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Donations sought for all-male choir festival

Male Ensemble Northwest is seeking donations to cover the cost of an all-day camp for male Salem-Keizer School District students interested in singing.

MEN traditionally presents four major festivals during the school year across the Pacific Northwest and McNary High School will be hosting the event this year on Saturday, Oct. 17. Jim Taylor, director of choirs at McNary, is part of the MEN group.

The goal is to offer the camp free to all participants' and the MEN organization has already raised \$3,500 of the \$7,500 cost through booster organizations at area high and middle schools. MEN is now seeking outside donations to cover the costs of music for each singer, a festival T-shirt and lunch for all participants.

All music provided will become part of the participants school music library after the festival.

All contributions are tax deductible through the McNary Fine Arts Boosters, a 501c3 entity, and the host organization for the MEN Sing! A Festival of Song for Salem-

Keizer Boys and Young Men. Contributions can be sent to McNary Fine Arts Boosters, Note: MEN Sing! S-K 2015, PO Box 21832, Keizer, OR 97307. Contributions via charge and debit cards can be made by contacting Leah Garro at 503-551-7392 or e-mail, mcnaryfinearts@gmail.com

All donors will receive complimentary seats to the Festival Concert featuring the Festival Chorus and MEN from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 17, in the Ken Collins Theater on the campus of McNary High School.

If unable to donate, but interested in attending the event, visit the McNary main office the week of Oct. 12 through 16, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., to purchase seats for the concert. Tickets are \$7 for preferred seating and \$5 for general seating.

If MEN is fortunate enough to surpass its fundraising goal of \$7,500, the first order of business is to reimburse the Title I schools for their travel so that their budget for other choral opportunities is not impinged upon.

Bonded by uncertainty

Homegrown stages *Doubt: A Parable*

By **ERIC A. HOWALD**
Of the Keizertimes

If you leave the theater after a performance of Keizer Homegrown Theatre's *Doubt: A Parable* uncertain of which characters you believed, then the cast and director have done their job.

"I want people to have the conversation that they have when they watch *Law & Order* and don't hear the verdict. Those drive me crazy, but this world is so full of courtroom criticism and we convict people long before anyone sees trial," said Lorian Schmidt, the play's director.

The play opens Friday, Oct. 9 and continues with 7 p.m. performances Oct. 10 and 15-17. Sunday matinees, at 2 p.m., are scheduled Oct. 11 and 18. All performances are at Chemeketa Community College's Auditorium in Building 6 at 4000 Lancaster Drive N.E. Tickets are \$12 and available at www.brownpapertickets.com.

If you don't relish the opportunity to live in the gray area of uncertainty, then maybe you'll be enticed by seeing KHT founder, and former McNary High School drama director, Linda Baker in her first onstage role in more than a decade.

"I saw the show in New York and it took my breath away," said Baker. "I was charmed and astounded and the whole play resonated. I've taught it in class and I've always wanted to be part of a production."

Doubt was written by John Patrick Shanley and tells the tale of Sister Aloysius, a Bronx school principal in the mid-



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Jeffrey Watson, as Father Flynn, preaches from the pulpit during dress rehearsals for Keizer Homegrown Theatre's production of *Doubt: A Parable*.

1960s, who takes matters into her own hands when she suspects the young Father Flynn of improper relations with one of the male students. The tale is told through the points of view of just four characters: Baker's Sister Aloysius, Jeffrey Watson's Father Flynn, Amanda Watson's Sister James and Claire Clubb's Mrs. Muller, the mother of the young boy in question.

Throughout the play, which runs about 90 minutes without an intermission, audience members are called upon to reinterpret everything that has gone before leading up to a final admission by one of the principal characters.

Jeffrey said the uncertainty in the script lined up nicely with his view of the world.

"It takes courage to ad-

mit you don't know something when being certain is so valued in our society and popular culture. It's a natural tendency to make snap judgements and we trust ourselves to make sound decisions. I like anything that can call that into question," he said.

Amanda said she entered into the script with one interpretation, but came to an entirely different one once rehearsals began.

"It's been a lot of fun because I can connect with Sister James's desire to please other people. At my own expense, I will do something to gain someone else's approval and she will do the same thing and it gets her into a tough spot," Amanda said.

Clubb said her role is one that's been on her list to play

even though the opportunity to do so arrived sooner than she'd expected in life. She said it was also nice to find a local role for a person of color.

"She's a bit older than me in the script, but she's a mother and I'm a mother. She's a black woman in the mid-1960s and probably one of the most powerless characters in the show, yet she's trying to advocate for her son and to help him find a future even if it's at a really high cost. Anytime there is a character with that much at risk, it's a good one to play."

Despite the seriousness that accompanies the subject matter, Jeffrey said he was excited to see if the cast could live up to its own high expectations.

"If we do it right, it's a Rorschach test," he said.

Fall festival Saturday

The Claggett Creek Middle School fall festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Keizer's Got Talent talent show is scheduled for noon

and will feature kids and adults.

Admission to the event, which is a fundraiser for the CCMS PTA, is free. Games prizes, vendors, food and a raffle are all planned.

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