

What's new at the 2016 FisherPoets Gathering



Shanghaied on the Willamette will perform at 8 p.m. Friday at the Fort George Lovell Showroom and at 9 p.m. Saturday at KALA.



The Fort George Lovell Showroom is a performance-focused fisherpoet venue open to minors and serving beer and wine to patrons 21 and older.



Dave Densmore, of Astoria, reads a poem chastising young, cocky fishermen during a performance at the Astoria Event Center at last year's FisherPoets Gathering.

This isn't new: This year's FisherPoets Gathering is the biggest ever. Again.

The schedule is deckloaded with favorite familiar voices and a lot of fresh new ones. Some of them sing. Sarah Jane Braund and her muddy bottom boys Caleb Billmeier and Matt Williams join us from Nushagak, Alaska. Down from Sitka comes Belly Meat, with Ernie Eggleston, Ted Howard and Gary Gouker. Larry Kaplan brings his ballads from the East Coast, and Mark Alan Lovewell brings shanties. Todd Overby and his crew, Ryan and Kyle Lutz, Jim Reiter and Alana Kansaku-Sarmiento, bring original music from closer to home.

Other fisherpoets join us for the first time from far away. Sarah Treadwell from Massachusetts. Alaskans Anjuli Grantham from Kodiak, Scott McCallister and Louis Flora from Juneau, Libby Ferrara from Girdwood, Brittany Retherford from Craig.

From California, David Beveridge; from Washington, Karen Ducey, Sophie Elan, Peter Munro and Jim Kyle; and from Oregon, Doreen Dahl, Duncan Berry, Heather Talbot and Henry Hughes join us on the schedule for the first time.

And we're delighted that, for the first time in a long while, Native American storyteller and poet Ed Edmo is with us.



The Astoria Event Center, from which KMUN broadcasts live both nights, boasts the most seats, raised theater seating in the back and a big stage.

To assure room for all who might come, the Columbian Theater has opened its doors and offered its cozy seats as a reading venue this year. You can catch "Kung Fu Panda" another night.

Emilie Springer invites families and children to the FPG's first ever FisherKids Gathering at Baked Alaska Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

Corey Arnold will be projecting photographs from his "Fish-Work" show on Astoria's buildings Friday and Saturday nights. We've wanted to do something like this for years.

WineKraft offers its river view and intimate confines as our open mic venue this year and invites you to invite some friends to join you and come have a go.

We've another new location for the FisherPoets Gear-



Photo by Alex Pajunas

Irene Martin, of Skamokawa, Washington, is a fisherwoman, writer, and board member of Salmon for All and the Columbia River Maritime Museum. She will read during the 6 p.m. set Friday night at the Columbian Theater, and during the 7 p.m. set Saturday at KALA.

shack, that pop-up bookstore that relies each year on the generosity of an Astoria landlord, this year Kyle Johnson. Drop by 1254 Commercial.

The rest of the 2016 Fish-

erPoets Gathering should feel familiar to folks who've been with us a while. But, like so many fishing seasons, this one will be like no other. We're glad you're here.

FisherPoets Gathering 2016 Thanks its Silent Auction Donors

Come by the FisherPoets Gathering Gearshack at 1254 Commercial St. and have a look.

Bidding starts at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 and ends at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27

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