

'Northern Lights' flamenco comes to Astoria

Savannah Fuentes brings show to CCC Performing Arts Center

ASTORIA — Seattle-based flamenco dancer Savannah Fuentes brings her latest show, "Northern Light,," to the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center on Friday, Oct. 16. The performance starts at 8 p.m. and is the 14th stop on a 35-date tour of the western United States.

Fuentes will be accompanied by two other artists of differing flamenco styles: Bulgarian guitarist Bobby de Sofia and singer Juañarito, who is traveling from Spain to make his American debut during this tour.

Juañarito is a young talent from a family of Spanish Roma flamenco singers from the Andalusian Province of Jerez de la Frontera (known as the cradle of flamenco). The son of famed singer Juañares and the nephew of flamenco legend Jose Merce, Juañarito gained national acclaim in Spain as a result of his remarkable performances on the Spanish version of "The Voice" ("La Voz España") this year.

Originally from Sofia, Bulgaria, de Sofia discovered



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flamenco in Los Angeles and continued his studies in Andalusia with artists such as Pedro Viscomi and Paco Arroyo. He

currently performs regularly at the various Flamenco clubs in the Los Angeles area.

Born to parents of Puerto Rican and Irish ancestry, Fuentes began her studies in Seattle and continued in Spain with dancers such as Belen Maya and Cristobal Reyes. She currently tours throughout the western United States and has independently produced over 250 presentations and workshops featuring internationally recognized flamenco singers.

CCC Performing Arts Center is located at 588 16th St. Tickets range from \$8 to \$35 and are available at www.brownpapertickets.com

Hear ghostly tales from around the world

Astoria Public Library hosts storyteller Alton Takiyama-Chung

ASTORIA — Afraid of the dark? You will be after listening to Ghostly Tales from Around the World at the Astoria Public Library. At 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, award-winning storyteller Alton Takiyama-Chung will perform stories ranging from benign Halloween tales to those that make adults uncomfortable to those that make teenagers look over their shoulders into the shadows.

As this event is intended for an adult audience, the stories may be too frightening for young children. The library is located at 450 10th St. Admission is free.

Takiyama-Chung grew up with the stories, superstitions and magic of the Hawaiian Islands. This, combined with his Japanese and Korean roots, gives him a unique perspective

to tell cultural tales and personal stories with a deep sense of reverence and authenticity. Not only does he breathe life into traditional Asian folktales with sensitivity and deep connection, but he can also touch into the fire of ancient Hawaiian legends and tell them with passion and respect.

Takiyama-Chung also collects oral histories from elders for the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center and tells true stories of the Japanese-Americans during World War II, but his true passion is telling ghost stories.

"When I became a storyteller, the first stories I told were ghost stories," he says. "Growing up in Hawaii, many people told obake or ghost stories or tales of strange things that happened to them or a friend. As an adult, I was not

hearing those stories anymore, and I realized that the stories I heard as a child were part of the culture of that time.

"I have since tried to document and preserve many of the stories I heard growing up as a slice of life, a reflection of the time in Hawaii when I was a child."

The Astoria Public Library provides tax-supported services to all residents living within the boundaries of the city of Astoria. Guided by the mission, "Explore ideas, engage minds, excite imagination," the Astoria Public Library is an active and responsive part of the community.

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TAPA holds auditions for Neil Simon's 'Rumors'

TILLAMOOK — The Tillamook Association for the Performing Arts will hold auditions for its next play, "Rumors" by Neil Simon.

Auditions will be held at

the Oregon Coast Dance Center at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 and at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18.

This is enjoyable farce will be loads of fun. TAPA is cast-

ing for 10 parts: four female and six male. There are four married couples and two policemen.

Performances will take place Jan. 22, 23, 24, 29, 30,

31 and Feb. 5 and 6. Auditions packets are available from director Kelli McMellon. Email her at ellimc101@gmail.com, or call 503-801-0631 to request one mailed to you.



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