

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



Venezuelan singer-songwriter Irene Farrera started playing the *cuatro*, a small, four-string guitar, when she was 9 years old. “I never put it down,” Farrera says. “I just loved to play and sing and I never really stopped even when I went to college and did other things; I always traveled with my guitar.” Although Farrera grew up in Venezuela, and currently resides there, she lived in Oregon for over two decades and still calls it her second home. It was in Ashland, when Farrera was attending Southern Oregon University, where her musical career began to bloom. “Ashland was a college town, so I could just walk down to the club with my guitar,” Farrera says. “I had a packed house on the first day.” From there, Farrera began regularly playing shows in Eugene, becoming a favorite at the Eugene Celebration, and touring nationally, as well. Regardless of where she was living or traveling, Farrera’s Latin heritage was always the backbone of her music. “I’m still very much influenced by the Flamenco style of Spain and the Brazilian Bossa Nova,” Farrera says. As a 4-year-old, Farrera says, she idolized Venezuelan singer Felipe Pirela, a romantic big band singer, and that underlying passionate and heart-wrenching style is also present in her songs through her own deep, crooning vocals. No matter the specific regional style she’s performing, as Farrera strums rhythmically on her *cuatro*, she creates her own sense of home, wherever she is.

Although she says she’s “retired” from music, Irene Farrera is returning to Oregon this week. Catch her 7 pm on Sunday, June 25, at Temple Beth Israel (1175 E. 29th Avenue) Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. — *Meerah Powell*

## THURSDAY JUNE 22

SUNRISE 5:29AM; SUNSET 8:59PM  
AVG. HIGH 75; AVG. LOW 49

**ART/CRAFT** Paint Party “Starry Night,” all supplies & step-by-step instructions included, beginners welcome, 6-8:30pm, Starlight Lounge, 850 Olive St., register at [thirst2create.com](http://thirst2create.com). \$35.

Wine & Watercolors, 6-8pm, Noble Estate Urban, 560 Commercial St., 541-338-3007. \$30.

**FARMERS MARKETS** Amazon Farmers Market, noon-4pm, Amazon Community Ctr., 2700 Hilyard St. FREE.

FOOD for Lane County Youth Farm Produce Stand at Riverbend, 2-6pm, 3333 Riverbend Dr., [foodforlanecounty.org/gardens](http://foodforlanecounty.org/gardens). FREE.

South Valley Farmers Market, 4-7pm today & Thursday, June 29, 7th & Main St., Cottage Grove. [SVFarmersOnMain@gmail.com](mailto:SVFarmersOnMain@gmail.com). FREE.

**GATHERINGS** Car Wash for Relief Nursery, 10am-4pm, Off Kilter Koffee, 700 S. A St., Spfd. don. Legislative Committee, 10:30am-noon, Public Service Bldg., BCC Conference rm., 125 E. 8th Ave. FREE.

Downtown Public Speakers Toastmasters Club, drop-ins welcome, noon-1:05pm today & Thursday, June 29, Les Lyle Conference rm., 4th fl. Wells Fargo Bldg., 99 E. Broadway Ave., 541-485-1182. FREE.

NAMI Connection Support Group for people w/mental health issues, 1-2:30pm today & Thursday, June 29, 2411 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. FREE.

Equity & Access Advisory Board Inclusion Task Team, 1:30-3pm, Health & Human Services Charnelton Bldg., conference rm. #525, 125 E. 8th Ave. FREE.

Mindfulness Group, 4-5pm, NAMI Resource Ctr., 2411 Martin Luther King Blvd., 541-520-3096. FREE.

Ubuntu Contributionism Meetup, 6:30pm today & Thursday, June 29, Market of Choice, 67 W. 29th Ave., 541-285-7329. FREE.

Emerald Photographic Society Club Meeting, 6:45pm today & Thursday June 29, Northwood Christian Church, 2425 Harvest Ln., Spfd. FREE.

Home Grown Community Radio Forming KEPW-FM, 7pm, today & Thursday, June 29, Growers Market, 454 Willamette St., 541-343-8548. FREE.

**HEALTH** Gentle Exercise for Wellness, ages 50+, 9 & 10am

today, Tuesday & Thursday, June 29, Willamalane Adult Activity Ctr., 215 W. C St., Spfd. \$7-\$9.

Intro to Weight Training, ages 18+, 10am today, Tuesday & Thursday, June 29, Bob Keefer Ctr., 251 S. 32nd St., Spfd. \$7-\$9.

Stress & Anxiety Relief Group Acupuncture, 10-11:30am today & Thursday, June 29, Trauma Healing Project, 2222 Coburg Rd., 541-687-9447. \$10.

Tai Chi: Level 1, ages 50+, 11am today, Tuesday & Thursday, June 29, Willamalane Adult Activity Ctr., 215 W. C St., Spfd. \$7-\$9.

