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The Trail Band

Mosey on down to Trail Band's holiday concert

CANNON BEACH — The Trail Band will perform a holiday concert 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, in the intimate setting of Cannon Beach's Coaster Theatre as a finale to the community's annual Haystack Holidays festivities. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The Trail Band is an eight-piece ensemble that has performed across America and Japan. With a blend of brass and string arrangements of traditional and original music featuring five vocalists, including Rindy Ross of Quarterflash, the band has become a Northwest favorite.

They have earned a list of awards, including the 1998 Meritorious Achievement Award by the Oregon-California Trails Association and a 1999 Alumni Award of Excellence from Western Oregon University, and are known for weaving together an upbeat mix of music, history and humor

into their performances.

Additional events happening in Cannon Beach between Christmas and New Year's include the town's Holiday Foods Around the World restaurant celebration Tuesday through Friday, Dec. 26 through 29. Cannon Beach restaurants will participate in the global cuisine event, with each location offering specials inspired by their chosen country.

That week is also Oregon State Parks' winter whale watch program that features interpreters at Ecola State Park to help visitors spot gray whales on their winter migration Wednesday, Dec. 27, through Sunday, Dec. 31. Visitors to Cannon Beach during this time can also take advantage of lower room rates.

Tickets to The Trail Band concert are priced at \$39 each and can be purchased by calling 503-436-2623 or visiting cannonbeach.org.

Dare to dance?

ASTORIA — The North Coast Zumba and Dance Fitness Network invite everyone to the third annual "Dare to Dance" Fitness Fundraiser 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, at the Astoria Arts & Movement Center (342 10th St.).

"Dare to Dance" is an hour-long, nonstop, all-smiles event led by eight local fitness instructors. This class is easy to follow and adaptable for most skill levels.

Always wanted to try a Zumba class? This is the perfect opportunity to do it for a great cause.

All profits will be donated to The Harbor, a community nonprofit agency providing intervention, recovery and support to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. The Harbor began



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The third annual "Dare to Dance" Fitness Fundraiser takes place Christmas Eve at the Astoria Arts & Movement Center.

in 1976, and about 5 percent of Clatsop County residents use its services each year, according to the organization's website.

The suggested donation is \$10, but any amount is gladly accepted.

Corporate or small-business sponsorships are

available, and donation gift cards are provided. Call Joy Sigler at 503-738-6560, or email joysiglerzumba@gmail.com.

Arts & Movement center offers winter dance series

ASTORIA — In January, the Astoria Arts & Movement Center will host a winter dance series Tuesday evenings.

- Beginning level Ballroom: a three-week series with Jen Miller 6 p.m. Jan. 9, 16 and 23. The cost is \$40 per person for the full series, \$15 per person for drop-ins.

- Beginning level West Coast Swing: a three-week series with Jen Miller 7 p.m. Jan. 9, 16 and 23. The cost is \$40 per person for the full series, \$15 per person for drop-ins.

And here are upcoming dance classes at Seaside's American Legion Hall on Thursday evenings:

- All-level Country Western Two-Step: a three-hour



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Dancers at Astoria's Arts & Movement Center

- special with Jerry Johnson 6 p.m. Jan. 4.

- Country Western Two-Step: a three-week series

- with Jen Miller 6 p.m. Jan. 11, 18 and 25. The cost is \$10 per person per class.

- Slow Waltz: a three-

- week series with Jen Miller 7 p.m. Jan. 11, 18 and 25.

- The cost is \$10 per person per class.