

'Flute Fandango' wants to set Guinness record

Portland Musicians Local 99 is looking for any and all flutists to help break the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest flute ensemble to ever perform.

The idea was hatched by Denise Westby, a member and past president of Local 99, as a way to have some fun while at the same time raise money for a good cause. That cause is the Music Education Assistance Project (MEAP). MEAP is the union's non-profit arm that provides grants for private lessons to financially in-need music students and performances and clinics conducted by union members.

As a longtime flutist and owner of the Flute Alliance, which organizes summer student flute camps and adult "flute vacations," Westby is aware of how large a pool of players there is to draw from.

"Everyone knows a flute player," she said. "A friend, a child, a grandparent, a teacher, a co-worker, a member

in your church ... we are everywhere."

Westby is seeking flutists (and piccolo players, too) of all levels of ability and all ages to join her Friday, Aug. 6, at Oaks Amusement Park in Portland for "Flute Fandango."

Music is being composed especially for the occasion by Phyllis Louke, president of the Greater Portland Flute Society, allowing flutists of all levels to participate. Players will receive a T-shirt commemorating the event, the fun of being part of a Guinness Book World Record, and the knowledge that with a \$25 donation they are keeping music education going for kids who might otherwise not have had that opportunity.

The world record for the largest flute ensemble is currently held by the National Flute Association with 1,989 players. Before that, it was Chinese music students with 1,976. Westby's goal is to get 2,010 players at Oaks Park.

"We want to see beginners in middle school through old pros — anyone who has ever played a flute can participate," Westby said.

For more information, or to register for Flute Fandango, go to Westby's website at www.flutealliance.com, or call Musicians Local 99 at 503-235-8791.



Sourdough bread union made

Customers from throughout Oregon's Willamette Valley regularly drive to the small town of Stayton to buy "Mike's Award Winning Sourdough" bread. "Mike" is Mike Cunial, a 21-year member of Portland-based Bakers & Grain Millers Local 114 (pictured above with co-worker Debbie Woods). Cunial began his career at the legendary Le Boulanger Bakery in the Bay Area before moving to Oregon and going to work at Roth's Fresh Market in Stayton. He brought with him a 100-year-old sourdough starter given to him by the bakery's owner. The starter is from the same dough that won the Grand Prize Award for Best Sourdough at the San Francisco Fair and Exposition three years running from 1983-85. An original sourdough starter begins from the very first dough mixed. A piece of that dough is then used to start the next new dough. From each succeeding dough another piece is saved for the next, thereby retaining the flavor of the original dough. Cunial has won several awards for his sourdough bread, including the National Retail Bakers Association award for best bread in the Northwest. "Mike's Award Winning Sourdough" bread is made only by Cunial and is available only at Roth's Fresh Market, located at 1770 Shaff Road, about 15 miles southeast of Salem.

NOLC recognition dinner June 5 will honor Shuck, Ricks

Glenn Shuck, recently retired executive director of Labor's Community Service Agency, will be honored at this year's Labor Appreciation and Recognition Night, Saturday, June 5, at Milwaukie Elks Lodge, 13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd. A no-host social hour starts at 5 p.m. with a buffet spaghetti dinner starting at 6 p.m.

Dinner tickets are \$15 per person. Raffle tickets for a variety of prizes are being sold for \$1 each or seven for \$5. The labor council is still accepting cash and prize donations for the raffle.

The dinner and awards ceremony serve as a fundraiser for Labor's Community Service Agency.

For the last couple months the labor council has been accepting nominations for persons to be recognized for their contributions to the labor community.

This year, for the first time, the labor council will present the "Del Ricks Community Service Award." Ricks served as LCSA's executive director for 17 years before suffering a heart attack in 1992 that ended his career. The award will go to a union member who has demonstrated a commitment to serving community needs through volunteer work and made extraordinary contributions toward improving the lives of others.

For more information or to order tickets, call 503-235-9444.




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