

Liberty Theater to host Rising Stars in an evening of music

ASTORIA — Portland Piano International launched its Rising Stars program in January with four recitals around the state by Rachel Kudo. It continues in March with free, one-hour performances by Viktor Valkov. In a program that includes Beethoven, Froberger, Wagner, Nenov and Bartok, Valkov will perform (no ticket needed) at the Liberty Theater at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 19. There will be a brief break after the recital and then the Third Thursday Comedy Series begins with Irish comedian George Casey at 7:30 p.m. (tickets for the comedy show are available through the Liberty box office).

Valkov is currently pursuing his doctorate at Rice University, studying with Jon Kimura Parker. Born in Bulgaria, Valkov began his studies at the State Music Academy in Sofia and continued in Essen, Germany. He has a master's degree from Juilliard, where he studied with Jerome Lowenthal and Matti Raekallio. He won the 2012 New Orleans International Piano Competition and has toured the U.S. and internationally.

An extension of PPI's existing educational outreach pro-

grams, Rising Stars represents several firsts for PPI in addition to free performance opportunities for music-lovers. With Rising Stars, PPI brings talented young pianists, not yet fully embarked on professional careers, to small venues across the state, producing recitals outside Portland for the first time in PPI's 37-year history. The family-friendly recitals offer a new way to welcome audiences to the classical piano experience: They are free, short, and conversational. After the recital, audience and performer can engage in question and answers about the overall program and individual pieces.

Rising Stars will expand in the fall to include collaborations with the Oregon composers selected to participate in PPI's Commissioning Project. The Commissioning Project, awarded a \$90,000 Creative Heights grant from the Fred Fields Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation, supports the composition of new solo works for classical piano. Each commissioned composer will be paired with a Rising Star to develop the work, which will then receive its world premiere in a Rising Stars



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Pianist Viktor Valkov will perform works by Beethoven, Froberger, Wagner, Nenov and Bartok at 6 p.m. March 19 at the Liberty Theater.

recital. Composers selected for the Commissioning Project will be announced this spring.

Portland Piano International is dedicated to presenting the finest pianists in the world in recital settings and to enriching and educating the community through outreach activities. PPI's 2014-15 season sponsor is Noam Ben-Hamou. Additional funders and sponsors include the Regional Arts & Culture Council, Work for Art, James F. and Marion Miller Foundation, Oregon Community Foundation, Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund, Oregon Arts Commission, National Endowment for the Arts, Oregon Cultural Trust, Portland Piano Company, Higgins Restaurant, Portland State University and All Classical Media.

Peninsula Quilt Guild celebrates 20 years Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum hosts three-day show

ILWACO, Wash. — The 20th annual "Quilting at the Beach" Peninsula Quilt Guild Exhibition will take place Friday to Sunday, March 20 to 22 at the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum, located at 115 S.E. Lake St.

With more than 100 quilts on display in three separate galleries, the show exhibits work from some of the area's most talented fabric artists, all members of the Peninsula Quilt Guild.

The guild started in 1995 with veteran quilt maker Pat Gibson and 10-year quilter Ethel Boler, culminating in the first quilt show at the museum, which showcased about 30 quilts by 17 women. Today, the Peninsula Quilt Guild has 67 members from Washington, Oregon and California.

The quilts displayed will be as varied as the quilters themselves done in many different styles, from art to scrappy and both machine and hand quilted. Various quilting demonstrations, such as paper piecing, hand quilting, appliqué and more will take place through-



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Quilt Show attendees can purchase \$1 raffle tickets with the chance to win "Beach Cabins," the Amish-style quilt on display here.

out the three-day event.

Each year guild members participate in constructing

a Prize Quilt to be raffled off during the exhibition. This year's quilt is done in an Amish style and titled "Beach Cabins." Tickets for the raffle will be available throughout the show for \$1 per ticket. The drawing will be held Sunday afternoon; it is not necessary to be present to win. Proceeds from the ticket sales will go to various charitable organizations on the peninsula and in Pacific County.

Admission to the Quilt Show is free. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Partners for the PAC hosts a Girls Night Out Watch Audrey Hepburn, Cary Grant in 1963 thriller 'Charade'

ASTORIA — Lookout ladies, it's Partners for the PAC's Girls Night Out. On Thursday, March 19, you'll want to get yourselves over to the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center for an entertaining evening designed expressly with you in mind. A night of fashion and fun is yours for the price of \$10 at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m.

First, there'll be a showing of the 1963 classic film "Charade." Then, you'll sip bubbly and eat chocolate during intermission. Be sure and get glamorous before you arrive too; there are prizes for "best ensemble" in the audience. So, dust off those tiaras, get out the evening gloves.

This will be your night to shine.

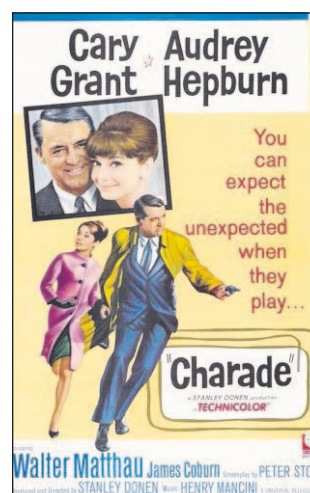
At 7:30 p.m., "Charade" will cast its spell on the big screen. "Charade" is a classic cat-and-mouse thriller and romantic comedy all-in-one from director Stanley Donen. Audrey Hepburn stars as widow Regina Lampert, who spends most of the movie looking for money her character's late husband filched and romancing Cary Grant who, as Peter Joshua, is a distinctly suspicious character however devastatingly handsome he might be.

A cadre of miscreants remains on their trail, looking for the money as well — played by popular actors George Kennedy,

James Coburn and other familiar faces from the 1960s. The redoubtable Walter Matthieu has a small, but key, role as a private investigator.

The action moves from one gorgeous location to another—from a ski lodge in the Alps in Haute-Savoie, France and the glittering streets of Paris at night, to an outdoor Punch and Judy puppet show in the Jardins des Champs Elysees and many other famous locations in the legendary City of Light.

Proceeds from this event will go to the continued operation of the PAC facility as a venue for affordable public arts and



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Watch Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn in "Charade" during the Partners for the PAC's Girls Night Out.

educational offerings. For more information visit www.support-thepac.org

