

Guitar trio is finger-pickin' good

RAYMOND, WASH. — The Montreal Guitar Trio takes the stage at the Raymond Theatre for a Sunday Afternoon Live concert 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18.

Going by the moniker MG3, these classically trained acoustic guitarists have been described as

the hottest guitar ensemble in Canada. They won the 2011 Opus Award for Concert of the Year in the Jazz and World Music categories and have released seven albums.

Playing a diverse repertoire — including jazz, rock, classical, movie

soundtracks, Spanish and original compositions — MG3 is not only entertaining musically, they bring good-natured humor to the audience as well.

Tickets are \$15 at the door, \$12 in advance at the Raymond Theatre (323 Third St.), Raymond

Pharmacy and South Bend Pharmacy. For information, call 360-836-4419.

In addition, MG3 provides a free educational opportunity for guitarists to advance their skills 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Raymond Theatre. For more information, call 360-875-5123.

Contra dance with live string band

ASTORIA — The tango may be serious, the waltz romantic, but a contra dance is just a lot of fun. It's made for people with no experience and those who win dance competitions. It's made for 8-year-olds and 80-year-olds. And there's no need to learn any fancy footwork.

At the Friday, Feb. 16, contra dance at Astoria Arts & Movement Center, you'll be dancing to live music played by the Clatsop County Stringband — music to get your feet moving whether you want 'em to or not!

Contra dancing dates back to the 1600s in England and Scotland, becoming popular in France in the 1700s before spreading to



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The Clatsop County Stringband, from left: Larry Moore, Knox Swanson, Gina Kytr and Hobe Kytr

America, where today it is popular mostly in New England and the Northwest. Caller Dave Ambrose will teach a beginner's lesson at 7 p.m. to start the dance and get everyone ready to go about 7:30 p.m.

Bringing a partner is not

required, and everyone is encouraged to dance with as many people as they feel comfortable with.

It's a dance for all ages, and grown-ups are encouraged to bring the kids along. It's a great way for a family to have fun together.

Admission is on a \$5-to-\$10 sliding scale and children under 12 are admitted free. The Arts & Movement Center is located at 10th and Commercial streets in Astoria.

And remember: The first rule of contra dancing is to have fun!

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