

Find 'True West' at Astor Street Opry Co.

ASTORIA — The Astor Street Opry Company presents "True West," written by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, actor and director Sam Sheppard. The show finishes up its run at the ASOC Playhouse at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23 and 24.

This fall production is a thought-provoking show. With performers Ben VanOsdol, Jason Hippert, Dan Driscoll and Karen Bain, "True West" is geared for mature audiences as it takes you into the private lives of two brothers. Stuck together in their mother's home, the two brothers relive their roller-coaster-ride of a 40-year relationship with nothing more to comfort them than booze, burnt toast and the sound of yapping coyotes.

"Some of what I love most in the show's writing is that what is said is as interesting as what's not said," says director Markus Brown. "The play's themes hold such a common struggle for



Submitted photo
Ben VanOsdol, left, and Jason Hippert perform in the Astor Street Opry Company's production of "True West," which closes Oct. 24.

many of us, such as the struggle to escape the influence of birth

and find one's identity; freedom versus commitment; the balance of calling with the need for money; and the folly of finding validation by selling one's identity it to the highest bidder.

"The complexity and brilliance of this show shines through in every moment."

The production is sponsored by Mossy Tel, Bogh Electric, Astoria Warehousing Inc., L.J. Allen Construction and Wadsworth Electric and is produced with permission by Samuel French Publishing House.

Tickets are \$8 to \$15. All proceeds go toward helping ASOC fund new productions and activities. For tickets, call 503-325-6104 or visit www.astorstreetoprycompany.com

Hear classical selections, jazz standards First United Methodist Church hosts pianist Levi Larson

ASTORIA — Pianist Levi Larson will perform a concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25 at the First United Methodist Church, located at 1076 Franklin Ave. The concert will combine classical music and jazz standards into an eclectic musical evening. The program will include pieces by Liszt, Scarlatti, Czerny and Kapustin.

The concert is free to the public, and a freewill offering will be taken to benefit United Methodist Church.

Larson demonstrates his versatility as a musician by featuring a wide spectrum of musical styles in his piano concert programs. Though his first love was jazz piano, his professor and mentor Steven Spooner opened his eyes to



Submitted photo
Levi Larson will perform a piano concert Oct. 25.

the beautiful demand of classical music.

During his concerts, Larson shares interesting histor-

ical and musical information, enriching the audience's experience.

A native of the Pacific Northwest, Larson has performed numerous concerts throughout Oregon, Idaho and Utah. He has also performed extensively around the Midwest and is completing a Doctorate of Musical Arts in piano performance at the University of Nebraska.

As his final requirement for his degree, Larson will defend his thesis, "An Underrated Master: A Critical Analysis of Carl Czerny's 11 Sonatas and his Contribution to the Genre" on Nov. 13. After graduation, Larson will pursue a career in music academia. He also hopes to devote more time to composing and improvising.

Jean Mann plays at KALA

ASTORIA — Jean Mann, quite of the tenor guitar, ukulele and various other happy noise-makers, will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 at KALA.

Since 2000, jazz-tinged Americana singer-songwriter Mann has played 100-plus dates per year — locally, regionally and nationally. In 2014, she took her songs to Europe, dazzling the masses in France, Belgium, Germany and The Netherlands.

She's garnered fans the likes of Cyndi Lauper and jazz sensation Jacqui Naylor. It's no wonder. Mann gains hordes of happy ears wherever she performs her musical prose; she's a truly soul-quenching voice in today's

independent music scene.

With five original records in her growing catalog, Mann headlines house concerts and listening rooms, churches, wineries, festivals, and she has performed in such iconic rooms as Yoshi's in San Francisco, Tractor Tavern in Seattle, and CBGB's in New York. She has shared the stage with Laura Veirs (Rounder Records) and Vicci Martinez ("The Voice") and opened for Peter Himmelman and Blame Sally.

And every year, due to her prowess on tenor guitar, if you're keeping up, she's one of (and sometimes the only woman) featured at Astoria's Tenor Guitar Gathering.



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Jazz-tinged Americana singer-songwriter Jean Mann will perform at KALA Oct. 23.

Local vocalist and KALA proprietor Dinah Urell will join Mann on stage and perform on piano and guitar.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$8 at the door. KALA is located at 1017 Marine Drive. For more information, call 503-338-4878.

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Find treasures at bazaar Seaview Manor Bazaar benefits The Harbor

SEASIDE — The 11th annual Seaview Manor Bazaar will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23 and 24.

This event features juried

art and handmade crafts by local and international artisans, including holiday and personal items, home décor and gifts. Items are priced between \$5 and \$400.

Proceeds are donated to The Harbor. The Harbor is the domestic violence and sexual assault resource center serving Clatsop County.

Seaview Manor is located at 135 12th St.

For more information, visit seaviewmanorbazaar.blogspot.com