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Larry Murante will perform June 11 at the Peninsula Arts Center.

Guitarist Larry Murante to play in Long Beach

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Award-winning singer-songwriter Larry Murante will return to the Peninsula Arts Center for a concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 11.

Murante's beautifully woven stories about everyday folks set to song combine compassionate, socially conscious lyrics and an upbeat, joyful folk/rock style. Jackson Brown, Lyle Lovett, Hal Ketchum and Michael McDonald are all reflected in his music. Murante is known for his soaring, mellifluous tenor, a strong rhythmic guitar style and an engaging stage presence.

With his third CD release, "Point Of Entry," Murante has racked up a fresh string of accolades, the most notable being the grand prize winner in the folk category of the international John Lennon Songwriting Contest.

Murante was also a final-

ist in the prestigious Kerrville Grassyhill Newfolk Song Competition in Kerrville, Texas, a finalist in the International Acoustic Music Awards, and a recent winner of the West Coast Songwriters International Songwriting Contest. He was also selected as a Premier Showcase Artist at the Far West Folk Alliance Conference in 2010 and 2011 and as an official showcase artist at the 2010 North American Folk Alliance Conference in Memphis.

The Peninsula Arts Center is located at 504 Pacific Ave. N. Admission is \$12 at the door or online through Brown Paper Tickets, or call Bill at 360-901-0962. Wine, beer, and other refreshments are available for purchase.

Concerts benefit the Long Beach Peninsula Acoustic Music Association, a 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable organization.

Enjoy outdoor live music at Waikiki Beach

ILWACO, Wash. — The Waikiki Beach Concert Series kicks off June 11 for its 11th year of offering outdoor live music performances in Cape Disappointment State Park.

Concert performances start at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays in June, July and August at the Confluence Project amphitheater at Cape Disappointment State Park's Waikiki Beach, located at 244 Robert Gray Drive. Visitors of all ages may take along a chair or blanket and listen to music ranging from alt-country and folk to juke joint swing with the Pacific Ocean as a backdrop. A Discover Pass is required to park.

The concert lineup is:

- June 11: FisherPoets Gathering founders Jon Broderick, of Cannon Beach, and Jay Speakman, of Gearhart, will offer up original songs and poetry that celebrate the commercial fishing industry. Since June 11 is National Get Outdoors Day, admission is free to all Washington State Parks; a Discover Pass is not required for this concert.

- June 25: Tara Stonecipher & The Tall Grass will perform alt-country and new-folk with vocal harmonies and melodic instrumentals.

- July 9: Amanda Richards & The Good Long Whiles are an evolution of folk, ghost Western and 1970s rock 'n' roll.

- July 23: Champagne Sunday performs gypsy punk rock with intimate tearjerkers and anthemic foot-stompers.

- Aug. 13: Naselle, Washington, singer-songwriter Lulu LaFever has been compared to Ella Fitzgerald and Cindy Lauper. Her soulful roadhouse songwriting has the sizzle of pop jazz and the fun of juke-joint swing.
- Aug. 27: Ben Hunter and Joe Seamons will perform pre-blues and early jazz acappella field hollers with fiddle and banjo.

Sponsors for the concert series include Friends of the Columbia River Gateway, Washington State Parks and National Endowment for the Arts. For more information, call 360-642-3029.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Amanda Richards & The Good Long Whiles perform July 9.



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY KATHY METCALF
Lulu LaFever will perform soulful songs Aug. 13.



PHOTO BY ALEX PAJUNAS
Fisherpoets Jon Broderick, left, and Jay Speakman will perform songs about commercial fishing.

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