## Ken Grant opens new show at White Bird Gallery

CANNON BEACH — White Bird Gallery has opened a new exhibition of paintings by Oregon artist Ken Grant. The show opened Sept. 5 and runs to Oct. 18.

Grant's paintings capture unique moments in time, whether it is the reality of changing light through a window, shadows cast from lone objects in otherwise empty rooms, or surreal scenes contrived with wit and fantasy. Grant paints interiors of rooms, chairs, still life, and figurative works rendered in a refined style that resembles photo-realism.

His pieces are created from a number of model and still life studies that are composed into imaginary scenes, evoking both illusions and reality.

For his new exhibition, Grant also revisits his ongoing interest in figurative painting and surrealism. Early in his career Grant taught



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"La Mere" by Ken Grant.

life-drawing, and accuracy in rendering the human form continues to be of strength in his paintings.

His newest painting, "They Call Me Stormy," is an imaginative rendering of a mermaid that was chosen to represent the upcoming Stormy Weather Arts Festival as the festival poster. The original painting will be included in this exhibition.

A full-time painter for over 30 years, Grant has had numerous solo exhibitions during his long art career on the Oregon Coast and in Portland. With regular annual exhibitions at White Bird Gallery, Grant's work has been highly collected in the region and has be-



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"They Call Me Stormy" by Ken Grant was chosen as the poster painting for this November's Stormy Weather Arts Festival in Cannon Beach.

come nationally recognized and collected by visitors to the Pacific Northwest.

White Bird Gallery is located at 251 N. Hemlock St. For more information, call 503-436-2681.

## Holly McHone Jewelers hosts estate jewelry event

ASTORIA — Holly McHone Jewelers will host an estate jewelry event showcasing an exclusive collection of jewelry pieces from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12.

For over 15 years, The Singer Collection has been one of the largest estate event companies in the country. Singer's multi-million dollar collection consists of rings, bracelets, necklaces, brooches and more, and are fashioned in gold and platinum, sparkling with precious gemstones.

The estate jewelry collection is crafted by artisans of the Victorian, Edwardian, Art Deco, Retro, Cocktail and other illustrious bygone eras. These will be complemented with a few outstanding handpicked contemporary pieces, some that belonged to celebrities such as John Wayne, Elizabeth Taylor and Cher.

The Singer Collection is comprised of rare items from



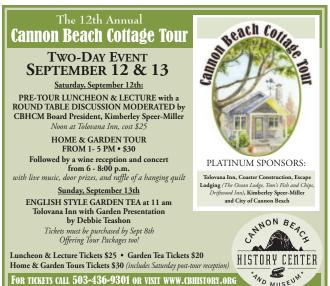
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five continents including designer pieces such as Cartier, Tiffany, Van Cleef and Arpel, and Bulgari. There will be hundreds of superbly crafted, one-of-a-kind pieces selected from private collections, banks and auctions.

Holly McHone Jewelers is located at 1150 Commercial St. You can call 503-325-8029 to make a reservation to view this impressive collection.





## North Coast Symphonic Band announces 36th season

ASTORIA — Rehearsals for the 36th season of the North Coast Symphonic Band begin this month. Dave Becker returns as conductor and musical director, and the group will present five concerts at the Liberty Theater in 2015-16.

The season opener concert will take place at 2 p.m. Oct. 25. The show is titled "Rain, Rivers, and the Sea" and will present water-themed music. Soloist on guitar will be David Drury performing "Here's that Rainy Day" arranged by Dave Robertson of Rockaway. Drury will also perform a pre-show at 1:30 p.m.

The second regular season concert is at 2 p.m. Feb. 21 and is titled "Opporknockity Tunes: Humor and Whimsy for Band." The afternoon will be full of light-hearted and fun entertainment and include vocalist Chris-Lynn Taylor of the Astor Street Opry Company's "Shanghaied in Astoria."

The third regular season concert is 2 p.m. April 17 and will



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The North Coast Symphonic Band, conducted by Dave Becker, will perform its 36th season concerts at the Liberty Theater.

feature a guest conductor.

As part of the Liberty Presents series, Becker will coordinate a holiday musical treat Dec. 19. The evening is billed as "Home for Christmas," and band will be joined by soloists and other musical groups from the community and beyond for a home-grown public Christmas celebration.

The 36th season of the NCSB

concludes with the annual free concert of patriotic music July 3 at the Liberty. The 2016 celebration of America's birthday is called "American Heroes" and will feature vocalists Andy and Rachel Becker returning for their second appearance with the band.

For more information, visit www.northcoastsymphonic-band.org, e-mail ncband@charter.net, or call 503-325-2431.

Ticket prices for adults remain at \$15 and student tickets cost \$8. For ticket purchase, visit the Liberty Theater box office.

The North Coast Symphonic Band offers local musicians of all ages the chance to network, learn from each other, and maintain their skill level in a positive and supportive environment. Most sections of the band are full with waiting lists, but there are openings for oboe, clarinet, trumpet and percussion. The band rehearses Monday evenings, and musicians interested in joining should e-mail Personnel Director Lee Stromquist at encore1@charter.net or call 503-861-1328.

Potential new members should read music, own their own instruments, and have advanced high school-level performance skills or higher.

The first rehearsal of the season will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, at the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center.