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Spotlight Concert

Storm clouds will blow away when Grammy-nominated blues singer Ellen Whyte kicks off the festival at 7 p.m. Friday in the Coaster Theatre Playhouse. Hailing from Oregon City, Whyte is in the Oregon Music Hall of Fame; she performs vocals for blues, pop and jazz and plays the rhythm guitar.

"Ellen Whyte is a great musician," Carrier said. "This will be a night of fun, entertaining music."

Fashion Show

The best thing about stormy weather is the clothing — the stylish coats and cute rubber boots for outdoors and the cozy sweaters and comfy clothes for indoors.

The "Dancing in the Rain" fashion show at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Coaster Theatre is free, but donations to CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates), which assists foster children, will be accepted.

Local residents will model, said Dena Draxton, owner of Dena's Shop on the Corner and fashion show organizer. "We will be showing very wearable things, both indoor and outdoor apparel."

In addition to Dena's, participating stores include Maggie and Henry's, La Luna Loca, Cannon Beach Leather and Paolas Pacas, an Italian designer from Portland, whose woven pieces are displayed at EVOO Cooking School.

Street Music

Rain or shine, the streets will be filled with music from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, as local and regional musicians play tunes throughout town. From blues to classical guitar, with some folk and Americana thrown in, there's bound to be something for everyone to listen to.

"Half or better of these musicians have played Stormy Weather before," said Paul Dueber, who, along with "Bobcat" Bob Rice, also will perform. "We always go back to these folks because we like their quality. They're good to listen to, and their music fits."

Each outside location downtown and in midtown has a back-up indoor space, in case of rain.

"We don't even have to even bother to look at the weather," Dueber said.

Working Shakespeare

It will be a tempest of talent when three local actors tackle the play "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) [Revised]" at the Coaster Theatre. The shows will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Nov. 12.

"Everyone and anyone is invited to attend this free event," said Katherine Lacaze, who, along with Ellen Jensen and Emily Estrada will perform the play.



Debra Carnes' oval basket features an antler handle. The baskets' shapes and materials are determined by what Carnes finds in nature. Carnes and seven other professional artists will demonstrate their techniques by creating art during the annual Art in Action event Saturday night.



Northwest by Northwest Gallery oil painter Hazel Schlesinger will give a demo at 11 a.m. Saturday at the gallery before taking part in Art in Action at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Surfsand Ballroom.



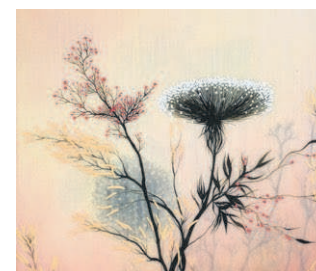
Suzanne Kindland and Jim Kingwell of Icefire Glassworks will demonstrate glass blowing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.



Grammy-nominated singer songwriter Ellen Whyte and her five-piece band will perform in concert at the Coaster Theatre on Friday night.

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Archimedes Gallery artist Ivy Jacobsen strives to create a place of magical realism in her paintings. The gallery will hold a reception with Cannon Beach Distillery at 5 p.m. Saturday.

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Hammond artist J.R. Moyer, whose work can be found at Primary Elements Gallery, is a self-taught woodworker whose works often feature found wood from coastal shores. Moyer will be one of the artists demonstrating his techniques and offering a new work for sale at the Art in Action event Saturday night at the Surfsand Ballroom.

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