

# Audition for Coaster Theatre summer mystery, musical

CANNON BEACH — The Coaster Theatre Playhouse will hold auditions for its summer repertory productions of Ken Ludwig's "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery" and "Musical of Musicals: The Musical" March 19 through 21.

Ken Ludwig's "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery" is a murderously funny adventure written by award-winning comedic playwright Ken Ludwig ("An American in Paris," "Lend Me A Tenor," "Moon Over Buffalo") based on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's classic "The Hound of Baskerville." The play uses five actors to play more than 40 characters, including Watson, Sherlock, Mrs. Hudson, Inspector Lestrade, the Baskerville heirs and many more.

The theater is looking for one to three women and two to four men for this whimsical spin on a classic Holmes mystery. Auditions will be held 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 21.

The show will open June 22 and run through Sept.



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two, two to three nights a week through the summer months.

"Musical of Musicals: The Musical" is a musical about musicals! In this entertaining parody of musical theater, one story becomes

five distinct musicals written in the style of a different master of the form, from Rodgers and Hammerstein to Stephen Sondheim.

The plot: June is an ingénue who can't pay the rent and is threatened by her

evil landlord. Will the handsome leading man come to the rescue?

The play requires four actors (two women, two men) or more to play archetypal musical characters: the ingénue, villain, hero

and matron. Auditions will be held 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 19, and 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 20.

Anyone interested in auditioning for one or both of the summer shows but unable to make auditions is

encouraged to contact the Coaster Theatre at 503-436-0609 to make alternate arrangements.

More information on auditions for each show can be found at [coastertheatre.com/calendar/auditions](http://coastertheatre.com/calendar/auditions).

## 'Tech Trek' encourages girls in math, science

ASTORIA — The American Association of University Women (AAUW), Astoria Branch will present "Tech Trek: Students and Leaders" 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20. This presentation will be held at the Astor Middle School Library (1100 Klaskanine Ave.).

Tech Trek, a Nation-

al AAUW project, is a weeklong summer camp designed for girls entering the eighth grade to learn about math and science. The participants collect data from field trips, conduct scientific experiments and interact with women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields. The

purpose of Tech Trek is to encourage girls to enter STEM careers.

Speakers will be past participants, a parent of a past participant, a school administrator and a teacher involved in the nominating process. Each speaker will give her perspective of the Tech Trek experience.

The presentation is open to the public. Parking is available at the school. The building is handicap accessible. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call Jan Nybakke at 503-325-4592.

## Are you an artist in need of a studio?

ASTORIA — Astoria Visual Arts seeks applications from local artists interested in working in a rent-free studio May 1 through Aug. 31.

The deadline for applications is midnight, Tuesday, April 10.

Notifications of selection will be sent out no later than Tuesday, April 17.

The successful candidate will be provided with a studio space located on the Columbia River in the Astoria Downtown Historic District free of charge for a

four-month residency period, beginning May 1.

The AVA a-i-r Program is designed to encourage the creative, intellectual and professional growth of local artists. Residency finalists are chosen on the basis of merit by an independent selection panel of working artists and arts patrons. Artists who have applied in the past are encouraged to reapply with an updated portfolio and statement reflecting updates and changes.

For more information about AVA a-i-r and how to apply, visit [astoriavisualarts.org/ava-a-i-r.html](http://astoriavisualarts.org/ava-a-i-r.html).

AVA a-i-r is supported by membership dues and contributions from supporters of Astoria Visual Arts and by the generosity of Astoria Coffee House & Bistro and Merry Time Bar and Grill.

Astoria Visual Arts was founded in 1989 as a non-profit membership organization to enhance, strengthen and promote the arts in the Greater Astoria Area.