

Students perform in music recital

ASTORIA — The annual Friday Musical Club Scholarship Student Recital will be presented 2 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Peace Lutheran Church, at Franklin Avenue and 12th Street, in Astoria. The recital is open to the public; there is no admission fee.

The nine student performers were chosen from a field of 22 applicants and represent three local schools, Susan Buehler, the scholarship committee chair, said.

“We were so pleased to have so many applicants,” she wrote in a statement. However, “the scholarship funding is based primarily on club dues, members’ donations and community donations, all of which pay the instructors who teach the students, so every year the committee has the task of selecting the number of recipients whose twelve private lessons can be funded.”

Student musicians on the



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Susan Buehler is the scholarship committee chairwoman.

recital include: violinist Julie Foss, of Astoria High School; flutist Megan Schacher, of Astoria High School; saxophonist Brandon Moloney, of Jewell High School; Caitlyn Smith, a flutist from Jewell High School; vocalist Logan Gandy, from Seaside High School; vocalist Annie Stafford, of Seaside High School; Kendy Lin, an oboist player from Seaside High

School; vocalist Adam Morse from Seaside High School; Hayley Rollins, a flutist from Seaside High School.

The instructors for this year’s recipients include Buehler, a voice instructor; Shelley Loring, a flute instructor; Angela Calvin-Pederson, a string instructor; Cary Pederson, a woodwind instructor; and Kelly Larkins, an oboe instructor.

Tap Dance Festival brings awareness to art form

ASTORIA — As part of National Dance Week, the 17th annual Tap Dance Festival will be held 7 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Astoria’s Liberty Theatre (1203 Commercial St.).

Organized by Jeanne Peterson, owner and director of Maddox Dance Studio, the festival will feature the Maddox Dancers, who will be joined by the Tapped Out Tappers and the Main Street Tappers, adult tap groups from Astoria and Warrenton, respectively.

Audience members interested in a quick tap lesson with dance studio faculty will have the opportunity to join the dancers onstage (participants are encouraged to bring tap shoes).

The festival finale will be a performance of Leonard Reed’s history-making “Shim Sham Shimmy” from “Vaudeville Days.”

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for senior citizens



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The junior-level tap class prepares “Big Band Boogie,” one of the numbers to be performed at the Tap Dance Festival.

and students 12 and younger.

The Maddox Dance Studio said in a release:

“Traditional tap dancers considered themselves ‘musicians,’ creating complex sounds, rhythms to express their mood, the music and

themselves.

“Tap was passed from dancer to dancer, and, as the late Gregory Hines said, ‘from friend to friend.’ They shared their knowledge with each other and danced for the pure joy of it.”

College fundraiser benefit students and local artists

WARRENTON — The Arts & Experiences Auction & Dinner — an annual Clatsop Community College Foundation fundraiser for student scholarships — will be held 5 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Astoria Golf and Country Club.

The work of local and regional artists will be up for bid, as well as North Coast experiences and trips to Cortona, Italy, and Bali, Indonesia.

“Several years ago we decided our event and efforts should serve two

purposes, raise money for student scholarships and help promote local artists,” said Gerry Swenson, who has been part of the college since 1965, working as a faculty member and serving on the foundation board.

Mindfulness classes start up at wellness center

ASTORIA — Mindfulness Classes at Prana Wellness Center (1428 Commercial St.) begin May 8 with a class that runs from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Taught by Bernice Moore, who specializes in stress-reduction through mindfulness, the classes are suitable for beginner and experienced students. Sessions

will include “mindfulness instruction and practice, a brief talk and a space for inquiry and exploration,” Moore wrote.

Moore, who has studied with renowned mindfulness practitioners, teaches at eMindful and Saybrook University.

“Stress hurts our health

in many ways: It can raise our blood pressure or cause chronic illness and pain. Mindfulness helps us work with and reduce the stress we experience,” she wrote. “Mindfulness improves our sense of well-being, often helping to heal chronic conditions of illness, pain and worry.”



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