Tai Chi: Level 2, noon-1pm today & Thursday, June 29, ages 50+, Willamalane Adult Activity Ctr., 215 W. C St., Spfd. \$7-\$9.

Zumba Gold, ages 50+, today body experience w/fun dance movements, 1:30pm, Willamalane Adult Activity Ctr., 215 W. C St., Spfd. \$7-\$9.

Cycle, ages 14+, indoor cycling to music for aerobic training, 4:45-5:30pm today, Tuesday & Thursday, June 29, first come, first serve, Bob Keefer Ctr., 250 S. 32nd St., Spfd. \$7-\$9.

Nia Fusion Fitness, ages 18+, non-impact, aerobic exercise, 5:30pm today, Tuesday & Thursday, June 29, Willamalane Adult Activity Ctr., 215 W. C St., Spfd. \$7-\$9.

**LECTURES/CLASSES** Harmony: Community Centered Martial Arts, open practice, 10am today & Thursday, June 29, Monroe Park, Monroe St. & W. 10th Ave. FREE.

Gentle Yoga, tailored for those experience chronic pain or limited range of motion, noon, Stellaria Bldg., community rm., 2nd fl., 150 Shelton McMurphey Blvd. \$10 sug. don.

Talks at the MNCH, 2pm today through Sunday, Tuesday through Thursday, June 29, Museum of Natural & Cultural History, 1680 E. 15th Ave., [natural-history.uoregon.edu](http://natural-history.uoregon.edu). FREE w/price of museum admission.

Make a Bike Light, 3pm, Sheldon Branch Library, 1566 Coburg Rd. FREE.

DanceAbility Class, creative movement for youth 4pm, adults 5pm, today & Thursday, June 29, all abilities & disabilities, Hilyard Community Ctr., 2580 Hilyard St., 541-357-4982. don.

Makeup Designs Series: Contouring, ages 14+, use makeup, tools & techniques, 6-8:30pm, Willamalane Adult Activity Ctr., 215 W. C St., Spfd. \$15-\$18.

Nonprofits: Share info & resources, nonprofit board members get together for conversation, 6pm, downtown library, 541-682-5450. FREE.

Massage Techniques, ages 18+, learn basic Swedish massage techniques, 6:30-8:30pm today & Thursday, June 29, Bob Keefer Ctr., 250 S. 32nd St., Spfd. \$12-\$14.

Putting Rights of Nature into Practice, Community Rights Lane County presents UO

professor Craig Kauffman, 7pm, Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High St. FREE.

**LITERARY ARTS** Summer Reading Signups Open, register for Summer Reading program, all ages, 10am, Spfd Public Library, 225 5th St. FREE.

**KIDS/FAMILIES** Wonderful Ones Storytime, 1-year-olds w/caregivers, 10:15am & 11am today & Thursday, June 29, downtown library, 541-682-8316. FREE.

**ON THE AIR** “The Point,” current local issues, arts, stories, 9-9:30am, today, tomorrow & Monday through Thursday, June 29, KPOV 88.9FM.

“Arts Journal,” current local arts, 9-10pm today & Thursday, June 29, Comcast channel 29.

“Joni Mitchell Jazz Summer Solstice Radio Special,” 9pm-midnight, KLCC 89.7 FM, [klcc.org](http://klcc.org).

Thursday Night Jazz w/David Gizara, 10pm today & Thursday, June 29, KLCC 89.7FM.

**OUTDOORS/RECREATION** Pool Hall for seniors, 8:30am-4:30pm today, tomorrow & Monday through Thursday, June 29, Campbell Community Ctr., 155 High St. \$0.25.

Blazing Paddles, table tennis club, 9:30-11:30am today & Thursday, June 29, 6-8pm Friday & Wednesday, 9am-noon Saturday & 2-4pm Sunday, Bob Keefer Sports Ctr., 250 S. 32nd St., Spfd. \$5, mention this listing & first time FREE.

Lunchtime Running Group, 3-4 miles, 12:15-12:45pm today & Thursday, June 29, Tap & Growler, 207 E. 5th Ave. FREE.

Duplicate Bridge, 1pm today, Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday, June 29; 9:30am Monday; 6:30pm Wednesday, Emerald Bridge Club, 1782 Centennial Blvd., Spfd. \$8.

Centennial chess club, 5-8pm today, Friday, Saturday & Thursday, June 29, Centennial Market, 651 W. Centennial Blvd., Spfd. RSVP 541-912-9061. FREE.

Cribbage Tournament, 5:30-7:30pm today & Thursday, June 29, Max’s Tavern, 550 E. 13th Ave. \$2.

