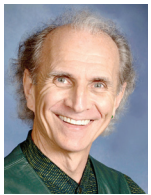


Yachats logs a pair of holiday performances

The Little Log Church and Museum in Yachats is hosting a pair of festive performances this Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7, to help fund the rebuilding of this historical landmark.

On Friday, Dec. 6, Rhodd Caldwell will perform a reading of "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas. Caldwell, a versatile actor and singer, produced and performed the reading last year to a sold-out audience in Newport in collaboration with the Newport Symphony Orchestra. The reading will be accompanied with screen projections of illustrations from the book by Caldecott Medal winner Trina Schart Hyman.



Rhodd Caldwell



Cameron O'Connor

Caldwell has had an extensive association with regional theaters for nearly 50 years as an actor, singer and dancer, creating widely divergent roles in theater, musical theater and opera. Some favorites have included award-winning turns as Salieri in "Amadeus" and Harold in "The Boys in the Band," Cogsworth in "Beauty and the Beast," Cervantes in "Man of La Mancha," Higgins in "My Fair Lady" and Harold Hill in "The Music Man." He was featured as the Seal in a collaborative premiere of "Zoopera: the Enchanted Garden" from the Cleveland Opera and The Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

Caldwell's reading will run from 7 to 8 pm at the Little Log Church and Museum, located at 328 W 3rd Street.

And on Saturday, Dec. 7, also from 7 to 8 pm, the church will host a performance by classical guitarist Cameron O'Connor of Eugene. O'Connor has gained international recognition as a musician and composer, and has been a prizewinner in 10 international competitions. He now serves on the faculty of Oregon State University.

Admission to both events is \$20 per person, or \$10 for kids aged 12 and under.



Savor the sweet sound of Christmas

The Oregon Coast Sweet Adelines will share the joy of Christmas on Thursday, Dec. 12, with a festive performance at the American Legion in Newport.

The performance, featuring both both traditional and contemporary songs, will start at 7 pm at 424 W Olive Street. Refreshments will be served and donations would be appreciated.

In addition to this performance, the Sweet Adelines will be singing at the Yachats Ladies Club on Friday, Dec. 13, after the service in the Little Log Church at about 7 pm.

The Oregon Coast Sweet Adelines are a part of an International organization that includes education and performance of music without instrumental

accompaniment. The Oregon Coast chorus is under the direction of Paula Dahl. Girls 14 and older and women are always welcome to visit and sing with the group. They will be meeting weekly beginning on Thursday, Jan. 9, at the American Legion. Participants do not have to read music in order to sing in the group. Learning CDs are provided.

Poppin and listen

The Newport Youth Symphony on the Oregon Coast will present its annual Winter concert on Monday, Dec. 9, performing seasonal classics alongside "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" from "Mary Poppins."

The concert will open with a rendition of "The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" from the opera "Solomon" by G. F. Handel, performed by a small ensemble of students from the youth symphony.

Other pieces to be performed include the tongue-twisting "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" as well as "Ashoken Farewell" and Mozart's 27th Symphony.

Co-directors of the orchestra Barbara Wilcox and Kathy Follett will preside. Mindy Simon leads the Family Strings ensemble, which the symphony created to offer music lessons to students at Sam Case Elementary School.

Monday's concert will start at 7 pm at the Newport First Presbyterian Church, 227 NE 12th Street.

The concert is free and open to the public, although donations are welcome. For more information, contact Kathy Follett at 503-201-3408 or follettkj@gmail.com.

