

Encore Dance Studio puts on weekend dance extravaganza

SEASIDE — For its 20th anniversary, Encore Dance Studio invites the public to join in a special Dance Recital Weekend Friday to Sunday, June 10 to 12 at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center. The weekend of events celebrates the performing arts in the local community.

Friday night's celebration is a free event beginning at 5 p.m. with a Hip-Hop Dance Workshop. All ages and levels are invited to come learn a hip-hop routine. Encore's tumbling demonstration begins at 6:30 p.m. Then, the dance studio's award-winning solo performers will

entertain audiences beginning at 7 p.m.

Saturday night's performance is a ticketed event, and will begin at 7 p.m. with a dazzling 20th Anniversary Opening Number Extravaganza showcasing all the razzle-dazzle of a 1920s speakeasy. The evening will feature dance routines of all ages, genres and levels, including ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop and lyrical.

General admission tickets are \$10 online or \$12 at the door; children age 10 and under and seniors age 65 and older are free. Tickets are available online at www.getyou dancing.com

and clicking on the recital button.

On Sunday, Encore's performing arts preschool and after school programs hit the stage with sparkling dance routines and include a delightful musical theater showcase of "Peter Pan." General admission tickets are \$10 online or \$12 at the door; children are 10 and under and seniors 65 and older are free. Online tickets are available at getyou dancing.com

If you have any questions, call Encore Dance Studio at 503-717-1637, email encoregearhart@msn.com or find Encore on Facebook.

Merry Time Bar & Grill hosts night of stand-up comedy

ASTORIA — The Merry Time Bar & Grill will host a night of stand-up comedy with an all-star lineup of Portland comics on Friday, June 10.

Cheap Whiskey and Dirty Jokes features Andie Mann, Gabe Dinger, Joann Schinderle and Nariko Ott, a veritable who's who of the stand-up comedy scene in Portland. Comedians will each do about a 20-minute set with limited breaks. Expect adult humor, political content and general good times.

The event will start at 9 p.m., and there is no cover. The event is for ages 21 and older.

Andie Mann is the host of Curious Comedy Theater's weekly open mic and has performed at Bumbershoot in Seattle, The All Jane No Dick Comedy Festival, Portland Pride 2014, the Treefort Festival and more.

Gabe Dinger has per-

formed at several comedy festivals, including the Bridgetown Comedy Festival and Bumbershoot. As a member of the improv troupe Whiskey Tango, he has also performed in the LA Improv Festival, SF Sketchfest, and the Del Close Marathon in New York City. More notably, Dinger was the first comedian to perform at a high-security prison in the state of Oregon. The Portland Mercury has called him a "Punchline machine." He made Willamette Week's Funniest Five poll in 2015.

Joann Schinderle was recently a finalist in Portland's Funniest Person Contest 2015 and has performed across the country in such festivals as Bumbershoot, Bridgetown Comedy Festival, Chicago Comedy Exposition, SF Sketchfest, Hell Yes Fest, Out of Bounds Comedy Festival and more.

Nariko Ott was named on Willamette Week's The

Funniest Five poll in 2014. Ott didn't enter comedy until his 30s, and he moved to Portland in 2011.

The Merry Time Bar & Grill looks forward to hosting more music, dance and comedy events throughout the summer, including a special guest appearance by the DJs of Decadent '80s, Portland's longest running alternative '80s dance night, at 10 p.m. Saturday, June 11. Decadent '80s started in 2004 and plays the best of '80s underground and new wave; expect to hear a sampling of all the music genres that made the 1980s so decadent. The event is 21 and over only, and there is no cover.

The Merry Time Bar & Grill is located at 995 Marine Drive. For more information, contact Terry Robinett at 503-468-0852 or email at merrytimebar@gmail.com

LightBox observes seventh anniversary

'Plastic Fantastic Show VII' opens

ASTORIA — LightBox Photographic Gallery celebrates its seventh anniversary with the opening and artists' reception of the "Plastic Fantastic Show VII" from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 11.

This annual group exhibit originated with LightBox's love for images made with basic plastic "toy" film cameras and as a way to celebrate the gallery's anniversary each year.

A large number of photographers from around the world shoot images with these basic cameras, creating unique photos that are captured on film. This photographic method has gained popularity because of the images achieved using cameras with less than perfect optics and control lead to unpredictable and sometimes extraordinarily beautiful results.

Internationally renowned fine art photographer Susan Burnstine of Los Angeles once again juried the exhibit. Burnstine uses homemade cameras consisting of plastic lenses and vintage camera and household parts. She has become an acclaimed photographic artist shooting with film and using rudimentary cameras of her own design.

"It is once again a great honor to act as juror for 'Plastic Fantastic VII.' I'm continuously surprised and inspired by the remarkable quality of work that is submitted to this one-of-a-kind show, which is the last to solely honor the magic of plastic, pinhole and homemade cameras shot exclusively with film," Burnstine said. "I congratulate everyone who was selected for this exhibit and applaud everyone who submitted. The award



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"On the Hill" by Diane Peterson.



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"Polkadots" by Daniel Grant.



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"Man of the Sea" by Jim Rohan.

selections were incredibly difficult, and I salute every one of you for having the courage to create such beauty with limited tools such as these."

This year, Diane Peterson of Portland received the juror's top award for the image, "On the Hill"; Lisa Lindamood of Knoxville,

Tennessee, received the second juror's award for "Kiss by a Ghost on New Years Eve"; Daniel Grant from San Francisco received the third award for "Polka Dots"; and Carole Glauber of Portland received the Honorable Mention.

LightBox opened in Astoria on June 13, 2009. Chelsea and Michael Granger established the venue to educate people in the photographic arts. In seven years and with over 90 exhibits since opening, LightBox has become important regionally as a Northwest photographic resource, hosting national and regional artists with exhibits of fine photography, conducting artists' presentations and workshops, all as part of the goal to provide a center for the promotion of creative and alternative photography on the North Coast of Oregon.

The 'Plastic Fantastic Show VII' runs from June 11 until July 6. LightBox is located at 1045 Marine Drive. For more information, call 503-468-0238 email info@lightbox-photographic.com or visit lightbox-photographic.com