

The Sandhills Symphony orchestra will be performing a spring concert at 3 p.m. CT Sunday at the North Platte Senior High auditorium.

The 50-piece traditional style orchestra has performed in North Platte for 52 seasons.

The concert theme is "Beautiful Nebraska." In keeping with that theme, the orchestra will be playing the official Nebraska State Song "Beautiful Nebraska."

This piece had never before been arranged for orchestra. This work, arranged by the conductor, Carmen Allen, is a first for orchestra. Secretary of State John Gale will be on hand to introduce this number.

Also on the program is the "Lincoln Highway Suite" in its entirety for the first time. Composer Nolan Stolz will be in attendance. This work in a modern style was written for the recent Lincoln Highway 100th year celebration with the finale of that event held at Kearney.

"KSO Golka" is a work written for the Kearney State College Orchestra by retired Professor of Music at UNK, Ron Crocker. Professor Crocker and his wife will be in attendance.

The orchestra will play a suite from "The Plow That Broke the Plains" by Virgil Thompson.

An excerpt from "Symphony No. 2" by Composer Howard Hanson of Wahoo is on the program, along with "Memories," an arrangement by Carmen Allen.

"A Salute to the Big Bands," featuring works played by former Nebraskan Glen Miller, commemorates his life as well as music played throughout the state for many years.

The concert is free. Donations will be accepted at the door. Refreshments will be served served after the concert.

Local musicians in the orchestra are Cathy Howard, Marlea Thompson and Sherri Schoenhalz.