

Library After Hours presents the Consort of All Sorts

Enjoy a winter holiday concert of baroque music at the Astoria Public Library

ASTORIA— Astoria Public Library and the Astor Library Friends Association present Library After Hours, a free series of cultural events that take place at the library after regular hours of operation. The series continues at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18 with a holiday concert. Admission is free, and light refreshments will be provided.

This festive event will feature Astoria's own early music ensemble Consort of All Sorts, playing instrumental and vocal

music from the 17th and 18th centuries with themes appropriate for the winter holiday season.

On the program will be baroque trio sonatas by Quantz, Telemann, Schickhardt, Sammartini and Boismortier, plus several unusual carols sung by baritone Drew Herzig accompanied by the Consort.

Members of the group participating in this concert include Phyllis Taylor on cello, Hannelore Morgan on recorder, Charles Schweigert on ba-

roque flute, Donna Carson on bassoon, Ray Lund on harpsichord and Drew Herzig on percussion and vocals.

Consort of All Sorts gets its name from the title of a book by Canadian author and painter Emily Carr, who wrote a memoir of her life in Victoria, British Columbia in the early years of the 20th century. "The House of All Sorts" chronicles the daily life at a rooming house Carr ran for all sorts of zany characters.

In the realm of music, "con-

sort" is a somewhat antiquated term for a group of similar or dissimilar instruments or voices; a good match for this group of musicians and a name that allows for the addition of other instruments as they are needed. It also leaves open the possibility of exploring music from multiple periods.

The Astoria Public Library is located at 450 10th St. For more information, call 503-325-7323, email comments@astorialibrary.org, or visit www.astorialibrary.org



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From left, Ray Lund, Phyllis Taylor, Charles Schweigert, Hannelore Morgan, Drew Herzig and Donna Carson are Consort of All Sorts.

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