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Cory Pederson

Old favorites performed at free Regatta concert

ASTORIA — More than 100 musicians from Oregon and Washington unite for an Astoria Regatta family concert in the Astoria High School Auditorium (1001 West Marine Drive). The concert is free, but donations will be accepted.

Astoria's Columbia River Symphony and Vancouver's Beacock Music Concert Band present a "Summer Pops" concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, as part of the Regatta's weekend celebrations.

Families with youth and small children are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The program features selections from popular Hollywood films, musicals and classical pieces such as the "1812 Overture," "The Lion King," "Superman," "The Mask of Zorro," "Gettysburg," "Pirates of the Caribbean" and many more.

The concert marks the

fourth time in five years these two ensembles have come together. Each ensemble will perform selections separately at each concert before joining together as one 100-plus-member ensemble to perform many movie favorites plus other musical numbers.

Cory Pederson's Beacock Music Concert Band is a 40-member ensemble that is part of the New Horizons music program in operation across the nation.

The 65-member (and still-growing) Columbia River Symphony is composed of adults and youth from local schools. Led by Pederson, and assisted by Angela Pederson-Calvin, the symphony is a community-based, all-volunteer non-profit performing arts group.

For information about joining the symphony or upcoming concerts, visit columbiariversymphony.org, or call 503-836-2198.

Young actors bring Wonderland to life in Seaside

SEASIDE — A cast of Clatsop County youth bring "Alice in Wonderland (and Back Again)" to the stage in a theatrical retelling of Lewis Carroll's timeless classic.

Presented by Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District and Jeremy Mills State Farm, the Clatsop Children's Theatre Company will perform the show, written by Randy Wyatt, 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Aug. 18 through 20, at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. All performances are free and open to the public.

"Two dozen children, ranging from 5 to 13 years old, will take on numerous shapes and forms throughout the two-act show, transforming into flowers, queens, playing cards, birds, cats and more," Director Katherine Lacaze wrote.

Not only does the show feature many well-known characters — such as Alice, the Mad Hatter, the Tweedles, the Queen of Hearts and the Cheshire Cat — the audience will encounter several lesser-known characters, such as Humpty



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The very serious cast of "Alice in Wonderland"

Dumpty, the Duchess and her Nanny, and the White Knight.

"Alice in Wonderland (and Back Again)" is being produced by spe-

cial arrangement with YouthPLAYS and is made possible through a Clatsop County Cultural Coalition grant, funded by the Oregon Cultural Trust. The chil-

dren's theater group is accepting donations to support arts in the local schools.

For more information, contact Lacaze at 503-741-5668.

'O Brother' actor-musician plays Salmonberry Saloon

WHEELER — For its pre-opening party, the Salmonberry Saloon presents Chris Thomas King — a multi-talented Grammy Award-winning blues artist, producer, composer and actor — Sunday, Aug. 13.

The matinee show at 4 p.m. is for all ages (bar patrons must bring their ID). The evening show at 7:30 p.m. is for people 21 and older. A North Coast regional food, beer, wine and cocktail menu will be available. Tickets can be purchased at salmonberrysaloon.com.



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Chris Thomas King

King was born in 1962 and grew up among the finest blues musicians in the genre at his father's south Louisiana juke joint, Tabby's Blues Box and Heritage Hall, and began touring with artists

like Buddy Guy and B. B. King in his teens. King has recorded numerous albums and toured internationally for more than 35 years, according to press materials.

A New Orleans Blues Legend, King played Delta blues man Tommy Johnson in "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" his film debut. He also won several awards, including Country Music and Grammy awards, for his contribution to the film's score.

He had a supporting role in the Ray Charles biopic, "Ray," playing band leader

Lowell Fulson. He scored the music for the movie with Charles.

In addition, King played the role of Blind Willie Johnson in Martin Scorsese's PBS series "The Blues" and has produced and starred in a number of other films and documentaries.

The Salmonberry Saloon — the new project of concert promoter Chantelle Hylton and artist and teacher Patrick Rock — is located at 380 Marine Drive, Wheeler. The venue is slated to officially open in October.