

North Coast Chorale invited to share songs of peace in Spain

Local group seeks singers, funds for summer 2017 trip to choir festival

ASTORIA — The North Coast Chorale will travel to Barcelona, Spain, next summer, and the chorale is working to recruit at least 30 singers to make the trip.

The choir has received an invitation to participate as an external group at the International Federation for Choral Music's 11th World Symposium on Choral Music, taking place July 22

to 25.

Only 24 choral groups were selected from around the world. The North Coast Chorale, although not one of the 24, was invited to participate in a special group during the first session.

"It is an incredible opportunity to represent Astoria in a world choral symposium, and the North Coast Chorale is honored to be invited," said Denise Reed, who has been the group's music director since 2006.

The theme of the 11th World Symposium on

Choral Music is "colors of peace," and the Astoria-based chorale will perform a repertoire of songs about peace at the festival.

The North Coast Chorale celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2015.

The group supports the local community in many ways. For over 10 years the chorale has co-sponsored a community "Messiah" event that raises funds for the foodbank, and the group sings by invitation with the North Coast Symphonic Band and the Astoria Music Festival.

The choir also helps

ring in the holiday season during the annual lighting of downtown Astoria holiday lights, participates annually at the Santa Lucia Festival, participated at the dedication of the Garden of Surging Waves and the Harvest Moon Festival, donate services to benefit community causes such as scholarship fundraisers, and performs at the Clatsop Retirement Village and Clatsop Care Center. The North Coast Chorale is also one of the Partners for the Clatsop Community College's Performing Arts Center.

The chorale will hold fundraising events to help offset the cost of the trip for singers.

For more information, visit northcoastchorale.org

Workshop to help writers revise and edit their work

SEASIDE — Author and teacher Deb Vanasse will teach Revise & Edit, a four-session workshop at Beach Books.

In the workshop, writers who hope to expand their publishing opportunities will practice strategies to notch up the quality of their writing. They'll gain perspective on their drafts as they revise for intention, character, structure, foreshadowing, theme and tone. They'll also practice editing for language, repetition, redundancy, clarity, authenticity and continuity.

To guide the process, workshop participants will use "The Artful Edit" by Susan Bell, available for purchase at Beach Books. Online resources will supplement weekly workshop sessions, and an individual manuscript consultation is included in the course fee of \$95.

The workshop will take place from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Oct. 27 and ending Nov. 17.

An instructor at numerous workshops and confer-



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Deb Vanasse will teach a four-week writing workshop at Beach Books in Seaside this fall.

ences, Vanasse has authored 17 books in a variety of genres. Among her most recent are "Write Your Best Book," the novel "Cold Spell" and the biography "Wealth Woman: Kate Carmack and the Klondike Race for Gold."

For more details and to register, visit www.coast-writing.org

EVENTS

OCT. 20 * 8PM

Local Country Music with

Rusty Spurs

OCT. 27 * 8PM

Bruce Thomas Smith and Friends



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