

Enjoy songs by Woody Guthrie

SEASIDE — The Friends of the Seaside Library will welcome folksinger, storyteller and autoharp virtuoso Adam Miller for a performance at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26. The musical program will tell the story of “The Life and Times of Woody Guthrie.” The concert will take place in the Community Room.

Woody Guthrie (1912-1967) wrote over 1,000 songs in his lifetime, and his musical legacy includes political, traditional and children’s songs, along with ballads and improvised works. Miller will tell Guthrie’s story through song and the spoken word, and the audience is encouraged to sing-along to some American classics.

One of the premier autoharpists in the world, Miller is a renowned American folksinger and storyteller. An accomplished folklorist, historian, musicologist and song-collector, he has amassed



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Folksinger Adam Miller will perform Jan. 26 at the Seaside Public Library.

a repertoire of over 5,000 songs. Miller accompanies his baritone voice with lively finger-picking acoustic guitar and autoharp melodies. His traditional folk songs will have all ages singing along, and Miller will interweave stories

that will evoke a by-gone time when entertainment was homemade.

Traveling 70,000 miles each year, this 21st-century troubadour has performed from the Everglades to the Arctic Circle. Using the experiences of the road, Miller points out fascinating connections between events in history and the songs that survived them. And, like radio’s Paul Harvey, he manages to give you “the rest of the story” about some of our nation’s richest musical treasures.

Miller has performed at the Walnut Valley Bluegrass Festival, the Tumbleweed Music Festival and the Kentucky Music Weekend. When he is not on the road, Miller calls Drain home.

The Seaside Public Library is located at 1131 Broadway. For more information call 503-738-6742 or visit seasidelibrary.org

KALA to host Freedom Follies

This Jan. 20 event offers alternative inaugural revelry

ASTORIA — Celebrate the spirit of community, social justice and “power to the people” at the Freedom Follies, a new paradigm alternative inaugural revelry performance, featuring a roster of local performers on Friday, Jan. 20 at KALA, located at 1017 Marine Drive.

Freedom Follies is hosted by KALA and coastal blues singer Maggie Kitson, whose band Maggie & The Katz will headline the event, ending the evening with a full set of rockin’ tunes to dance to.

The doors swing wide open at 8 p.m., and short performances will follow from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. The event is open to ages 21 and older only. Admission is \$10 at the door.

The night’s performers will include vocalist Bridget Kitson; The Duck & The Fish; Adams & Costello; performance poets John Kulm, Nancy Cook and Pattra Monroe; Abraham Lincoln personified by Walt Trumbull, vocalist Dinah Urell, vocalist Dida DeAngelis, The Lower Columbia Q Choir, a word from the Astoria Women’s March, folkster Dallas Williams, and Swingcats of Astoria.

Freedom Follies is inspired by the following quote from social activist and historian Howard Zinn: “I lift my spirits by remembering: The artists are on our side! I mean those poets and painters, singers and musicians, novelists and playwrights who speak to the world in a way that is impervious to assault because they wage the battle for justice in a sphere which is unreachable by the dullness of ordinary political discourse.”



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The Duck and The Fish, a musical duo of Jesse Jones and Paul Brady, play classic bossa nova tunes.



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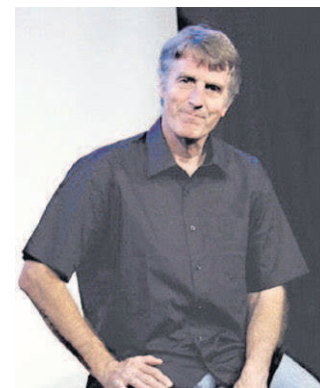
Swingcats of Astoria is, from left, Ted Brainard, Richard Thomanian, Dave Ambrose and Larry Aldred.



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Freedom Follies will be headlined by singer Maggie Kitson and her band Maggie and the Katz.

The performances are a proactive response to “what’s going down,”



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Poet and author John Kulm will read poetry at the event.

says Kitson. “Let’s gather artists together and focus on co-creativity in all walks of life and its beautiful diversity.”

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