

Local coastal symphony presents winter concerts

Hear music by Handel, Vivaldi

NEHALEM, ASTORIA and CANNON BEACH — The North Oregon Coast Symphony, under the direction of conductor Cory Pederson, will present its winter concert series, “The North Oregon Coast Symphony Goes Baroque” this March.

Musical selections will be performed by the symphony’s chamber string ensemble, as well as members of the symphony’s woodwind, brass and percussion sections.

The first concert will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, March 10 at the North County Recreational District auditorium, located at 36155 Ninth St. in Nehalem. The second concert will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center, located at 588 16th St. in Astoria. Admission for these concerts will be \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors 65 and older, and free for children under 12 with adult supervision.

There will also be an open rehearsal held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 7 at the Cannon Beach Community Church, located at 132 E. Washington St. in Cannon Beach. All concerts are family friendly.

The programs will include such selections as George Frederic Handel’s “Music for the Royal Fireworks,” “Water Music,” and “Lascia Ch’io Pianga” from “Rinaldo,” featuring soprano vocalist Janice Wall.

Vivaldi’s “Flute Concerto No. 2 in G minor” will be performed by the symphony’s string ensemble with Shelly Loring as solo flautist. The second movement from Vivaldi’s “Winter” Concerto No. 4 in F Minor



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The North Oregon Coast Symphony is conducted by Cory Pederson.

will feature concert master Angela Calvin-Pederson on violin.

The North Oregon Coast Symphony also announces openings for musicians and board member positions. There are ongoing opportunities for community members to become involved as performing musicians or support staff. The symphony is open to all members of the northwest Oregon and southwest Washington community who are interested in playing or supporting classical music, and all are encouraged to seek membership at any time. This all-volunteer symphony is committed to growing into a sustainable arts organization for the benefit of the community, offering concerts, trios and quartets for events, musical education and scholarships for K-12 students.

The symphony is actively seeking string players. If you play violin, viola, cello or string bass and are interested in rehearsing and performing in a local ensemble, contact director Cory Pederson at 503-836-2198 or nocscory@gmail.com

If you would like to volunteer in any capacity or are interested in serving on the board of directors, call Nancy Giasson at 630-525-0566. For more information about the North Oregon Coast Symphony, visit www.NorthOregonCoastSymphony.org

Savor wine, food in Cannon Beach

CANNON BEACH — Unique wine experiences with a focus on Northwest wines and regional cuisine are planned for the Savor Cannon Beach Wine & Culinary Festival, taking place March 9 to 12.

Highlighting Northwest wines and regional cuisine, the Savor Cannon Beach festival offers a four-day lineup of wine, culinary and arts events in one of the Pacific Northwest’s most popular destinations: Cannon Beach. A series of festival events focus on specific themes that showcase the bounty of Northwest wine and cuisine while the town’s restaurants, galleries and shops feature a weekend full of tastings, special dinners and cultural events.

Most of the wine tasting events are intimate and are limited to less than 150 participants, though the largest event of the festival, the Saturday wine walk, accommodates several hundred wine tasters who can visit approximately 40 Northwest wineries pouring tastings at Cannon Beach art galleries, restaurants and retail shops, all within easy walking distance in this compact beach community. Participating wineries represent many of the wine-growing regions in Oregon and Washington.

Other festival wine-tasting events showcase award-winning or notable wines from the Pacific Northwest and cuisine prepared by talented local chefs. The festival kicks off on Thursday, March 9 with Best of the Northwest, a wine-tasting “throwdown,” where participants taste 12 selected wines representing different wine growing regions of Oregon and Washington, then vote on their favorites to determine the evening’s top wines. A menu of light bites designed to pair with the evening’s featured wines will be served by three-time Iron Chef Goes Coastal champion Jonathan Hoffman.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Best of the Northwest

5 to 7 p.m. Taste 12 award-winning or notable wines representing different wine-growing regions of Oregon and Washington, and vote for your favorites. Includes a selection of light bites. Location: Tolovana Inn (3400 S. Hemlock) Price: \$40

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

Winemaker’s Premium Pours

1 to 4 p.m. Five Northwest wineries will share three special wines. Offerings will include library wines, verticals, horizontals or reserve wines. This is a drop-in wine tasting event. Location: Tolovana Inn (3400 S. Hemlock) Price: \$40

Wine & Gallery Walk

6 to 8 p.m. Visit participating Cannon Beach galleries, each hosting a Northwest winery and serving light appetizers. Check-in begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Hall (207 N. Spruce) Price: \$40

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Taste Like an Expert

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn to taste wine like an expert in this educational program with wine competition facilitators Hank and Nancy Sauer. Location: Tolovana Inn (3400 S. Hemlock) Price: \$20

Savor Cannon Beach Wine Walk

1 to 5 p.m. Taste wines from approximately 40 Northwest wineries pouring tastings as you make the rounds of Can-

non Beach art galleries, shops, restaurants and hotels. Proceeds benefit Clatsop Animal Assistance. Check-in begins at 11 a.m. at Coaster Theatre (108 N. Hemlock) Price: \$40

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

Gold Medal Wines & The Battle of the Bites

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Taste 12 Gold Medal-winning wines from the SavorNW Wine Awards selected the previous week by some of the top wine judges in the Northwest. This event will also feature the Battle of the Bites prepared by area chefs and restaurants; and your vote will determine the winner. Location: Tolovana Inn (3400 S. Hemlock) Price: \$40



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Taste wines from about 40 different Northwest wineries during the Savor Cannon Beach Wine Walk on March 11.

On Sunday, participants can indulge in Gold Medal Wines & The Battle of the Bites, featuring 12 Gold Medal wines from the SavorNW

Wine Awards and appetizers offered by area chefs and restaurants. Participant votes determine which bite wins the battle.

Friday’s events include Winemaker’s Premium Pours, in which five Northwest wineries each pour three special wines that may include library wines, verticals, horizontals or reserve selections. Friday night’s Wine & Gallery Walk will lead participants through several popular Cannon Beach galleries hosting wineries from both Oregon and Washington.

Individual tickets to festival events are \$20 to \$40 each, and a full Festival Pass good for admission to all festival tasting events is available for \$195. Advance purchase is recommended, as events are limited in size and have sold out in past years. Tickets are available at www.savorcannonbeach.com. For additional information, call 503-717-1122.