

BRINGS ON THE PAIN, TOLOVANA ARTS COLONY!

CANNON BEACH — Ural Thomas & the Pain bring their scorching big-band soul and R&B to Cannon Beach for a free concert in the park 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27.

The show will be held in the downtown city park at Second and Spruce streets, behind the Chamber of Commerce.

Naming them Portland's "Best New Band" of 2014, the Willamette Week called Thomas a "local living legend" and "a powerhouse performer."

Thomas began making music on a North Portland street corner in the 1950s, clapping, singing a capella and dancing with a group. The performances eventually attracted hundreds of fans.

Thomas then set sail to Los Angeles in pursuit of his musical dream. In short order, he formed a band, scored a deal and recorded a series of songs, including the stinging standout "Pain is the Name of Your Game," released as a 45rpm single by UMI Records in 1967.

Running in the burgeoning scenes of rock, R&B and soul, Thomas shared stages with Mick Jagger in Hollywood and as part of the Otis Redding Revue at the Apollo Theater in Harlem.

The Cannon Beach event is produced by the Tolovana Arts Colony and made possible by a Community Grant from the city.

For more information, visit tolovanaartscolony.org, email tolovanaartscolony@gmail.com, or call 541-215-4445.



Ural Thomas & the Pain

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North Coast Symphonic Band plans four concerts for 38th season

ASTORIA — The North Coast Symphonic Band has announced its 38th season. The musical group will present four concerts at the Liberty Theatre in Astoria between October 2017 and July 2018.

Retired Lewis and Clark College professor Dave Becker of Manzanita will return as conductor and musical director.

Concert lineup

The concert season opens with "Postcards from Europe" 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29. Dave Becker recently returned from a concert tour of Europe with 395 high school musicians and will conduct his favorite selections from the European repertoire. The pre-show at 1:30 p.m. will feature "Beach Buddies" including Jeff Blanche, Lee Stromquist, John Hammond and David Graves.

On Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m., the band will present



Dave Becker conducts the North Coast Symphonic Band.

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an afternoon of holiday music titled "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to All." The popular Andy and Rachel Becker of Portland will return as vocal soloists.

For the Sunday, April 8, concert, Joan Haaland Paddock of Linfield College will serve as guest conductor, presenting a show themed "The Scandinavian

Connection." Paddock has spent time in Norway as a Fulbright scholar and led students on trips to Norway exploring traditional folk music. Equinox — with local musicians Dave Drury, Todd Peterson and Shelley Loring — will present the pre-show.

The final concert of the season will be the popu-

lar free concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 3. The extravaganza is titled "United We Stand" and will feature popular toe-tapping music appropriate for a celebration of America's birthday.

More information

Rehearsals for the 38th season of the North Coast Symphonic Band begin

Monday, Sept. 11, at the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center.

The Symphonic Band, a member of Partners for the PAC, is managed by a nine-member board of directors, some of whom are charter members of the band. The nonprofit's goal is to provide quality community music opportunities and experiences for local musicians and their audience.

For more information on the North Coast Symphonic Band's 38th season, visit the band's webpage at northcoastsymphonicband.org, email ncsband@charter.net, or call 503-325-2431.

Ticket prices for adults remain at \$15, and student tickets cost \$8. For ticket purchase, visit the Liberty Theatre box office 2 to 5:30 p.m. 1203 Commercial St. Tuesday through Saturday, or call 503-325-5922, extension 55.

Openings for clarinet players

The North Coast Symphonic Band offers local musicians of all ages the chance to network, learn from each other and maintain their skill level in a positive and supportive environment.

Most sections of the band are full with waiting lists, but there are openings for some musicians, especially clarinet players.

The band rehearses Monday evenings in Astoria, and musicians interested in joining should email Personnel Director Lee Stromquist at encore1@charter.net or call 503-861-1328.

Potential new members should read music, own their own instruments and have advanced high school-level performance skills or higher.

The first rehearsal of the new season will be held 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at the Clatsop College Performing Arts Center in Astoria.