

Jazz quartet performance raises funds for Performing Arts Center

ASTORIA — Wrapping up a two-week tour of Western Oregon, the jazz quartet MJ New will perform at the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center in Astoria 7 p.m. Saturday, May 13.

Presented by the Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, the performance is a fundraiser for the arts center. Admission is \$15.

The ensemble features virtuosos Darrell Grant, piano; Marcus Shelby, bass; Mike Horsfall, vibraphone; and Carlton Jackson, drums.

The band, formed by Grant in 2013, blends classical counterpoint, American song, blues and arrangements of Chopin, Jobim, Sting and other influential artists.

“MJ New is a tribute to



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MJ New Quartet, from left: Mike Horsfall, Darrell Grant, Carlton Jackson and Marcus Shelby.

the Modern Jazz Quartet’s spirit of classicism, elegance and deeply curated aesthetic rooted in the 1920s Harlem Renaissance — an aesthetic that for over 40 years resisted the pull of fads, fashion and cultural upheaval until it

sparkled like a diamond,” according to press materials.

The band will perform classic hits such as “Blues on Bach,” “Django” and “Under The Jasmin Tree,” as well as original compositions and arrangements.

Voice students perform in Cannon Beach

CANNON BEACH — Voice students, ages 13 through 18, from Music Lasts A Lifetime voice and piano studio will be featured in a vocal recital 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at the Cannon Beach Community Church (132 E. Washington St.).

The show is free and open to the public.

Susan Buehler, who maintains a private studio where she teaches voice and piano, said in a statement: “I’m very pleased to teach individuals of every age.”

However, “this year I’m especially excited to have seven middle and high school students studying voice, and decided that a performance opportunity featuring only these young singers would be beneficial for them and enjoyable for their audience.”

In addition to preparing their pieces for recital, students have used them for college scholarship auditions,



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Abigail Norris, 15, a soprano from Cannon Beach, practices in Susan Buehler’s private studio.

some for district high school contests. Three students will have an additional performance as scholarship recipients of the Astoria Friday Musical Club Scholarship.

Performers in the recital include:

From Seaside High School: Logan Gandy, a ten-

or; Adam Morse, a baritone; Carson Schulte, a bass-baritone; Annie Stafford, a mezzo-soprano; and Jack Stapleton, a baritone. From Warrenton Middle School: Marlie Annat, a mezzo-soprano. And from Cannon Beach: Abigail Norris, a soprano.



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The North Oregon Coast Symphony performs in Rockaway Beach.

Symphony wraps up season

ASTORIA — Concluding its 2016-17 season, the North Oregon Coast Symphony is holding three family-friendly concerts of classical chamber works in May:

- An open rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, at the Cannon Beach Community Church (132 E. Washington St.). Admission will be by voluntary donation.

- A first formal concert at 7 p.m. Friday, May 19, at the Performing Arts Center in Astoria (588 16th St.).

- A second formal concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Rockaway Beach Community Church (400 S. 3rd Ave.).

Admission to the two formal concerts will be \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors 65 and older, and \$5 for

students. Children under 12 (who must have adult supervision) are admitted free.

Conducted by Cory Pederson and performed by the symphony’s string ensemble — along with members of the brass, woodwind and percussion sections — the three-concert series is titled “Suite Celebration.”

Bach’s “Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D Major” will be performed among a variety of orchestral suites.

The program will feature Gustav Holst’s “St. Paul’s Suite,” an arrangement of Grieg’s “Peer Gynt Suite” and Debussy’s “Minuet from Petite Suite.”

Janice Wall, a Soprano vocalist, will sing “Solveig’s Song” from Edvard Grieg’s “Peer Gynt Suite.”

For more information about this or future concerts, visit www.northoregoncoastsymphony.org, e-mail nocscory@gmail.com, or call Pederson at 503-836-2198.

Anyone wishing to participate as a musician is also encourage to contact Pederson.

To volunteer, call Nancy Giasson at 630-525-0566. Volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to, board membership, and helping with concerts and publicity.

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