

Performers wanted for Astoria Pride Gayla

ASTORIA — The Lower Columbia Q Center announces a call for performers for the Astoria Pride Gayla!

Bring your song, dance or performance art to the McTavish Room at the Liberty Theatre 6 p.m. Monday, April 2. Come prepared with the piece you would like to perform at the Gayla on Friday, June 8. Solos, duets or groups are welcome.

For more information, contact Marco Davis at marcogerarddavis@gmail.com, or call 541-654-2412.

But wait there's more ...

Pride ambassadors

We are also seeking community representatives from Astoria, Warrenton, Knappa/Svensen, Illwaco/Long Beach, Naselle, Gearhart/Seaside and Cannon Beach to be the Inaugural Lower Columbia Q Center's Pride Ambassadors.

The selected nominees will be honored at a special presentation during the Gayla on Friday, June 8. We will ask them to walk

with their communities in the Pride Parade along the Astoria Riverwalk and be part of the opening ceremony for the Block Party.

If you would like to nominate someone (including yourself), contact us at astoriaoregonpride@gmail.com by Saturday, March 31.

And ...

'Follow the Rainbow'

We are sponsoring a written works and poster contest encompassing our theme "Follow the Rainbow." The winning submissions will be featured in the Pride Guide, and all written works and posters will be on display at the Gayla and at the Q Center booth at the block party. Prizes will be awarded to the entrants. (There is a 1,000-word limit on the written works.)

Please submit written entries and posters to astoriaprideguide@gmail.com by Saturday, March 31. Physical entries may be sent to PO Box 444, Astoria, OR 97103, CO: Pride Committee.



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Theater workshop set for middle-school-aged kids

CHINOOK, WASH. — The Peninsula Association of Performing Artists will host a theater workshop for middle-school-aged children 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24.

The event will take place at the Fort Columbia Theatre in Chinook. There is no charge for participating in the event, which will cover acting and backstage skills. Instructors will be Brooke Flood

and Ronald Thompson.

"Whether you've never stepped foot on stage in your life or you're looking to beef up your skills, this workshop is aimed at giving you a crash course in the process, from dreaming something up to making it a reality," Flood said.

People wanting to take part are asked to RSVP to info@papatheater.org or call 360-244-1454.

Greet ships as they cruise into Astoria



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Tourists from the Star Princess cruise ship pose with a Port of Astoria welcome sign before venturing beyond the port's Pier One security check point and into Astoria in September 2013.

ASTORIA — Clatsop Cruise Hosts welcomes new volunteers for its 2018 season. The hosts are volunteers who greet incoming cruise ships at various locations throughout Astoria.

Clatsop Cruise Hosts conduct an annual luncheon and training for current and new volunteers. This year the event takes place 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 23, at the Columbia River Maritime Museum's Barbey Center.

The first ship of the season arrives Sunday, April 8, with the Star Princess, a 2,600-passenger ship. A total of 25 ships are arriving to the Port of Astoria in 2018, including the Disney Wonder with more than 3,700 passen-

gers. There are about 150 registered volunteers with Clatsop Cruise Hosts, and between 50 and 70 are needed to assist greeting each ship.

Clatsop Cruise Hosts is a nonprofit organization of volunteers dedicated to ensuring cruise ship passengers, crew and staff are graciously welcomed to our community and encouraged to explore all the North Coast offers. Cruise Hosts are devoted to educating visitors about our history, local culture and activities.

For more information, visit clatsopcruisehosts.org or email Cyndi Mudge at clatsopcruisehosts@gmail.com, or call 503-440-7168.