Cannon Beach Chorus holds three spring concert performances

The Cannon Beach Chorus — directed by John Buehler, with pianist, Susan Buehler — will present its 29th annual spring concert in three different North Coast locations:

- 7 p.m. Friday, May 5, at Peace Lutheran Church (565 12th St.) in Astoria
- 3 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at Nehalem Bay United Methodist Church (36050 10th St.) in Nehalem
- 7 p.m. Friday, May 12, at Cannon Beach Community Church (132 E. Washington St.).

Audiences will hear Joseph Haydn's "Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo," plus several American spirituals.

Composed around 1778, Haydn's piece is a brief mass of St. John of God and consists of six movements for chorus, piano accompaniment and soprano soloist.

The soloists for the mass are: Margaret Page, of Nehalem; Christina Pfister, of Nehalem; and McKenzie Bauske, of Seaside.

The spirituals performed are by composers William Dawson, Moses Hogan and Hal Johnson, with arrangements by Shaw/Parker, Undine Smith Moore, Larry Fleming and Jester Hairston. Adam Schwend, a bass-baritone from Tillamook, will be

the featured soloist on two of the spirituals.

Students 16 and under get in free. Tickets are \$10 and are available for purchase at the door or by calling 503-436-0378.

The Cannon Beach Chorus formed in 1989 and has a tradition of singing fine choral works, including pieces commissioned specifically for the chorus. Composed of singers from communities that extend from Astoria to Tillamook, the chorus is currently preparing for a commissioned piece in celebration of their upcoming 30th anniversary.

For more information, visit www.cannonbeachchorus.org.

Run for fun — and emergency preparedness

SEASIDE — The Seaside Dash to Safety, a 5K run and walk, will headline activities designed to raise awareness of emergency preparedness Saturday, May 6.

The race will begin 9 a.m. at the Seaside Cove, with the Tsunami Warning System acting as the official starter. Runners will head along Ocean Vista Drive and up the Seaside Promenade to the turnaround. They will then move east along Broadway Street until they reach Wahanna Road. The final stretch will take them south along Wahanna to Spruce Drive, and then to the finish line at Seaside Heights Elementary School.

The Seaside Family Safety Fair, all-ages event running 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. will be waiting for them at the school. It will have free hot dogs (served by Seaside Fire and Rescue), a bike rodeo for kids, and prizes — including a drawing for two youth bikes.

Information vendors promoting safety will be on hand, and fire trucks, an armored car and the Warrenton-based Life Flight's helicopter will likely be present.

Participants can register through seasideor.com and Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District. Race packets can be picked up at Seaside Heights, beginning at 8 a.m. Shuttle service will be provided from the school to the Cove starting at 8:30 a.m.

The city of Seaside and Sunset Empire partnered up for the Dash to Safety.

"There's a strong effort to promote preparedness in our community," Rahl, a city spokesman, said.
"Winter storms, flooding, fires, tsunamis and earthquakes are just a few of the things that could strike our area at any time. The idea behind this annual day is to have some fun while also learning what we can do to better prepare ourselves for an emergency situation."

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