

234th Army Band ensembles tour Columbia Pacific

CANNON BEACH, CLATSKANIE and LONG BEACH, Wash. — The 234th Army Band of the Oregon National Guard is embarking on its annual Summer Concert Series, featuring programs in the local area performed by several ensembles. All of the band's performances are free, and open to the public.

The 234th Army Band is comprised of four major ensembles: Rox Teddy, a popular music group featuring multiple vocalists; Brass Ops, a brass group including electric bass, percussion, saxophones and piccolo; General Dischord, a woodwind ensemble including string bass and percussion; and Empire Builders, a traditional military concert band.

Pop-rock ensemble Rox Teddy will perform at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 19 at Veteran's Field in Long Beach, Washington. This group plays family-friendly

songs from the '70s through today's hits. Made up of 13 musicians, Rox Teddy brings a big sound through rock instrumentation and a horn section.

Brass Ops will perform at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 19 at City Park in Cannon Beach. This 12-member brass band features high-energy traditional and contemporary brass arrangements, marches and historical literature.

The 13-member classical music ensemble General Dischord will perform the concert "A Night at the Opera" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 19 at the Birkenfeld Theater in Clatskanie. This year's program includes traditional marches, as well as music from "West Side Story," "Star Wars," Queen, David Bowie, selections from the operas "Susannah" and "The Marriage of Figaro," and Dvorak's Serenade for Wind Instruments.

The Empire Builders will perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 20 at Clatskanie Middle/High School. Band leaders Chief Warrant Officer Ashley Alexander and Sgt. Chris Sigman will conduct a program that honors those who have served in conflict overseas through a series of letters written by soldiers paired with music. This year's program features music by Marta Keen, Henry Cowell and Irving Berlin, a medley of Vietnam-era rock music, rousing marches, patriotic selections, and a tribute to the service members of Oregon and beyond.

Organized in 1919, the 234th Army Band of the Oregon National Guard served in the South Pacific during World War II. Based in Clackamas, the 234th Army Band — nicknamed "Oregon's Own" — is comprised of over 40 soldiers from Or-

egon and southwest Washington, who meet several times monthly to rehearse and participate in military training. In their civilian lives, band members serve as professional musicians, educators, contractors, engineers, firefighters, business owners and students. Many members began their military careers in active duty, in both musical and non-musical units, and several have served in Iraq.

While primarily a musical organization, the band has been called upon to serve in the capacity of disaster response and humanitarian relief. Most recently, members of the band were deployed to New Orleans to assist with relief efforts after Hurricane Katrina.

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The Adventures at Sea day camp for ages 7 to 12 features activities like making costumes, props and sculptures.

Kids can explore their creative side in Gearhart

GEARHART — Trail's End Art Association will host exciting arts experiences for youth this July.

Kathy Karbo and Sarah Ferguson return to Trail's End July 18 to 22 to orchestrate Adventures at Sea.

This week of exciting arts and performance experiences will feature activities such as creating shadow puppets, treasure maps, costumes, props and mixed-media sculpture. The week will end with a presentation for family and friends.

Young artists ages 7 to 12 will be at work each day from 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. Each student needs to bring a sack lunch and bottle of water. Cost for the week is \$150 per participant.

This popular arts camp has a limited number of participants so that each receives individual attention. Register now at trailsendart.org or by calling Karbo at 503-235-0211.

"Printmaking and Bookmaking" happens for youth the following week on July 26 and 27. Bev Cordova will lead the class based on her years of teaching art to many age groups.

Each of the two days, she will meet with younger



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Bev Cordova will teach a Printmaking and Bookmaking class at the end of July for youth.

students ages 7 to 10 from 9 to 11 a.m. and with older students ages 11 to 13 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Participants will experience four stages of art production: 1) make a printing plate using shapes from nature; 2) experiment with printing processes to make multiple prints from the plate; 3) create an accordion-style book for collecting prints; and 4) sign and mount prints inside and on the cover of the book.

At the conclusion, each student will have the opportunity to display and share the resulting print collection.

The cost for younger participants is \$40; the cost for older participants is \$60. The size of the group is limited, so register now at trailsendart.org or by sending your request to trailart2010@hotmail.com



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