

# Astoria School of Ballet presents 'A Little Princess' at Liberty

ASTORIA — The Astoria School of Ballet and the Liberty Theatre present "A Little Princess" 7 p.m. Friday, May 4. General admission tickets are \$15.

Margaret Wall's ballet adaptation, with music by Jules Massenet, is based on the classic children's novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

When her father, Captain Crewe, goes off to fight in the Boer War, young Sara Crewe is placed into the care of Amanda Minchin, the head of an exclusive private school for girls. Sara lives the wonderful life of a privileged child and is quite happy in

her surroundings.

When her father is listed as missing in action, her life goes from one of plenty to that of a poor housemaid. Mrs. Minchin agrees to keep her on at the school, but in the absence of her tuition payments, she has to work for her keep. She is soon cleaning out the fireplace and scrubbing floors and is dubbed the "little princess" by her schoolmates. She also refuses to accept that her father is dead and prowls the hospitals in the hope of locating him. Luck — and Royal intervention — assist her in her quest.

This yearly collabora-

tion between the Astoria School of Ballet and the Liberty Theatre exposes an average of 1,300 children to the wonders of ballet during field trip performances to our grand theater. Last year's program was so popular that this year we've added a fourth school performance for a total of 2,200 area schoolchildren.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of these performances, contact the Liberty. The theater, located at 1203 Commercial St., is a nonprofit performing arts center. Donations may be tax deductible.



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The Astoria School of Ballet in 'A Little Princess'

## Friday Musical Club ends season with two recitals

ASTORIA — Friday Musical Club of Astoria will present its annual Student Recital and Scholarship Benefit Concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at First Lutheran Church (725 33rd St.) in Astoria.

This concert is open to the public and features performances by students selected last fall to receive private music lesson scholarships.

The show is free but donations will be gladly accepted to fund next year's scholarships. A reception with refreshments will follow.

Friday Musical Club private lesson scholarships are offered upon application to students in schools in Clatsop County in Oregon and Pacific County in Washington.

This year's recipients include several students from Warrenton High School — Brandon Andres on flute, Holly Chauvin on clarinet, Kara Dowaliby on vocals, Alyssa Hardesty on flute, Alison Johnson on vocals, Jeffery Lafferty on vocals, McKayla Medjo on baritone sax, Serena Moha on flute — and Hayley Rollins



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Friday Musical Club officers 2018-19 (from left): Janet Bowler, secretary; Laurie Drage, president; Diane Amos, vice president; Charlene Larsen, treasurer

on cello from Seaside High School, and Megan Schacher on flute from Astoria High School.

A second musical recital will be offered 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at the McTavish Room at the Liberty Theatre. This recital features student and adult string players tutored this past year by violinist Kevin Lefohn of Portland. These string workshops were sponsored by Friday Musical Club and a generous private donation.

Roughly 20 musicians participated during the year.

Friday Musical Club funds music lesson scholarships and string workshops through dues and donations. A new cycle of music lesson scholarship applications will begin in fall 2018.

Friday Musical Club's mission is to further musical excellence. Interested musicians are encouraged to contact Laurie Drage at 503-791-5917 or by email at dragesl@gmail.com.

## Tributes to classic bands ABBA and Fleetwood Mac at Scandinavian Festival

ASTORIA — By popular demand, Arrival, Canada's tribute to ABBA, will return to the 2018 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival along with Dreams, Canada's Fleetwood Mac tribute band.

Arrival will take visitors back in time to experience the amazing music of ABBA, the Swedish group that sang in English and was the most commercially successful pop group in the world from 1974 to 1982. Dreams is an authentic-sounding, seven-piece tribute to Fleetwood Mac. Both bands perform in full costume and have traveled the world with their shows.

The performance takes place 7 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. Dreams will perform Fleetwood Mac favorites first. During the break for costume changes, there will be a Scandinavian joke-telling contest.



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Dreams, a Fleetwood Mac tribute band, will perform at the 2018 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival.

Arrival will perform their ABBA tribute next. Afterward, there will be a public dance with live music by Scandinavian Country.

Tickets are on sale at the Liberty Theatre in Astoria or online at libertyastoria.showare.com. Reserved seats are \$35 and \$25. General admission tickets are \$15. Prices will increase by \$2 at the door. Parking is \$2 per day.

Admission to the Arrival/Dreams concert includes

festival admission after 5 p.m. Shopping, snacks, a Viking dinner and beverages will be available. The beer garden will be open before and after the show. Retail booths will close at 6:30 p.m., and everyone with a ticket will be readmitted to the arena at 7 p.m. to find a seat.

Don't miss this experience to enjoy classic feel-good tunes from outstanding tribute bands. Bring your friends and enjoy a summer evening you'll remember for years.