

Teens perform 'Tale of Beauty and the Beast' at Astor Street Opry Company

ASTORIA — The Astor Street Opry Company will present its 2016 teen musical production, "Tale of Beauty and the Beast," on stage at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26, 27, March 4 and 5. There will also be two matinee performances at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 and March 6. The ASOC Playhouse is located at 129 W. Bond St.

This adaptation of the classic Beauty and the Beast fairy tale is full of singing and dancing; witty, quick rhyming dialogue; and fantastic costumes.

The musical's book is by Vera Morris, with music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur, and it's produced by arrangement with Pioneer Drama Services, Inc.

Directed by Bill Carr, with music direction by Dena Tuving and production management by Mary Ritter, the show's teenage cast will include:



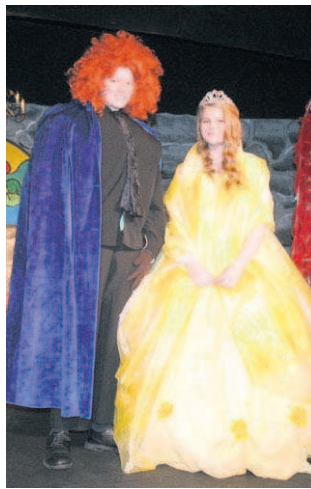
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"Tale of Beauty and the Beast" cast members include, from left, Timothy Pior as Graspo, Nick Reibold as Greedo, Josie Posey as Isobel, Elizabeth Pior as Margarite, Nicole Ramsdell as Beauty, and May Loya as Madame Rondeau.

clude: Brodie Smithart, Lexi Reibold, Malachi Keefe, Emily Bergerson, Glori Benthin, Laurel Pritchard, Ashley Peasley, Matthew Duncan, Mae Loya, Lily Reed, Josey Posey, Elizabeth Pior, Timothy Pior, Nicole Ramsdell, Nickolas Reibold, Riley Mitchel, Blake Leitch and Joseph O'Grady.

This fourth annual teen production was a development from other youth theater programs for ages 8 to 14, which ASOC began in 2008. This year, younger children will produce a "Junior Shanghaied in Astoria" musical in June.

Tickets are available at www.astorstreetycompany.com, or call 503-325-6104.



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Matthew Duncan, left, as the Beast and Nicole Ramsdell as Beauty in "Tale of Beauty and the Beast," which runs Feb. 26 through March 6 at the ASOC Playhouse.

Join a willow planting party Help out NCLC at Circle Creek on Feb. 27

SEASIDE — Help the North Coast Land Conservancy plant more willows at Circle Creek Habitat Reserve. The organization will hold a willow planting hands-on stewardship party from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27.

Volunteers will be work-

ing in the floodplain that was reconnected in summer 2013. Come see how the site is recovering.

Volunteers will help plant hundreds of willow stakes along the bank of the Necanicum River.

Contact Stewardship Di-

rector Melissa Reich at melissar@nclctrust.org in advance for directions to the property and to let her know you'll be coming.

Bring a lunch, and prepare to get muddy. Bring gloves, sturdy boots (or rubber boots, as necessary), rain gear, drinking water, and any snacks you desire. There are no toilets on the property. Dogs are not allowed on NCLC habitat reserves.

Get the writing going with this workshop Author Matt Love to lead two-day April class at Sou'Wester

SEAVIEW, Wash. — Have you wanted to start writing but seem unsure how to begin? Do you want to write the story of your life or your family's for possible publication or private documentation? Do you have a great idea for a novel, script, blog, column or an area of expertise that you want to share with others?

Many people aspire to write for themselves, publication and multiple other reasons, but they can't seem to get started. This frustration often results in the aspiration disappearing. Don't let that happen. Get the writing going: All you have to do is start.

Nestucca Spit Press publisher, author of 14 books about Oregon, and educator Matt Love is offering a "Getting the Writing Going" workshop from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 1 and from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2 at the Sou'Wester Lodge.



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Matt Love will lead a two-day writing workshop in early April at the Sou'Wester Lodge.

In this workshop, participants will experiment with innovative techniques to define an editorial voice for fiction or nonfiction writing and address the barriers that prevented the writer from starting.

"I believe it is essential for all aspiring writers to meet other aspiring writers in a relaxed workshop setting with real writing outcomes, and I can't think of a better place than the Sou'Wester," said Love. "It will be a great place to think and write."

The class costs \$75 and will cap at 14 participants. Workshop participants who stay Friday and Saturday night at Sou'Wester will receive a 15 percent discount.

Getting the Writing Going

7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 1

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2

Sou'Wester Lodge

3728 J Place, Seaview, Wash.

503-812-1524

\$75

To register for the workshop, email Love at nestuccaspitpress@gmail.com or call 503-812-1524. To book a stay at Sou'Wester Lodge, located at 3728 J Place, visit www.souwesterlodge.com or call 360-642-2542.

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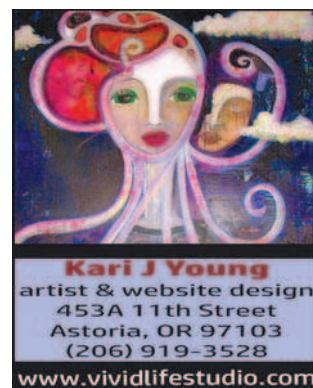
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