

KALA hosts poems, songs

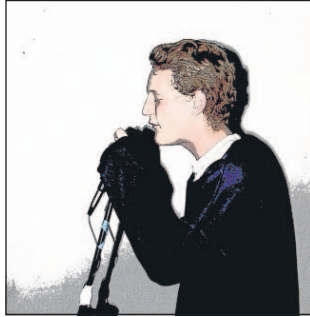
Max Blue and Andrew Boylan perform

ASTORIA — KALA presents Boy Blue, the spoken word project of northern California native, author and poet Max Blue at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and there is a \$5 cover. KALA is located at 1017 Marine Drive. Local poets will open the show.

Blue is touring in support of the Aug. 10 release of his most recent and realized collection of spoken word pieces, titled "Between Here & Home."

The Boy Blue project focuses on the many hopes and hardships of youth, presented through deft lyricism and an undying "have heart" perspective.

Multi-instrumentalist, songwriter and producer Andrew Boylan will also perform. Currently living and studying in San Francisco, 19-year-old Boylan blends folk, funk, hip-hop, jazz and plunder-phonics into an art pop that escapes genre, with wit-infused lyrics



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Max Blue will perform poetry at KALA on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

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aiming to enlighten and stimulate. His newly released album "Archipelago Island" will be performed and sold at the event.

'All the Better to Kill You With' opens

Veterans, newcomers take the stage in August TAPA play

TILLAMOOK — The Tillamook Association for the Performing Arts opens its summer thriller "All the Better to Kill You With" at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14 with a gala reception. Ticket purchase to the opening night includes one complimentary beverage and appetizers.

The show continues at 7 p.m. Aug. 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29. Matinees will take place at 2 p.m. Aug. 16 and 23. Doors open 30 minutes prior to curtain.

Written by Fred Carmichael and directed by Brett Duer, "All the Better to Kill You With" is not just another love triangle that causes another murder. This is a classic whodunit with the exciting twist of the audience not only getting to see "who done it" but also how the whole thing is planned and carried out.

Audiences see the clever interweaving of truth and falsehood that produces a tapestry of tension and thrills while meticulously blending mystery and humor. The carefully planned deception almost works until truth rears its head and the brilliant structure of cunning topples to the ground. The question is not necessarily "whodunit," so to speak, but rather will the murderer be found out. The result is high tension and good dramatic ex-



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The cast for "All the Better to Kill You With" is, from left, Rob Buckingham, Chris Chiola, Rikki Reid, Richard Coon, Anita O'Hagan, Garrick Gordon and Holly Dickson.

citement along with brilliant comic relief.

This production not only brings veteran TAPA directors Richard Coon, Chris Chiola and Robert Buckingham back on the stage as actors, but also offers a chance for first-timers as well. TAPA veteran Brett Duer is at the director helm for the first time.

"After performing at TAPA for several years, I am excited to get into the director's chair," Duer said. "This play has a lot of dark notes to it with a reminiscent feel of TAPA's 2012 production 'Wait Until Dark.' I wanted to capture another side of the 1960s in regards to style and the gender roles of that era; it wasn't all peace and love.

"I am very excited to have so many talented actors in one production," Duer continued. "The cast members are all hard-working actors and bring their own unique talents to the team. They have great chemistry on stage which makes this production rich in character and storytelling."

Anita O'Hagan is a newcomer to TAPA and plays the well-intentioned and often outspoken Evelyn Hopkins.

"Being in a play has been on my bucket list for years," O'Hagan said. "I was at the right place at the right time and was able to audition. Never in a million years would I have thought I would actually receive a part. I am having a blast and love every single minute of it, plus I can now cross this off my bucket list."

Included in the cast is TAPA Board President Chris Chiola, who plays the wildly cunning Doug Travers. Rikki Reid made her acting debut

this year in TAPA's "Dead Ringer" and is playing Erica Travers, Doug's charming and trusting wife. However, the newlywed couple is not without their own secrets and lies.

Robert Buckingham plays Russell Livingston, the suave and handsome ex-boyfriend of Erica, who is suspected of trying to rekindle the old romance.

Holly Dickson plays Doug's sister Paula, who wants to escape her checkered past but seems to always find herself stuck in a downward spiral.

Rounding out the cast are Chief Inspector Henderson, played by TAPA veteran Richard Coon, and Sergeant Roger Parkins, played by Garrick Gordon. While the Chief Inspector is the straight-faced and straight-laced law enforcement veteran, Sergeant Parkins is on his first murder case and looks on with a childlike amazement and enthusiasm. Their Abbott-and-Costello-like chemistry is both intense and hilarious.

Reserved seating is available through Diamond Art Jewelers located at 307 Main St.; call 503-842-7940 for reservations. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and those over 65. For more information, email info@tillamooktheater.com

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