

# Classical music contest winners to entertain

RAYMOND, Wash. — A mezzo soprano with a broad performing background and a pianist who is studying to be a pharmacist will perform a free concert at the Raymond Theatre on Sunday, Sept. 11.

The performers — singer Lesley Baird and pianist Michael Zarling — won the opportunity to perform in a June competition at the Ladies Musical Club of Seattle. Their appearance at the theater is sponsored by Sunday Afternoon Live.

The concert starts at 2 p.m. Following the performances, the musicians will be available for an on-site outreach to answer questions and to offer suggestions to local performers. For instance, Baird, a dramatic singer, could help with vocal warm-ups, interpretation, and how to present a character.

Baird is a creative and passionate singer with an extensive background in performing including: Annio in “La Clemenza di Tito,” Third Lady in “The Magic Flute,” Marcellina in “Le Nozze di Figaro,” Dinah in Bernstein’s “Trouble in Tahiti,” and Modestina in



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Pianist Michael Zarling will perform.

“Viaggio a Reims.”

Baird has also performed “The Defiant requiem: Verdi at Terezin,” a concert-drama that tells the story of the courageous Jewish prisoners in the Theresienstadt Concentration Camp during World War II, with the CUA and Washington National Choir in Terezin, Budapest and The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Zarling started piano lessons at the age of 5, and he continued lessons through

high school and college despite his decision to pursue a degree in pharmacy. Zarling currently studies with Dr. Christopher Han and is now a fourth-year pharmacy student at the University of Montana. However, music is his first love, and Zarling’s piano adventures have led him all over the country for various competitions, festivals and national conferences.

Zarling is a self-proclaimed Scrabble champion



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Mezzo soprano Lesley Baird will perform.

and film critic, and enjoys spending time with animals and traveling to big cities.

The Frances Walton Competition for classical musicians, ages 20 to 35, is held annually by the Ladies Musical Club of Seattle. Four solo winners and one ensemble winner are selected after a day-long competition. Each September, the winners participate in statewide tours giving free performances in areas that rarely experience classical music.

## Tickets on sale for drawing, silent auction

### Cannon Beach Library to hold fall fundraiser

CANNON BEACH — Tickets are on sale now through Sept. 24 for a gift certificate drawing and silent auction put on by the Cannon Beach Library.

Gift certificate baskets, valued at \$200 to \$300 each, are on display now and feature goods and certificates from shops in Cannon Beach. Tickets are \$1 each, six for \$5, and 24 for \$20.

The drawing will be held at the library’s annual Fall Festival, taking place at 4 p.m. Sept. 24.

The library is also holding a silent auction for Cannon Beach hotel stays. Bidding is live now through Sept. 24 at the library. Auction results will be announced at the end of the Fall Festival.

You do not have to be present to win.

The library is located at 131 N. Hemlock St. in downtown Cannon Beach.

For more information, call the library at 503-436-1391.

## Seaside Fire & Rescue to hold barbecue fundraiser

SEASIDE — The public is invited to a fundraiser barbecue to benefit Seaside Fire & Rescue.

The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Seaside Fire Station, located at 150 S. Lincoln St.

The fundraiser will include a barbecue, a bouncy house, prizes and, of course, fire trucks. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for kids 12 years old and younger.

The Seaside Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association is a nonprofit organization, made up entirely of the de-

partment’s firefighters. The association holds an annual fundraiser to raise money for tools and equipment, the station and the training facility.

Proceeds help provide firefighters the tools and skills to help the public in their time of emergency. In 2015, Seaside Fire & Rescue responded to 1,155 calls, and volunteers participated in over 84 training drills.

Donations are a major factor in helping firefighters keep up to date with modern life-saving skills, equipment and training.



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Hear Gerle Haggard perform Sept. 10 at the Sou’Wester.

## Gerle Haggard to play at Sou’Wester Lodge

SEAVIEW, Wash. — The Sou’Wester Lodge will host a performance by Gerle Haggard Band at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10.

Gerle Haggard Band brings the best of Merle Haggard’s timeless music to audiences who’ve been loving songs like “Mama Tried,” “Misery and Gin” and “Working Man Blues” and many more classics to a whole new audience.

This eight-piece, all-women band features a line-up of musicians who weave beautiful instrumentation, tight harmonies and a big heap of showmanship

into a full-throttled entertainment event.

The band has recently been featured at Portland’s Rose Festival, Oregon Country Fair and The Bite of Oregon as well as performing for the women at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. Along with their live shows this summer, the band has recently released at full-length recording chock full of their own spin on Merle Haggard classics and lesser-known gems.

This marks the band’s fourth appearance at the Sou’wester Lodge, located at 3728 J Place. For more information, call 360-642-2542.

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