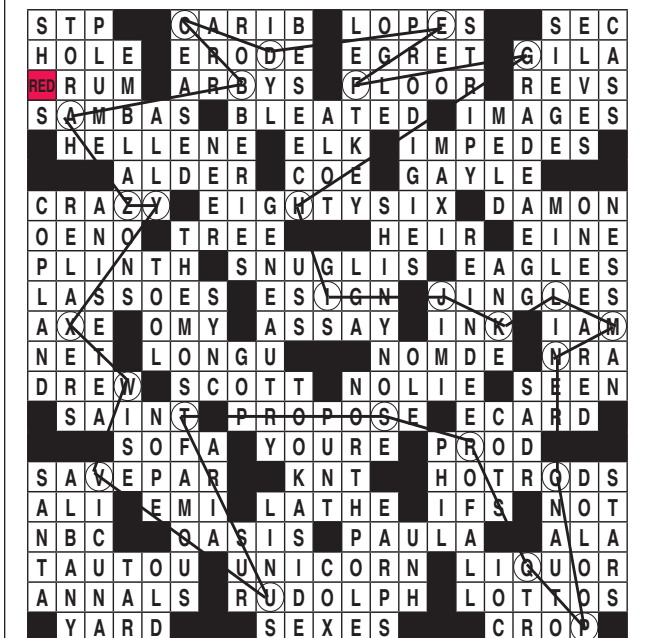


Musical 'Giants' come to Astoria

Crossword Answers



ASTORIA — Giants In The Trees, along with Brian Bovenizer & The New Old Stock, will perform at Astoria's historic Liberty Theatre 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30. Tickets for reserved seating are \$20.

"The members of Giants in the Trees, which formed a year ago after an open call for a local jam, all share a common appreciation of their natural Wahkiakum County surroundings.

The band — composed of famed Nirvana bassist Krist Novoselic, operatic singer Jillian Raye, slinky guitarist Ray Prestegard, and groovy drummer Erik Friend — also has a great deal of musical chemistry.

According to Novoselic in an interview with the



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Krist Novoselic plays bass and accordion in Giants In The Trees, along with vocalist Jillian Raye (left), Erik Friend and Ray Prestegard.

Seattle Stranger, "We were the only four who showed up (for the jam)," he said, laughing. "But we wasted

no time. We started making songs. I laid down that riff for 'Sasquatch,' and we were off."

Two packages are available for this show:

- Giants in the Trees + Carruthers Restaurant
Make a night of it! Enjoy a special prix fixe menu at Carruthers Restaurant (a generous Liberty sponsor) before you see Giants In The Trees at the Liberty Theatre. The \$40 includes one ticket to the show and one meal.
- Giants In The Trees + The Commodore Hotel in Astoria

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Genre-defying PROJECT Trio plays the Liberty

ASTORIA — The Liberty Theatre Classical Series presents PROJECT Trio 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4. General admission is \$25.

The program includes Johannes Brahms ("Hungarian Dance No. 5"), Aequinha de Abreu ("Tico Tico"), Charlie Parker ("Yardbird Suite"), J.S. Bach/Jethro Tull ("Bourrée"), a retelling of Peter and the Wolf by Sergei Prokofiev, and lots of original music — from classical to jazz to hip-hop and everything in between!

PROJECT Trio will be holding a workshop for students at the theater prior to their performance. The students will then be able to attend the concert for free.

Combining the virtuosity of world-class artists with the energy of rock stars, PROJECT Trio is breaking down traditional ideas of chamber music. The genre-defying Trio is acclaimed by the press as "packed with musician-



ship, joy and surprise" and "exciting a new generation of listeners about the joys of classical and jazz music."

The Trio was forged out of a collective desire to draw new and diverse audiences by performing high-energy, top-quality music. Using social media to broaden their reach beyond the concert stage and classroom, the Trio has its own YouTube

channel, which has over 80 million views and 100,000 subscribers, making PROJECT Trio one of the most watched instrumental ensembles on the internet.

The group was featured on NPR's Morning Edition and NPR Music's series, Heavy Rotation, where hosts around the country share a favorite new song. They selected "Sweet Pea," from

PROJECT's 2012 Random Roads Collection album, as "one of the best new tunes out there."

The Trio is dedicated to arts education, teaching the art and joy of jamming on classical instruments and opening minds to what instruments can do.

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