

Quarterflash kicks off summer in Astoria

Portland rockers to perform at the historic Liberty Theater on May 22

ASTORIA — See Quarterflash in concert Memorial Day weekend at 7 p.m. Friday, May 22 at the historic Liberty Theater.

Portland's gold- and platinum-selling band will start off the summer on the coast.

Quarterflash will play the biggest songs from its four Geffen Records releases, including "Harden My Heart," "Find Another Fool," "Take Me to Heart" and "Williams Avenue."

Quarterflash toured the country in the 1980s playing with Elton John and Linda

Ronstadt. The group crossed into soundtracks when it recorded the theme song for the movie "Nightshift," starring Henry Winkler and Michael Keaton.

Tickets are \$22, \$27 and \$35. They can be purchased at Ticketswest.com and at the Liberty Theater box office. The box office is open from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

The concert is presented by KCRX 102.3 FM, Clammy 99.7 FM, Northwest Toyota Dealers and Lum's Auto Center.



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Portland band Quarterflash will perform May 22 at the Liberty Theater.

Historic Wurlitzer organ takes center stage for special concert

Jeff Fox to accompany silent film 'The General' May 24 at the Raymond Theatre

RAYMOND, Wash. — The Raymond Theatre will host the talents of one of the better-known Wurlitzer organ players in the Northwest in a special event at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 24. Jeff Fox of Cathlamet, Washington, will accompany the silent film "The General," a historical comedy about the Civil War starring Buster Keaton.

"We are so honored to have Jeff Fox play for us that day," said Anne Steele, manager of the Raymond Theatre. "He is just off tour, last playing at the Lincoln Theater in Mount Vernon. He accompanied 'The General' there to an enthusiastic house of more than 400. The audience at the Lincoln was so responsive and enthusiastic. The laughter was palpable, and he received a thunderous applause."

The organ will provide many sound effects for "The General," including horse hooves, fire gongs, steamboat whistles, drums, cymbals, flute, trumpets and more.

Tickets are \$10. Doors open at 1:15 p.m. Beer, wine and popcorn will be available.

"We are also fortunate to have Mr. Fox at our theater as this will be his last performance in the state of Washington," Steele added. Fox is moving to South Dakota to be closer to family.

'The General'

2 p.m. Sunday, May 24

Raymond Theatre

323 Third St., Raymond, Washington

360-942-4127

\$10

Fox's skill culminates from 30 years of playing theater organs and as a regular church organist. He comes by his love for historic theaters naturally; his uncle, Marvin, was theater manager for the Coliseum Theater in Seattle as well as the Music Hall, Orpheum, Embassy and Paramount.

While the event is a swan song for Fox's career in the Northwest, it's an encore — once again — for the Raymond Theatre's historic organ that dates back to 1928.

The organ has recently undergone a massive tune-up, and it supports a new one-rank chest, which will be installed prior to the performance, Steele said. Last month, Fred Beeks and Dick Morrison, members of the Puget Sound Theatre Organ Society, replaced a regulator top and drained about three gallons of water out of a PVC wind line. They returned after three days of work to set the pressures on the solo side.



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Jeff Fox of Cathlamet, Washington, will accompany the silent film "The General" on the Raymond Theatre's historic Wurlitzer organ in concert May 24.

"So many kudos go to these gentlemen for their love of the instrument and their help to restore the Raymond Theatre's precious gift," Steele said.

The 2/5 Wurlitzer Style 150 Special Opus 1934 was shipped from the factory on Aug. 17, 1928. It was used to provide music for silent films at the theater until talkies were made. The organ fell silent until 1952 when it was removed by Alden Bice. After Bice's death, the family donated the organ back to the city of Raymond, and it was reinstalled in the theater. At that time a weekend event was organized

and members of the Puget Sound Theatre Organ Society attended the grand reopening of the Wurlitzer, played by Andy Crow.

The organ again became silent and fell into disrepair for many years. With the deterioration of the theater roof, water leaks caused damage to the organ, and once again PSTOS members jumped in to make repairs after the theater roof was replaced.

"Many hours — call it a labor of love — have gone into getting our Wurlitzer noteworthy once more," Steele said. "Accolades go to Fred and Dick."

Proceeds from book sale benefit the Manzanita library

MANZANITA — Mark your calendars: The North Tillamook County Friends of the Manzanita Library will hold their annual book sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 23 at the Pine Grove Community House and the Hoffman Center.

Members of the Friends are invited to a special presale from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 22. Individual memberships cost \$10; family memberships cost \$15. Memberships can be purchased at the door on the evening of the pre-sale.

The books at the Hoffman Center, 594 Laneda Ave., are

non-fiction and include cookbooks, biographies, humor, nature, gardening, history, religion, self-help, reference, general interest and coffee table books.

You can find fiction books at the Pine Grove Community House, located at 225 Laneda Ave. They include novels, mysteries, science fiction, poetry, romances and children's books.

The book sale, held every year over the Memorial Day weekend, is the major fundraiser for the North Tillamook County Friends to provide maintenance to the Manzanita

library. The books have been donated by members of the community, and volunteers sort and price them year-round.

Over 100 volunteers from Wheeler, Nehalem and Manzanita volunteer to make the book sale a success.

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