

# what's happening



Photo by Ari Denison

The storyline and characters are well known. There is the “Party Scene,” “The Transformation,” “The Battle Scene” and the “Snow Scene.” And that’s just Act I. In your mind’s eye, from your seat inside the Hult Center’s Silva Concert Hall, you might anticipate every move of Clara, the Prince, the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Mouse King with his mischievous army of mice. Add to it the mesmerizing music of Pyotr Tchaikovsky, as performed live by OrchestraNext, and *The Nutcracker* is a wonderful family-oriented event. Eugene Ballet brings the story to life starting Dec. 21. Is it all a Christmas Eve dream? Are there really dancing characters such as Spanish Chocolate, Arabian Coffee, Chinese Tea and French Marzipan? Let your imagination roam and the magic take you for a ride at any of Eugene Ballet’s seven performances.

*Eugene Ballet’s production of The Nutcracker is 7:30pm Dec. 21, Dec. 22, Dec. 23 and Dec. 26. Matinee performances are 2pm Dec. 23, Dec. 24 and Dec. 26. All performances are at the Hult Center’s Silva Concert Hall. Tickets are \$15 to \$65. — Dan Buckwalter*

## THURSDAY DECEMBER 21

### ART/CRAFT

Expression Through Art, 4:30-5:30pm, Trauma Healing Project, 631 E. 19th Ave., Bldg. B. \$15 sliding scale.

Create Zines, 5pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library. FREE.

### CIVICS

Ln. County Finance & Audit Meeting, 1:30-3pm, Board of Commissioners’ Conference Rm., Public Service Bldg., 125 E. 8th Ave.

Human Rights Commission Homeless Person’s Remembrance Day Vigil, 5pm, Downtown Eugene Park Blocks, 8th Ave. & Oak St.

LCOG Board of Directors Meeting, 6-8pm, Ln. Council of Governments, Park Place Bldg., Buford Rm., 859 Willamette St., Ste. 500.

### COMEDY

Wild Ones: Comedy Open Mic, 8pm today & Thu., Dec.

28, WildCraft Cider Works, 232 Lincoln St. FREE.

### DANCE

Fermata Ballet Collective: *Winter Series*, 5-7pm today & Fri., Dec. 22, Xcape Dance Academy, 1645 Oak St. \$17-100.

Eugene Ballet’s *The Nutcracker*, 7:30pm today & Fri., Dec. 22, Silva Concert Hall, Hult Ctr. \$15-65.

### FILM

*Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked The World* Documentary, 6:30-8:30pm, Art House, 492 E. 13th Ave. \$9-12.

### GATHERINGS

Hearing Voices & Different Realities Discussion & Support Group, 10-11:30am, Trauma Healing Project, 631 E. 19th Ave., Bldg. B. FREE.

Flourish Networking Eugene, 1-2:30pm, Oregon Wine LAB, 488 Lincoln St. \$30 per month.

Grief & Bereavement Support Group, 1:30-3pm today & Thu., Dec. 28, Ctr. for Spiritual Living, 390

Vernal St. More info email: karunasams120882@gmail.com.

Retired Senior Providers of Ln. County: Bags of Love — Helping Children in Crisis, 2pm, Sheldon Oaks Retirement, 2525 Cal Young Rd. FREE.

National Homeless Persons Memorial Day, 4-6pm, Monroe Park, W. 10th Ave. & Monroe St. FREE.

Winter Solstice Sacred Fire Ceremony, 5:30-8pm, FM Wilkins Shelter at Hendricks Park, Summit Ave. & Skyline Blvd. \$30.

Citizens’ Climate Lobby Meeting, 5:45-7pm, link at CitizensClimateLobby.org. FREE.

NAACP Ln. County December Membership Meeting, 6pm, link at NAACPLaneCounty.org. FREE.

Queer, Trans & Disability Group, 6-7pm today & Thu., Dec. 28. Email Info@Transponder.Community for link. FREE.

Codependents Anonymous (CoDA) Meeting, 7-8pm today & Thu., Dec. 28, Wellsprings Friends School, 3590 W. 18th Ave. FREE.

### HOLIDAY

A Very Jerry Christmas, 6pm, 255 Madison St. \$6. Build a Winter Holiday Story, 6-8pm, Wordcrafters, 438 Charnelton St., Ste. 102. \$52.

### KIDS/FAMILY

LEGO, 10am-5pm, Bethel Branch of Eugene Public Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd. FREE.

STEAM Stories: Robots, 4pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library. FREE.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Parenting Teens Seminar, 6-8pm. Online at TripleP.net.

### MUSIC

Open Blues Jam w/ Dave Roberts, 6pm today & Thu., Dec. 28, Jimmy Mac’s Overtime Bar & Grill, 770 S. Bertelsen Rd. N/C.

Gerry Rempel Trio, instrumental-jazz-variety,

6:30pm, The Public House, 418 A St., Spfd. N/C.

Ghost Of Brian Craig, acoustic-rock, 7pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. N/C.

Whirly Bop, blues-pop-rock, 7pm, Mac’s Restaurant & Nightclub, 1626 Willamette. N/C.

Caleb Davis Quartet w/ Idit Shner, Robert Lassila & Evan Furrow, 7:30pm, The Jazz Station, 124 W. Broadway. \$20.

*Elf the Musical*, 7:30pm today, Fri., Dec. 22 & Sat., Dec. 23, Cottage Theatre, 700 Village Dr., Cottage Grove. \$15-27.

Grateful Dead Jam, 8pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive Street. \$5.

John Bellows & Asher Fay, acoustic-folk, 8pm, Sam Bond’s, 407 Blair Blvd. \$5. Funk Jam!, 9:30pm today & Thu., Dec. 28, Luckey’s Club, 933 Olive St. N/C.

### NIGHTLIFE

Beginners Board Game Night, 5pm today & Thu.,

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