

Cruso's music inspired by nature, travel

LONG BEACH, WASH. — Carolyn Cruso brings her hammered dulcimer, flute, guitar and vocals to the Peninsula Arts Center at 504 Pacific Ave. N. in Long Beach, Washington at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 1.

She has a diverse array of original songs, as well as traditional material. Her instrumental compositions are mainly for the hammered dulcimer and are inspired by her strong connection to nature, as well as her extensive travel and the cultures she's encountered along the way. Her unusual

and lyrical approach to the dulcimer especially delights audiences and has even won over curmudgeons who swore they hated hammered dulcimer.

Admission is \$15 at the door or online through <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2889997> or, call at 360-901-0962.

Wine, beer, and other refreshments are available for purchase.

Concerts benefit the Long Beach Peninsula Acoustic Music Association, a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization.



Carolyn Cruso.

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Jazz at the PAC with the North Coast Big Band

ASTORIA — Music from the Big Band era to the music of today will be featured on the 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, concert of the North Coast Big Band.

The concert takes place at the CCC Performing Arts Center, 16th Street and Franklin Avenue. Lee Stromquist leads the band, which is dedicated to preserving and passing on the heritage of the Big Band era.

Drummer Ken Kirby will be the featured vocalist singing Frank Sinatra favorites.

Other featured performers include Seaside Schools band director Terry Dahlgren, Mike Evans, Bob Joiner, David Drury, Peter Hinsbeeck, Roy Breur, Jenny Bergman, and Ilwaco Schools band director Rachel Lake.

Tickets cost \$10 and will be

available at the door.

Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit Partners for the PAC. For more information, contact Stromquist at 503-861-1328.

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Directed by Lee Stromquist

Date and time: 2 P.M., Sunday, April 2, 2017

Location: CCC Performing Arts Center, 16th and Franklin, Astoria

Featured Vocalist: Ken Kirby

Admission: \$10 at the door

Swing it! Dance classes start soon

ASTORIA — Learn West Coast swing dance in April at the Astoria Arts and Movement Center, 342 10th St.

The four-week series begins Tuesday, April 4 and wraps up on April 25. It's \$45 per person or \$15 to drop in. 4 week series - Tues April 4, 11, 18, & 25 at the Astoria Arts & Movement Center

Only \$45 per person for the entire 4 week series* or \$15 to drop in nightly. No partner is required.

Classes are:
6:30 p.m.: Intermediate-level West Coast Swing
7:30 p.m.: Beginner-level West Coast Swing
8:30 p.m.: Student-led



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Blaine Ganvoa performs the swing with Marina Hattan in in Eastern Oregon.

practice hour

For the last class, there will be a social dance party night, with all levels at class at 6:30 p.m. and social dancing to follow from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

'American Fool' pays tribute to John 'Cougar' Mellencamp

ASTORIA — "American Fool" is a Pacific Northwest's tribute to the music of John "Cougar" Mellencamp. This seven-piece band replicates the heart, soul and excitement of four decades of Mellencamp hits.

Hear songs like "Crumblin' Down," "Hurts So Good," "Rain on the Scarecrow," "Jack & Diane," "Authority Song," "Cherry Bomb," "Small

Town," "I Need a Lover" and more.

See the band in action on Saturday, April 1 at the Liberty Theater in Astoria. The show starts at 7 p.m., doors open at 6. All tickets are \$20 and all seats are reserved. Tickets available at Ticketswest.com and at the Liberty Theater Box Office. The Box Office is open Wednesday through Saturday 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

KALA hosts Equinox

ASTORIA — Jazz trio Equinox plays Friday at KALA.

Equinox is a unique trio comprised of guitarist David Drury, bassist Todd Pederson and flutist Shelley Loring Barker. Each member has a broad range of musical experience and together they bridge the gaps between several musical styles seamlessly and with virtuosity.

They take their audiences on a musical tour of jazz that personifies modern, standards and contemporary.

This concert will include several of Drury's original

EQUINOX

Date and time: 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Venue: KALA, 1017 Marine Drive in Astoria

Cost: \$10 at the door. Cocktails available.

compositions. Sitting in on vocals will be the multi-talented Dinah Urell.

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