

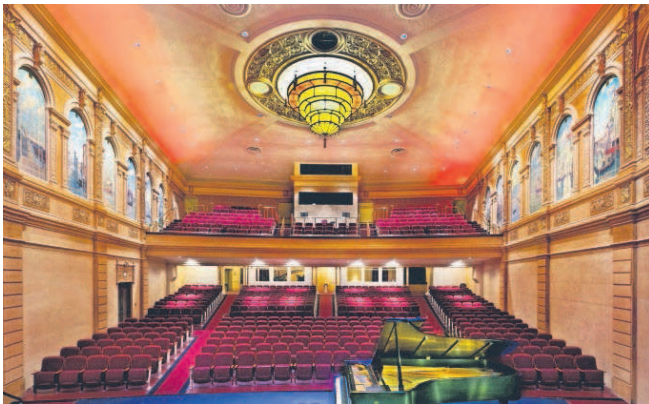
The sound of success at Liberty

ASTORIA — The Liberty Theatre has been awarded two large grants to purchase and install a permanent sound system in the theater.

The theater will receive \$22,000 by the James F and Marion L Miller Foundation and \$15,000 from the Oregon Community Foundation. The Liberty is awaiting decisions from other grantors to fulfill the remaining need of \$5,000.

The Liberty Theatre currently pays between \$1,000 and \$1,500 per event to rent an adequate sound system for performances it presents. Those systems often add hours of setup and tear-down time before and after each event, stressing the theater's small staff. Outside promoters have to rent or bring their own sound system for their shows.

This not only greatly



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The Liberty Theatre

impacts the Liberty's budget, it often results in patron and artist complaints concerning the inconsistency of sound from event to event.

"Having our own sound system designed to meet the unique design of the Liberty means we can control sound quality, train engineers in-

house and provide consistent, optimum experiences for our patrons," the theater wrote in a release.

Engineers have been brought in to model and study the acoustics of the theater and provide assistance in the purchase and installation of the system.

Find history within the built environment's bones

ILWACO, WASH. — Join Jim Sayce, historian and executive director of the Pacific County Economic Development Council, for a SALTY Talks presentation, "Reading the Land: Forensic Ecology," 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at Ilwaco's Salt Hotel & Pub (147 Howerton Ave).

The talk, organized by the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum, will explore the changes in the local landscape over time. Sayce will show how to recognize the subtle clues that can help find the original or historic landscape of a site within the bones of the built environment.

Sayce grew up on the Long Beach Peninsula. After receiving his master's degree in biological science with an emphasis on ecology and Evolutionary Biology from University of California Irvine, he returned to the area and has played a large role



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Jim Sayce, historian

in the development of the region's infrastructure, from the Discovery Trail to Middle Village Station Camp. Sayce has a unique understanding of the local landscape, and his insights into the historical landscape are not to be missed.

Salty Talk presentations are located upstairs in the Salt Hotel & Pub, on the Ilwaco waterfront. The event

is free to the public. Those wanting to grab dinner or a beverage are invited to come early or stay late. Seating is limited; there will be no reservations.

Salty Talks occur in partnership with the Salt Hotel & Pub, Heritage Museum and Washington State Parks and Recreation State Commission, with support from Friends of Columbia River Gateway.

Channel your inner Lewis and Clark

FORT CLATSOP — Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, Fort Clatsop, is pleased to announce the next In Their Footsteps free speaker series event.

"Channeling Your Inner Lewis & Clark: a Conversation for the Explorer in Each of Us," by Richard Brenne, will be held 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17.

Have you ever thought or said, "This is kind of like Lewis and Clark," while hiking, canoeing or camping? Brenne shares many of his odd adventures that channel the tiniest bit of Lewis and Clark, such as exploring Russia (like John Ledyard, Jefferson's first candidate to lead the expedition), and Turkey (where the Ionian Greeks began the kind of enlightenment that Jefferson and his personal secretary, Lewis, embodied), and the American West, including many backpacking adventures. Once Brenne gets

this conversation going, he'll be asking audience members to share how they've "channeled their inner Lewis and Clark."

Brenne is a mountain climber, world traveler, tour guide, freelance writer and award-winning screenwriter whose works have been produced by the Discovery Channel, HBO and Warner Brothers. He also produces and moderates panel discussions and town meetings about human impacts on the earth.

In Their Footsteps is a monthly Sunday forum sponsored by the park and Lewis & Clark National Park Association. These free programs are held in the Netul River Room of Fort Clatsop's visitor center.

For more information, call the park at 503-861-2471, or check out nps.gov/lewi, or Lewis and Clark National Historical Park on Facebook.

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