

# Peninsula Arts Center hosts modern troubadour Beth Wood in concert

LONG BEACH, Wash. — The Peninsula Arts Center will present Beth Wood, a modern-day troubadour and believer in the power of song, for a performance at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24.

Wood's musicianship, crafty songwriting and commanding stage presence have been winning over American audiences for 16 years. Her music is a soulful, intelligent, high-energy communication of joy.

Wood began her musical journey in Lubbock, a high-plains Texas town with a rich musical heritage that includes Buddy Holly, Natalie and Lloyd Maines, Mac Davis and Joe Ely to name a few. When she wasn't dodging tornadoes and dust storms, Wood was studying classical piano, violin, harp and voice and contemplating the greatness of her dad's record collection.

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Singer-songwriter Beth Wood will perform Sept. 24 at the Peninsula Arts Center.

becoming a musician, Wood left west Texas to study voice and piano in North Carolina. A detour from her classical studies led her to Austin, where she picked up a degree in literature and a guitar. She began writing her own songs and discovered

a feeling of freedom she's been hooked on ever since. Sixteen years, thousands of shows, nine albums and numerous awards later, Wood has never looked back.

"Spring Tide," her latest album, is an intimate collection of original songs. Over-

looking the ocean in Lincoln City, Wood and producer Tyler Fortier captured these songs in their most elemental form, just as they were written, with just one voice and solo acoustic guitar.

Wood has been featured on OPB's "Artbeat" and on "Troubadour, TX," a nationally syndicated documentary-style singer-songwriter reality TV series. She's also been a three-time featured artist on Cayamo: A Journey Through Song, a week-long Caribbean songwriter cruise.

The Peninsula Arts Center is located at 504 Pacific Ave. N. Admission is \$12 at the door, online through Brown Paper Tickets, or call Bill at 360-901-0962. Wine, beer and other refreshments are available for purchase. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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

# Countertenor to perform at the Raymond Theatre

Terry Barber opens Sunday Afternoon Live's 14th season

RAYMOND, Wash. — Sunday Afternoon Live will usher in its 14th season Sunday, Sept. 25 with an performance by international musical artist and singer Terry Barber. With a prodigious vocal range and artistic versatility, acclaimed countertenor Barber provides "performances of great vitality and verve" according to the Los Angeles Times.

As a member of the multiple Grammy-winning ensemble Chanticleer, Barber performed classical, gospel, jazz and folk music in a over dozen languages at more than a hundred concerts around the globe. Naturally fluent in many musical styles, Barber has been a soloist for the best venues around the world, from the Metropolitan Opera and Carnegie Hall, to Moscow's Svetlanov Hall.

Barber has been a soloist on recordings for major labels with a variety of artists from Madonna to the London Philharmonic, singing everything from the Brahms' "Lullaby" to Leonard Co-



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hen's popular "Hallelujah." Whether singing Johann Sebastian Bach or Andrew Lloyd Webber, Barber provides entertainment for music lovers of all kinds.

The performance begins at 2 p.m. at the Raymond Theatre, 323 Third St.

Tickets are \$15 at the door or \$12 in advance at the theater, Sagen's Pharmacy in Raymond and South Bend Pharmacy. For further ticket information, call 360-875-5207. The show is sponsored by Cecelia Seaman, Dr. Frank & Patricia Hing, Dick Mergens and Bank of the Pacific.

# Learn how to operate a shelter in an emergency

ASTORIA — This October, a member of the Red Cross will teach a one-day workshop about operating an emergency shelter.

Ann Fenderson, the regional mass care lead for the Red Cross, will conduct the all-day comprehensive training course "Sheltering with Confidence" from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 2. The course will take place in the Astoria School District board room at the Capt. Robert Gray School, located at 785 Alameda Ave. The public is invited, and the training is free.

Participants will gain valuable insights about opening and operating a shelter from Fenderson, a Salem resident and Red

Cross shelter manager with experience ranging from Hurricane Sandy to last year's Oregon wildfires.

In an isolated area like Clatsop County, whether there is to be a Red Cross response in the form of feeding or sheltering is up to local residents becoming volunteers. Volunteers make up 90 percent of the Red Cross workforce, and the local Red Cross is actively seeking new volunteers. Volunteers receive free training. Local, state and national emergency agencies tell residents here to expect to handle disasters alone for at least 24 to 72 hours. Red Cross and other emergency training could prove invaluable.


Over the past year, local

Red Cross volunteers have updated shelter agreements with schools, churches and community centers and held sheltering training exercises at these sites. During the winter quarter, the Red Cross will partner with Clatsop Community College to offer an in-depth 20-hour "Comprehensive Shelter Training" workshop taught over two weekends and covering all aspects of shelter operations.

The one-day "Sheltering with Confidence" workshop Oct. 2 will come at the end of September's National Preparedness month activities; groups throughout the area have been working on various types of preparedness activities. Clatsop


County Emergency Manager Tiffany Brown has secured a grant enabling the creation of an emergency services database of all county shelter sites (not just Red Cross). The Astoria Warming Center begins its third year helping un-housed/un-sheltered community members survive the winter and welcomes new volunteers. Volunteer trainings will be posted on the warming center's Facebook page in October.

For more information on the "Sheltering with Confidence" workshop or the Red Cross, contact Malachi Hindle, the disaster program manager of the Cascades region by calling 503-488-9684 or emailing malachi.hindle@redcross.org



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