

Tickets on sale for Liberty Presents concerts

ASTORIA — Tickets are on sale now for the Liberty Theater's 2016-17 Liberty Presents Concert Series. The series includes six concerts, which all begin at 7:30 p.m.

Musician, actor, playwright and author Storm Large will kick off the series Oct. 8. After spending the '90s singing in clubs in San Francisco, Large moved to Portland and quickly garnered a cult-like following with her band, The Balls. She shot to national prominence in 2006 as a finalist on the CBS show "Rock Star: Supernova." In 2007 she starred in Portland Center Stage's smash-hit production of "Cabaret" with Wade McCollum, and her next endeavor, the autobiographical musical memoir "Crazy Enough," played to packed houses in 2009. "Crazy Enough" was released by Simon and Schuster in 2012, named Oprah's Book of the Week, and awarded the 2013 Oregon Book Award for Creative Nonfiction. Large sings vocals with beloved Portland band Pink Martini and performs with her own band, Le Bonheur. She has performed with the National Symphony at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., the Detroit Symphony, the Oregon Symphony, the New York Pops Orchestra, Rufus Wainwright and

George Clinton.

Portland rock band Quarterflash will return to the Liberty Theater to perform Nov. 5. Marv and Rindy Ross, both Western Oregon University graduates, have performed together since the late '70s. In 1980 their song "Harden my Heart" became their first hit. They have garnered gold and platinum records and have toured with Elton John and Linda Ronstadt. In the '90s they started the group The Trail Band after a commission from the State of Oregon to produce a musical based on the diaries of immigrants on the Oregon Trail. Quarterflash just released a new CD, "Goodbye Uncle Buzz."

On Jan. 13, Pablo Cruise will roll into town. Pablo Cruise, known for their hits, "Love Will Find a Way" and "Watcha Gonna Do When She Says Goodbye," released their first album in 1975. After several years of each member striking out on their own to try different projects, they have come back to tour together once again. The pop-rock group is made up of David Jenkins on guitar and vocals, Cory Leros on keyboards and vocals, Steve Price on drums and Larry Antonino on bass and vocals.

California Guitar Trio will appear at the Liberty



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Marv and Rindy Ross of Quarterflash will perform at the Liberty Theater in Astoria on Nov. 5.

Theater on Feb. 9. The trio is celebrating 25 years of performing together. They explore the intersections of rock, jazz, classical and world music and occasionally throw in the occasional surf or spaghetti Western tune for good measure. The trio is known for their dazzling musicianship and interplay. Their music has served as the soundtrack for coverage of the Olympics, and NASA used their music to wake the crew aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour.

International acappella vocal ensemble Women of the World will perform March 11. The reigning National ACappella Champions, Women of the World brings musicians from across the globe to collabo-

rate, create and share music. Since 2008, Women of the World's repertoire spans 26 languages. Their music celebrates the differences in ideologies and cultures that exist throughout the world.

On April 20, Scottish fiddle star Alisdair Fraser and cello prodigy Natalie Haas will grace the stage of the Liberty Theater. Together they perform the infectious melodies and grooves of Scottish and Celtic music with dazzling teamwork. Fraser is recognized as one of the finest fiddle players Scotland has ever produced. He has appeared on the live radio variety show "A Prairie Home Companion" and National Public Radio's music show "The Thistle & Shamrock," and he has per-



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formed with violinist Itzak Pearlman. Haas is a Juilliard graduate and has toured with Fraser for over 15 years. She has also performed with Mark O'Connor, Natalie MacMaster, Altan, Solas, Liz Carroll and Dirk Powell. She teaches at the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

Ticket for individual concerts are on sale now, ranging from \$15 to \$45

depending on the concert and seat. Season passes for all six concerts are also available at three different price points: \$195, \$145 and \$90. Tickets are available at ticketswest.com or at the Liberty Theater box office, in person or by calling 503-325-5922, ext. 55; the box office is open from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

Clatsop County Cultural Coalition announces grant opportunities

Attend information workshops, apply for funds by Oct. 31

CLATSOP COUNTY — The Clatsop County Cultural Coalition is funded by the Oregon Cultural Trust to award funding that supports, maintains, preserves and promotes cultural programs in visual and performing arts, as well as heritage and

humanities-based projects within Clatsop County. Individuals and groups located within Clatsop County are eligible to apply.

Grants will be awarded in December to support programs for 2017. Funding is available for up to \$2,000 per project, and 2016 offers the most money to be awarded to date with \$10,000 to be distributed.

The local coalition will

fund projects based on the degree of awareness to culture; support toward preservation, functionality or sustained usage of physical facilities that promote arts and culture; strength of the overall health of existing nonprofit organizations, schools, individuals, or business, related to visual and performing arts, heritage and humanities in Clatsop County.

The 2016 application for

the Clatsop Cultural Coalition grant is available online at clatsopculturalcoalition.org

Applications will be accepted from Sept. 15 through Oct. 31. The coalition highly recommends that potential applicants attend a workshop to gather more information about the application process. The first workshop will be held Sept. 29 at The Astoria Art Loft, located at 106 Third St. The

second workshop will be held Oct. 1 at the Community Room in the Seaside Public Library, located at 1131 Broadway in Seaside.

Workshops are one hour in duration and provide the opportunity to clarify the most effective approach to grant application. The workshops will also serve to answer any questions related to the grant guidelines.

Successful grant appli-

cants will be notified by Dec. 1 and will be invited to receive their checks and speak at the awards ceremony later that month in Astoria.

For more information, visit the coalition website, clatsopculturalcoalition.org, attend a workshop, inquire at information@clatsopculturalcoalition.org, or call Janet Bowler at 503-325-2431 or Charlene Larsen at 503-325-0590.