception and Celebration on Friday, February 25, 6:00 – 8:30 pm. The proceeds from the sale of Home Grown art benefit the artists, YSO and CCC.

Artists whose work is featured in this exhibit are: Gary Bailey, Sara Cate, Matt Fairbank, Carol Fletcher, W.D. Frank, Elizabeth Freitag, David Hagen, Corinne M. Hines, Karen Ireland, David Lynx, Gayle Scholl, Joyce Swart and Harry D. Thompson.

The Cowiche Canyon Conservancy is a local non-profit organization protecting shrub steppe and connecting people to this vanishing landscape. CCC owns and manages 5,000 acres of land and offers 30 miles of trails for non-motorized recreation.

The YSO [non-profit est. 1971] presents a full season of 11 concerts of the highest artistic quality, offers exceptional educational programs, provides the community with extraordinary musical performances and demonstrates value as a regional cultural and economic asset. Upcoming concerts at 7:30pm at The Capitol Theatre - February 6: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is a lush, all-Mendelssohn concert and will include the incidental music to Shakespeare's comic masterpiece as well as the Violin Concerto, featuring the Mexican-American virtuoso Elena Urioste. February 27: *Home Grown* pops concert will feature two local bands, Planes on Paper and Mikey and Matty, performing their folk-rock music with the YSO. Tickets start at \$9 and are \$5 for students with ID and children: www.ysomusic.org or (509) 853-2787.