

the arts



Photo by Brian Snook

Ventriloquist Mike Drummer performed last Wednesday evening, April 7, in the Community Center Mall during a benefit performance for the Clackamas County Repertory Theatre. Drummer is a sixth-grade at Parkplace Grade School in Oregon City.

Repertory theater group lose regionals gain experience

Hard work pays off, but unfortunately for the Clackamas County Repertory Theatre (CCRT) hard work did not achieve the desired goal.

Saturday, April 9, CCRT traveled to Bremerton, Washington to present "Spoon River Anthology" in the Festival of American Community Theatre Association regional competition.

CCRT competed against Walla Walla Community Theatre from Washington, Kodiak Community Theatre from Alaska, and Jack Lanz from California judged the competition.

Walla Walla Community Theatre won the competition and will enter the national competition in Spokane in June and perhaps go on to international competition in Morocco in August.

"It's been an interesting experience, one that we've all learned and grown from," said Roby Robinson, director of CCRT. "We raised the bar for the Festival of American Community Theatre."

The entire cast of "Spoon River Anthology" traveled to Washington on money raised by a benefit performance held at Clackamas Community College Wednesday, April 7, and donations from local individuals and organizations.

"The benefit performance went very well," said Robinson. "We raised the money we needed to travel to Bremerton."

"The cast performed exceedingly well," he said.

Hopefully CCRT will participate in next year's competition and display their growth and improvement.

Jazz Ensemble kicks off music schedule

The Clackamas Community College Jazz Ensemble will be playing April 15 at noon in the Community Center Mall to kick off an active spring term. Concerts and music competitions will highlight most of the term's activities, according to LeRoy Anderson, music department chairman.

The Jazz Combo will perform April 15 at noon and 9:30 p.m. at the Job Skill Olympics. The Jazz Ensemble will also be playing April 16 for the olympics in Randall Gym.

Silverton High School will receive a performance by the CCC Concert Band on April 21.

The Swing Choir will be performing April 26 in the Community Center Mall. They will be conducted by Harry Gillgam.

The CCC Concert Band will perform with the Lutheran Choir Society, a combination of choirs from different Lutheran churches. The concert will be Sunday, April 24,

at the Memorial Coliseum in Portland at 3 p.m.

The Stage Band will leave April 28 for Berkeley, California, to compete at the University of California in the Pacific Coast Collegiate Jazz Festival April 30. They will be holding concerts at high schools and colleges along the way. The band will return May 1.

A mini-concert in the CC Mall will be given at noon by the Concert Band Tuesday, May 5.

The Tri-City concert will be May 3 at CCC in the Randall Gym at 8 p.m. Oregon City High School, West Linn High School and Gladstone High School will be performing along with CCC's Concert Band. A mass finale will be conducted by Gary Nelson, CCC music instructor.

The Swing Choir and the Jazz Ensemble are giving a concert on May 4 in the CC

Mall at 8 p.m. Another concert is scheduled for June 1.

The Portland Brass Society Concert will be May 7 at the First Congregational Church in Portland. Brass groups from the following schools will be performing: CCC, Multnomah Community College, Lewis and Clark College, Portland State University, and Portland Junior Symphony. There will be clinics in the morning, rehearsal in the afternoon and the concert in the evening. A mass number will be conducted by Vladimir Avshatomov, conductor and musical director of the Portland Junior Symphony Orchestra.

The CCC Chamber Choir will be performing May 12 in the CC Mall at noon. They will be led by Dan Hoggatt, CCC music instructor.

The Spring Concert will be June 5 at the CC Mall at 3 p.m. The Symphonic Band, the Concert Choir and the Community Choir will be performing.

