

North Coast Symphonic Band spreads holiday cheer

ASTORIA — The North Coast Symphonic Band and the Liberty Theatre are teaming up to present their annual holiday concert “Joyful Christmas Traditions” at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Liberty Theatre, located at 1203 Commercial St.

Dave Becker is the conductor and musical director for a late afternoon concert celebrating familiar and new holiday traditions for audience goers of all ages. Concert organizers hope that community members and North Coast visitors will suspend their holiday shopping and preparations on the last weekend before Christmas to relax and enjoy the best of music inspired by the December holidays.

Come early at 3:30 p.m. to enjoy the pre-show of seasonal music by the Astoria Tuba Quartet.

Becker has selected a program to please the ears and the soul. The concert starts with Leroy Anderson’s classic arrangement of familiar carols in “A Christmas Festival.” Many of the carols repeat in the sing-along finale at the end of the concert in a Steve Rein-

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3:30 p.m. pre-show:
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Liberty Theatre
1203 Commercial St.
Adults \$20, students \$5

eke arrangement titled “Merry Christmas, Everyone.”

Featured selections for the afternoon include a Jerry Brubaker arrangement of tunes from “The Polar Express” and “The Saint’s Hallelujah” combining Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus” with “When the Saints Go Marching In,” including solos from several of the symphonic band’s hottest jazz musicians.

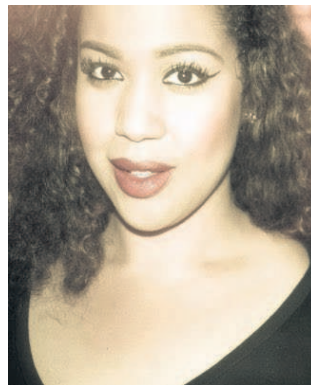
The North Coast Chorale directed by Denise Reed will perform a set that includes the Hanukkah song “Light the Legend,” a John Rutter Christmas lullaby, and “Dashing

Through the Snow: a Jingle Bell Spectacular.”

Special guests for the afternoon include vocalists, a harpist and Santa. Local favorites Deac Guidi and Aleesha Nedd will be featured on vocals on a Dave Robertson arrangement of Frank Loesser’s “Baby, It’s Cold Outside.” Guidi will narrate a stunning version of “The Night Before Christmas” arranged by Randol Alan Bass, and Nedd will be featured in Irving Berlin’s always popular “White Christmas.”

Cheri Walker of Long Beach, Washington, will perform a harp solo from Benjamin Britten’s “Ceremony of Carols,” and Bob Walters of Ilwaco will return as Santa and lead the finale sing-along.

Tickets are available at the Liberty Theatre’s box office from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and two hours before the performance. Regular admission is \$20. Student tickets for those 18 and under are \$5. For more information on the North Coast Symphonic Band, visit www.northcoast-symphonicband.org or call 503-325-2431.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Vocal soloist Aleesha Nedd will perform at the concert.



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Astoria baritone-bass Deac Guidi will sing a solo during the concert.



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The North Coast Symphonic Band will perform with the North Coast Chorale at the Liberty Theatre on Saturday, Dec. 17.



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The Astoria Tuba Quartet is made of Dennis Hale, Bob Joiner, Lee Stromquist and Brian Bergman.

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