

Find 'Macbeth: Off-Kilter' on stage in Naselle

NASELLE, Wash. — The Naselle-Grays River Valley Schools Drama Club announces their production of "Macbeth: Off-Kilter," which will be performed March 25 and 26.

Who says Shakespeare's darkest tragedy can't give you belly laughs? In "Macbeth: Off-Kilter," a play by Billy Iannicola, Scotty Macbeth is a high school senior with everything going for him, including a giant ego and a penchant for plaid. When some goth classmates — the weird sisters — convince him that he, not his friend Duncan Morto, should be the class president, his ambition leads him down a dark and absurd path of deception and expulsion. (No murder, of course. It's a comedy, after all!)

Macbeth's plan is foiled when a hilarious cast of school faculty — including the goofy custodian Willie, Willie's love interest Nurse Doris, and the unstable psychologist Dr.

Oprah — team up with a couple of angry expelled "ghosts" and start investigating the troublesome events at Highland High. Macbeth's cheerleader girlfriend and co-conspirator Sadie MacNutt cleans her way to total madness as her own guilt finally exposes their evil plot. Complete with witty word play, slapstick action and a shocking twist ending, "Macbeth: Off-Kilter" spins the frown of tragedy upside down.

This year's cast includes many returning actors and actresses, including Cameron Burch as Scotty Macbeth, Selah Wulf as Sadie MacNutt and Cody Kirkman as Willie. Mother Weird is played by Emma Zimmerman, with Zanith Wulf and Hollie Haataia as the "weird sisters." Jazmyne Fisher playing Nurse Doris rounds out the returning cast from last year's performances.

There are also some new faces playing the expelled

ghosts: Corey Smith as Duncan Morto and Joshua Chadwick as Ben Kwo. Grace Hunt plays the intelligent class vice president Jenny Fleance. The chocolate-loving Dr. Oprah is played by Peyton Dalton, and Zachary Thorsen plays Assistant Principal MacDuff. Add in a few cameos by staff and the stage crew and you have the makings of an hilarious evening.

"Macbeth: Off-Kilter" will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday, March 25, and at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 26. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. The tickets will be available at the door. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the performance. The play takes place at Naselle-Grays River Valley Schools, located at 793 Washington Route 4.

The play is produced with special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Services Inc. of Denver, Colorado.

New music fest comes to Manzanita this July

MANZANITA — A new festival will take over downtown Manzanita this coming July.

The Manzanita Music Festival will be an annual music celebration that presents a multi-genre collection of local, regional and national musicians playing Americana, folk, pop, reggae, bluegrass and more.

The festival is partnering with the Hoffman Center for the Arts and the North County Recreation District in Nehalem. These partners promote the educational, recreational, social, and physi-

cal well being of residents of Tillamook County. Proceeds from the event will support other like-minded organizations in the community.

The inaugural festival will take place July 23 and 24 in downtown Manzanita. It will kick off at the beach after the 26th annual Manzanita Beach Walk and Run, then extend up Laneda Avenue to stages at Third Street and a main stage at the Hoffman Center Garden next to the library. Besides amazing music, the festival will also offer local and region-



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The inaugural Manzanita Music Festival will take place July 23 and 24.

al craft brews, wine and food.

Many sponsorship levels are available. For more information, call 425-394-3828, email manzanitamusicfestival@gmail.com

North Oregon Coast Symphony to perform Hear Beethoven, Mozart in concerts

CANNON BEACH, ASTORIA and NEHALEM — The North Oregon Coast Symphony will present three concerts of classical chamber works in Cannon Beach, Astoria and Nehalem in late March and early April. The Symphony at Sunset concerts will be conducted by Cory Pederson and performed by the symphony's string ensemble, with selected members of the brass, woodwind and percussion sections.

The first concert, an open rehearsal, will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 29 at the Cannon Beach Community Church, located at 132 E. Washington St. Admission will be by voluntary donation.

The first formal concert will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, April 1 in the newly renovated auditorium at the North County Recreation District in Nehalem, located at 36155 Ninth St.

The second formal concert will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 3 at the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center in Astoria, locat-



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The North Oregon Coast Symphony is conducted by Cory Pederson.

ed at 588 16th St.

Admission to the two formal concerts will be \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors (65 and older). Children under 12 (with adult supervision) are admitted free.

The programs will include Peter Warlock's "Elgar Serenade for Strings" and "Capriol Suite for String Orchestra." Beethoven's "Romance" in F Major, Op. 50, will feature Astoria's Angela K. Calvin-Pederson on violin.

Mozart's "Flute Duet No. 1" and the first movement from his "Symphony No. 39" will also be presented. Other classical chamber works will be performed during the concerts. "We invite all families

and friends to attend these radiant and inspiring concerts," said conductor Cory Pederson

NOCS is actively seeking string players (violin, viola, cello and bass) at this time, and invites those who are interested in participating to contact Pederson at 503-836-2198 or nocscory@gmail.com.

Symphony seeks members, staff

The North Oregon Coast Symphony is seeking musicians, board members and support staff positions for its 2016 season.

"This all-volunteer, non-profit organization is committed to growing into a sustainable arts organization for the benefit of the community, offering concerts, trios and quartets for events, musical education and scholarships for K-12 students," said board chairman Glenn Thomas.

"Joining in any capacity will help us further our goals to provide and promote live classical music on the coast," he added.

Persons interested in learning more can contact Thomas at glennt@gbis.com

Information about the symphony and its 2016 schedule is available at www.northoregoncoastsymphony.org

Learn to make cheese at one-day April class Marc Bates to lead tasting, teach class April 16 in Cannon Beach

CANNON BEACH — Registration is open for Introduction to Cheese and Cheese Making Workshop, a one-day event to be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at the Cannon Beach Chamber Community Hall.

The workshop includes a cheese tasting of the seven major cheese families and a hands-on session where participants work in pairs to convert milk to cheese.

The class is offered and taught by Marc Bates, who has 48 years of experience in the industry. During this time, he managed the Washington State University Creamery and made Cougar Gold cheese. More recently, he managed the Oregon State University Creamery where he assisted with the start-up and development of the Beaver Classic cheese.

Bates has taught numerous cheese making short courses

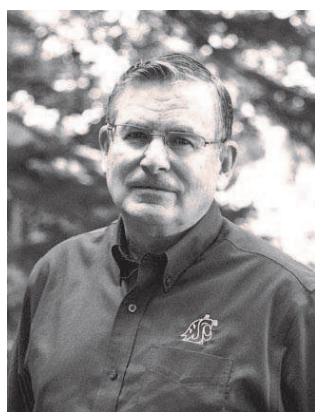


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Marc Bates will teach an intro to cheese making workshop on April 16.

in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California. He has served as an official judge for the U.S. Cheese Championship, World Cheese Championship hosted by the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association and at competitions of the American Cheese Society. He has been and independent consultant since 2000.

The class is open to high school-age students through adults who want to expand their love and knowledge of cheese. The cost of the workshop, including samples and materials, is \$89 per person if you register by April 11. Day-of tickets are \$99 per person.

To register, visit <https://cb-cheese4.eventbrite.com>

Full refunds will be given for cancellation prior to April 11. Planning and supply purchasing requires a \$25 cancellation fee after April 11. Transfer your ticket to another is welcome up to the start of the event.

Upon completion of this class, attendees are offered continuing classes on specific cheese types such as fresh mozzarella, feta, ricotta, fromage blanc, chevre and others.

If you have questions about the workshop, email cheese-guy@charter.net or call Bates at 509-595-8652.