

Apply to be the next Miss Clatsop County

Scholarship program deadline is Nov. 30

SEASIDE — Interested in becoming the next Miss Clatsop County, Miss North Coast, Miss Clatsop County's Outstanding Teen, or Miss North Coast's Outstanding Teen?

Young women ages 13 to 24 who want to get involved are invited to visit the program's website at www.miss-clatsopcounty.org and download an application, or call 503-717-3501 and leave their name and phone number.

Among other requirements, contestants must reside, attend school or work in Clatsop, Tillamook or Columbia counties. The deadline to enter is Nov. 30.

The Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program is a nonprofit corporation established solely to provide contestants with the opportunity

to enhance their professional and education goals, and to achieve those pursuits with the assistance of monetary grants and awards. For younger participants, the emphasis is on citizenship, leadership and volunteerism.

The Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program is an official preliminary competition for the Miss Oregon Scholarship Program, a part of the Miss America Organization, the world's leading scholarship provider for women. In 2015 the Miss Clatsop County Organization awarded over \$6,500 in scholarships to local women.

The Miss Clatsop County Program is scheduled for Feb. 20, 2016 at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center. Teen and Miss contestants are judged in interview, talent, physical fitness, evening wear and the on-stage question. Winners will move on to represent their area at the Miss Oregon pageant in June 2016.

In addition to the Miss and Teen divisions, the Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program supports a Princess program, which is a mentoring program for girls ages 6 to 12. A \$50 participation fee is requested for those participating in the Princess program. At a random draw, one lucky princess will become the official Princess for the Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program for the year and be sponsored at the Miss Oregon Scholarship Program with a possibility to move on to Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program in Orlando, Florida.

The Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program is a volunteer-run organization. For more information, contact program director Sandy Newman at 503-717-3501, write to P.O. Box 1387, Cannon Beach, Oregon 97110, or visit www.missclatsopcounty.org

Ara Lee to sing gospel, soul and blues

Singer-songwriter performs with guitarist in Long Beach

LONG BEACH, Wash. — The Peninsula Arts Center welcomes blues singer Ara Lee with guitarist Chris Hayes at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and tickets are \$12.

Lee, when pressed, calls herself a singer-songwriter. But the image of a wispy, soft-voiced, guitar strummer that might come to mind couldn't be farther from what she does. Call it soul, call it folk, call it gospel, Lee sings like a woman with something to say in a voice that makes the audience want to stop and listen.

Crediting Nina Simone and Rumi among her influences, Lee is equally comfortable

with stripped down acoustic-driven folk and her signature soulful, tribal grooves. Known for her commanding stage presence, Lee's shows, often called "musical church," cut straight to the gut.

Raised in the Deep South, in a church where instruments were not allowed, Lee grew up shape-note singing, learning to make music only with the voice. "Harmonies were a part of daily life. Music wasn't music without three parts. We would sing songs from our old blue church hymnal — it was the one place where everyone could meet without agreeing on dogma," says Lee.

A move to New York City as a teenager gave her the chance to use her vocal chops beyond her front porch. She began a 10-year incarnation working as a backup singer and studio vocalist. Now, based in Portland, Lee's roots in Appalachia color the songs she writes, explaining, "People say I sing gospel and maybe that's true, but I prefer to call it secular gospel. I don't identify with a specific faith; I sing about the things that I think are simply human. To me, live music is the place where you taste something truly sacred. It's why I sing, it's why I write and it's why I do what I do."

Hayes is a fine and in-demand guitarist. He's been a fixture of the Northwest music scene since 1988. Peninsula Arts Center audiences will recognize him from past appearances with The Half Hearted, Kathryn Claire and Hanz Araki.

The Peninsula Arts Center is located at 504 N. Pacific Ave. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online through Brown Paper Tickets; or call 360-901-0962. Wine, beer and other refreshments are available for purchase.

Concerts benefit the Long Beach Peninsula Acoustic Music Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable organization. For more information about Ara Lee and her EP, "Born," visit www.araleemusic.com



Submitted photo

Ara Lee, center, will perform Saturday, Nov. 21 at the Peninsula Arts Center.

Hondo's Brew & Cork holds home brewer's competition

ASTORIA — Hondo's Brew & Cork's 2015 Winter Home Brewer's Competition is currently underway. Contestants can register for the competition at Hondo's Brew & Cork located at 2703 Marine Drive.

The deadline for registration and bottle submission is Dec. 9 before 8 p.m. Competition judging will take place at

Hondo's the following weekend, with prizes awarded on Dec. 16.

Brew samples should contain no less than 10 ounces and be stored in dark brown glass beer bottles.

Beers will be judged in three categories: pale ales, stout/porter and lagers. Best of Show will win a \$50 gift

certificate from Hondo's. Rosettes for first, second and third place winners will be awarded for each category.

Hondo's Brew & Cork provides home brew equipment, supplies, brew instruction, bottle micro brew beer serving and tasting on premises. Hondo's has an extensive catalog featuring everything for

the home brewer to 12 handle draft brews with a selection of beers brewed in the pub as well as micro brews selected from popular brew pubs in the Northwest and across the United States.

For more information about the competition or in general, email info@hondosbrew.net or call 503-325-2234.



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