

Longview's Columbia Theatre offers film, musical, children's entertainment

LONGVIEW, Wash. — The Columbia Theatre welcomes to its stage a classic film, a national musical and a Sunday afternoon children's performance this month.

For information about all of the Columbia's events, call the box office from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 360-575-8499 for single ticket information, or visit www.columbiatheatre.com. The Columbia Theatre is located at 1231 Vandercook Way.

Then, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, the theater welcomes the national tour of "Flashdance: The Musical." Tickets are \$15 to \$40.

With electrifying dance at its core, "Flashdance: The Musical" tells the inspiring and unforgettable story of Alex Owens, a Pittsburgh steel mill welder by day and a bar dancer by night with dreams of one day becoming a professional performer. When romance with her steel mill boss threatens to complicate her ambitions, Alex learns the meaning of love and its power to fuel the pursuit of her dream.

The musical features a score that includes the biggest hit songs from the 1983 film, including the Academy Award-winning title song "Flashdance: What a Feeling," "Maniac," "Gloria," "Manhunt" and "I Love Rock & Roll." In addition to these hits, the musical features 16 new songs with music by Robbie Roth and lyrics by Robert Cary and Roth. "Flashdance: The Musical"'s book was written by Tom Hedley (co-writer of the original screenplay), is directed by Robert Cary and choreographed by Sergio Trujillo, who also choreographed "Jersey Boys" and "Memphis."

Then, Fibre Federal Credit Union's Rainy Months Series presents "Mallory Lewis: A Lamb Chop Celebration" at 2 p.m. Jan. 31. This show for ages 3 to 9 with their families



Submitted photo by Chad Bremerman

Karli Dinardo, center, performs as Alex Owens, with company in the national tour of "Flashdance: The Musical." The show, on stage at the Columbia Theatre Jan. 23, tells the story of Owens, a Pittsburgh steel mill welder by day and a bar dancer by night.



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Mallory Lewis, daughter of beloved children's entertainer Shari Lewis, will appear at the Columbia Theatre in Longview, Washington, at 2 p.m. Jan. 31.

has tickets for \$5 each or six tickets for \$25.

Daughter of beloved children's entertainer Shari Lewis and multiple Emmy Award-winning producer of "Lamb Chops Play-Along," Mallory Lewis has been deeply involved in children's entertainment her entire life. Lewis has appeared with Lamb Chop on television and at thousands of venues around the world.

Now, along with Charley Horse and Hush Puppy, Lewis and Lamb Chop bring all of childhood's favorite legends to

the stage in an exciting, interactive show full of audience participation, laughter, music and dance.

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Daughter learns father's unspoken war story Author Louise Steinman to speak at maritime museum

ASTORIA — At its next Past to Present lecture, the Columbia River Maritime Museum welcomes Louise Steinman, author of "The Souvenir." Steinman will share her story at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 2, answer questions and sign her book, which is available for purchase in the museum store. The lecture takes place in the Kern Room at the museum, located at 1792 Marine Drive.

Steinman's American childhood in the 1950s was bound by one unequivocal condition: "Never mention the war to your father." That silence sustained itself until the fateful day Steinman opened an old ammunition box left behind after her parents' death. In it she discovered nearly 500 letters her father had written to her mother during his service in the Pacific War and a Japanese flag mysteriously inscribed to Yoshio Shimizu.

Setting out to determine the identity of Yoshio Shimizu and the origins of the silken flag, Steinman discovered the unexpected: a hidden side of her father, the green soldier who achingly left his pregnant wife to fight for his life in a brutal 165-day campaign that changed him forever. Her journey to return the "souvenir" to its owner not only takes Steinman on a passage to Japan and the Philippines, but also returns her to the age of her father's innocence, where she learned of the tender and expressive man she'd never known.

For the past 14 years, Steinman has curated public programs for the Los Angeles Public Library. She is also co-director of the Los Angeles Institute of the Humanities at the University of Southern California.

"The Souvenir" was named a featured selection of the Literary Guild, Traditions Book Club, and the Book of the Month Club, as well as a selection for the 2007-08



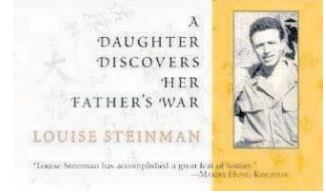
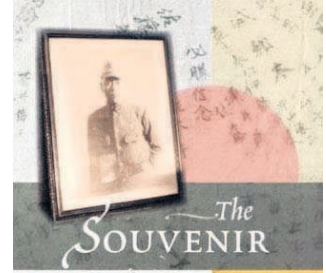
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Writer and literary curator Louise Steinman will speak about her book "The Souvenir" Feb. 2 at the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

Reads Together program in Eugene, among many other cities. The book won the 2002 Gold Medal in Autobiography/Memoir from ForeWord Magazine.

Steinman's work appears frequently in the Los Angeles Times and L.A. Weekly and has also appeared in the Los Angeles Times Magazine, New York Times Syndicate, Los Angeles Magazine, Washington Post, and Salon.com.

Past to Present is an eight-week lecture series offered this winter at the maritime museum. Guest speakers



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"The Souvenir" chronicles Steinman's quest to return a war souvenir to its owner and, in the process, illuminates how war changed one generation and shaped another.

share knowledge about maritime issues, industry and history each week from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays in the Ford and Kern rooms in the museum. Admission is free for museum members; there is a \$5 fee for non-members. For more information, contact the Columbia River Maritime Museum at 503-325-2323.

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