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MANZANITA — The Manzanita Writers' Series will host author Cat Winters at 7 p.m. Nov. 19 for a reading from her new novel "Yesternight." The event will take place at the Hoffman Center.

"Yesternight" is Winters' second adult novel, released Oct. 4. Set in 1925 in the "rain-soaked coastal hamlet of Gordon Bay, Oregon," the novel involves reincarnation and madness as well as issues of a professional woman stifled by the conventions of her time.

A review on Booklist said: "Winters follows 'The Uninvited' with another gripping historical novel, this one an exploration of the effects of suppressed trauma and desire. Winters unveils the unspoken complexities of humankind in this well-written tale that is suspenseful in all the right places, and will keep readers guessing at every page."

Winters is an award-winning, critically acclaimed author of young adult and adult fiction that blends history with the supernatural. Her young adult works include "In the Shadow of Blackbirds," "The Cure for Dreaming," "The Steep and Thorny Way" and the forthcoming "Odd & True."

She has been a Morris

Award finalist, a Bram Stoker Award nominee, and an Oregon Spirit Book Award winner, and her books have appeared on numerous state and "best of" lists.

Winters will also lead a writing workshop during the day from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 19 titled "Writing Scary."

In the workshop, writers and learn how to make readers' hearts race with fear, whether you're a writer of horror or you simply want to write a chilling scene. Through lectures, group discussions, and a variety of exercises, Winters will share her favorite tools for producing writing that's evocative and spooky. Tuition is \$30. Register at hoffmanblog.org

Following Winters' reading and Q&A in the evening, Manzanita Writers' Series will host an Open Mic where up to nine local or visiting writers will read five minutes of their work. The suggested (not required) theme for the evening's Open Mic is "It Was a Dark & Stormy Night." Admission for the evening reading is \$7.

Both events are part of the second annual Dark and Stormy Night: Mystery Weekend in Manzanita.

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Hear cello and piano at the Liberty Theater

Astoria Music Festival presents Sergey Antonov, Ilya Kazantsev in concert Nov. 4

ASTORIA — The Astoria Music Festival will present a special concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 at the Liberty Theater.

The concert will feature Sergey Antonov, the youngest winner of Moscow's prestigious International Tchaikovsky Cello Competition, and pianist Ilya Kazantsev, a two-time winner of the World Piano Competition in Cincinnati, Ohio.

A gala Artists' Reception for patrons will follow the concert at Carruthers, a new restaurant kitty-corner to the theater.

The concert will feature sonatas as well as shorter pieces for cello and piano.



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Cellist Sergey Antonov, left, and pianist Ilya Kazantsev will perform Nov. 4 in Astoria.

Camille Saint-Saens' turbulent Cello Sonata No. 1 in C Minor is on the program. The sonata makes full use of the lower registers of both cello and piano, reflecting the composer's sadness at the loss of a family member and at the state of France following Napoleon III's crushing defeat by Prussia in 1870.

The program also includes Benjamin Britten's Cello Sonata, the first of five

major works that Britten wrote for Antonov's celebrated cello teacher Mstislav Rostropovich. In the timbre and counterpoint of scherzo-pizzicato movement, one can immediately detect indebtedness to the Indonesian Balinese gamelan tradition. The moto perpetuo final movement uses the "DSCH" motif (D-E flat-C-B natural) as a coded tribute to the name Dmitri Shostakovich,

the composer who inspired Britten to write for cello.

Antonov and Kazantsev regularly appear together in the world's finest concert halls, and this performance provides North Coast audiences an opportunity to hear a celebrated international musical team. Antonov is a long-time audience favorite at the Astoria Music Festival, where his accomplishments have included concertos, chamber music, solo recitals and children's concerts.

Ticket are \$40 for patron reserved seats and admission to the post-concert reception; \$25 general admission; and \$5 for students. Ticket are available from the Liberty Theater box office, open 2 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, by phone at 503-325-5922 ext. 55. The theater is located at 1203 Commercial St. Tickets are also available from Tickets West by calling 503224-8499 or 800-922-8499.

Be an angel — attend a fundraiser for the Astor Street Opry Company

Event to feature guest speakers, silent and live auctions, more

ASTORIA — The Astor Street Opry Company will put on its annual Be An Angel fundraiser on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at the Fort George Lovell Showroom, located at 426 14th St.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the live auction will begin at 6:30 p.m.

With live and silent auctions, this year's event is shaping up to be the biggest and best ever.

Auction items include everything from homemade

pies, lunch or dinner at T.Paul's Urban Café or the Bridgewater Bistro, and prime rib at Mary Todd's Workers Tavern to movie tickets at a Coming Attraction Theatre, gift certificates from Astoria Parks and Recreation, and a night's stay at the Cannery Pier Hotel.

There will even be a special auction for a priceless piece of original art from the world-famous Astoria artist Bill Dodge.

If your house is already full of stuff, would you might be enticed with a plane or helicopter ride, a pass to ride the zip lines at High Life Adventures, or a pass to the Columbia River Maritime Museum? Or

perhaps you have a need for some professional services, such as an hour of council on your accounting needs by accountant Walt Garnet, or four hours of labor from a master carpenter via L.J. Allen Construction?

Have you always wanted to learn how to paint? There will be one private art lesson from artist Kirsten Shauck and even a 3-credit class at Clatsop Community College.

The Be An Angel fundraiser will also feature guest speakers, including long-time ASOC supporter Sen. Betsy Johnson and Rep. Deborah Boone.

The Astor Street Opry Company will also hold a

special presentation for its in-house playwright, artist and fearless community theater champion Judith Niland. Niland is celebrating 32 years at ASOC by retiring a still partially sane woman, and all are invited to come help celebrate her career.

Tickets cost \$25 per person and are available by calling 503-325-6104 or by stopping into Holly McHone Jewelers in downtown Astoria. The event is sponsored by Van Dusen Beverages and hosted by Fort George Brewery. For more information, visit www.astorstreeoprycompany.com or email info@astorstreeoprycompany.com.