Tai Chi, 5:30-6:30pm today & Thursday, June 29, Willamalane Adult Activity Ctr., 215 W. C St., Spfd. FREE drop in.

Board Game Night, 6-11pm today, Tuesday & Thursday, June 29, Funagain Games, 1280 Willamette St. FREE.

Adult intro to ki-ai-kido, 7pm Today, Monday & Thursday, June 29, OKS, 1071 W. 7th. FREE.

WDYK Trivia w/Haley, 7pm today & Thursday, June 29, Sidelines, 77 W. Broadway. FREE.

WDYK Trivia w/Brady, 7pm today & Thursday, June 29, Brew & Cue, 2222 State Hwy. 99 N. FREE.

WDYK Trivia w/Zach, 7pm today & Thursday, June 29, Gridiron Grill & Taphouse, 2816 Main St., Spfd. FREE.

Quizzo Pub Trivia w/Dr. Seven Phoenix, 9pm, Level Up, 1290 Oak St. FREE.

WDYK Trivia w/Kevin, 9pm today & Thursday, June 29, Side Bar, 1680 Coburg Rd., #108. FREE.

**SOCIAL DANCE** Line Dance Lessons, 6-8pm today & Thursday, June 29, The Blind Pig Bar, 2750 Roosevelt Blvd. FREE.

Crossroads Blues Fusion, blues dancing lessons 7pm today &

Thursday, June 29, open dance 8:30-11:30pm, Vet’s Club, 1620 Willamette St. \$6-\$10, first time FREE.

English & Scottish Country Dancing, 7pm today & Thursday, June 29, Vet’s Club, 1620 Willamette St. \$7, first time FREE.

Music & Dance Workshops w/ Taller de Son Jarocho, 7-9pm today & Thursday, June 29, American Legion Hall, 344 8th St., Spfd. FREE.

Fall Dance Sampler Series, Tango, 7:30pm, In Shape Athletic Club, 2681 Willamette St. \$10.

**SPIRITUAL** Zen Meditation Group, 7-8am today & Thursday, June 29, Blue Cliff Zen Ctr., 439 W. 2nd Ave. FREE.

Insight Meditation, 6:30-8pm today & Thursday, June 29, Eugene Yoga Annex, 3575 Donald St. Don.

Refuge Recovery, 7-8:30pm today & Thursday, June 29, Unitarian Universalist, 1685 W. 13th Ave., rm. 6. FREE.

Zen Meditation, 7-8:45pm today & Thursday, June 29, Zen West, 981 Fillmore St., [zenwesteugene@gmail.com](mailto:zenwesteugene@gmail.com). FREE.

**THEATER** No Shame Workshop: Short-form theatre & improv! 7:30pm, Atrium Building, 99 W. 10th Ave. FREE.

*Perfect Wedding*, 7:30pm today, Friday & Saturday, Very Little Theatre, 2350 Hilyard St. \$12-\$19.

*The Importance of Being Earnest*, 8pm today, Friday, Saturday & 2:30pm Sunday, Cottage Theatre, 700 Village Dr., Cottage Grove. \$15-\$25.

**VOLUNTEER** Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah Native Plant Volunteer Work Party, 9am-noon today, Tuesday & Thursday, June 29, Native Plant Nursery, Buford Park, [volunteer@bufordpark.com](mailto:volunteer@bufordpark.com), 541-344-8350. FREE.

## FRIDAY

JUNE 23  
SUNRISE 5:30AM; SUNSET 8:59PM  
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**FILM** “Flatball Film - A History of Ultimate,” movie screening, 7:30pm, South Eugene H.S. auditorium. FREE.

**FOOD/DRINK** Food Truck Friday, portion of proceeds to American Cancer Society, ft. The Elegant Elephant Baking Co., Tacos de mi Padre, Sammitch Food Trucks & Kamikaze Kart, brought to you by Oregon Eye Consultants Relay for Life Team, 11am-2pm, 3783 International Ct., Spfd. FREE.

Wine & Music, 4-10pm, Noble Estate Urban, 560 Commercial St. FREE.

Wine Tasting, 6-9pm, Sweet Cheeks Winery, 27007 Briggs Hill Rd. FREE.

**GATHERINGS** Yawn Patrol Toastmasters, 6-7:45am, LCC Downtown Ctr., 110 W. 10th Ave. FREE.

The Black Sheep Gathering 2017, 9am-6pm today, 9am-5pm tomorrow, 9am-4pm Sunday, Lane Events Ctr., [blacksheepgathering.org](http://blacksheepgathering.org). FREE.

Forum: National Popular Vote Contract, Who You Vote Is Who You Get! noon-1pm, UO Baker Ctr., 975 High St. FREE.

Nar-Anon Meeting, 12:30pm, Spfd. Lutheran Church, 1542 I St., Spfd. FREE.