

Festival Entertainment



HELENE BLUM & HARALD HAUGAARD ENSEMBLE

Singer Helene Blum and fiddler Harald Haugaard come together in an outstanding ensemble that performs traditional and contemporary Danish music with great passion. Blum and Haugaard tour regularly and have captured the hearts of audiences in Europe, North America and Japan. They will perform in Astoria as a quintet with cellist Elise Pedersen and guitarists Mattias Pérez and Mikkel Grue. Hear these featured entertainers from Denmark on Friday at 6 p.m. in the Arena; on Saturday at noon, 2 and 4 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall; and on Sunday at noon and 2 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall.

SINDRE FOTLAND & KRISTOFFER KLEIVELAND

Sindre Fotland, 25, and Kristoffer Kleiveland, 24, are featured entertainers from Norway, performing on Diatonic two row accordions. Borth grew up in an environment where folk music had a high standing. Fotland studied traditional music at the Ole Bull Academy, one of Norway's few folk music academies, and Kleiveland is currently studying at the school. Hear them at 5 p.m. Friday in the Arena; on Saturday at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall; and at 1 p.m. Sunday in the Exhibit Hall.

ASTOR STREET OPRY COMPANY — "SHANGHAIED IN ASTORIA"

In its 31st season, local musical "Shanghaied in Astoria" is part-vaudeville, part-soap opera, and



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With Philip Ages on mandolin and recorder and Birgit Ages on accordion, Folkvoice returns from the Seattle area to entertain with Scandinavian tunes.

part 1950s-style Hollywood musical, all combined into a fun and entertaining look at local folklore. Catch cast members performing their Olio acts in the Beer Garden at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. Saturday at the festival.

DOUBLE J AND THE BOYS

"Lively and fun" gives a hint about this Long Beach Peninsula band and the variety of its music. With Charlie Watkins on accordion, Judy Eron on guitar and oboe, Janet Clark on fiddle and mandolin, and Bill Clark on tenor guitar, their music spans the world: Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Venezuela and Texas. Catch the band in the Beer Garden from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday.

FOLK VOICE

From an energetic rollicking Finnish humppa to an elegant Swedish hambo, Seattle-based Folk Voice performs them all. On Friday, Folk Voice will perform at 3 p.m. in the Arena and at 5 p.m. Friday in the Beer Garden. On Saturday, catch the band at 10 a.m. in the Exhibit Hall, at 4 p.m. in the Beer Garden, and at 5:30 p.m. in the Arena.

LEIKARRINGEN OF PORTLAND DANCERS

"Leikarringen" means circle or round dance. Leikarringen of Portland is open to youths ages 4 and up. This dance tradition is rich with tunes and dance steps from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Estonia. The group is led by Christie Stilson and sponsored by the Daughters of Norway and Norske Runddansere. See them perform at 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday in the Arena.

THE LIBERTY THEATER PLAYERS

The Liberty Theater Players will present a readers theater version of "Dora" — a Swedish one-act comedy. The script was written by Pauline Phelps and dates from 1932. It was recently discovered in the attic at Suomi Hall and is assumed to have been performed on stage there. Dora is a Swedish immigrant maid who has saved her hard earned money for seven years. Suddenly her hiding place has been sold to a junk man. The fun begins with everyone trying to find the money. See the performance at 5:30 p.m. Friday, 5 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday in the Exhibit Hall.

DON MEYER & KATHI PLOEGER

Don Meyers and Kathi Ploeger are experienced teachers of Scandinavian dance and teach regularly for the Skandia Folkdance Society in Seattle. The two will demonstrate, teach and call at 4:30 p.m. Saturday in the Arena; at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in the Exhibit Hall; and at 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday during the ball.

NORDIC VIKING DANCERS

Astoria's own dance group includes dancers from second grade to adults. The Nordic Dancers are the youngest group, experienced teenagers make up the



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