



COURTESY ASTORIA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Singer-songwriter Michael Tomlinson, of Seattle

## Tickets on sale for Astoria Golf & Country Club concert

WARRENTON — Michael Tomlinson, one of the great singer-songwriters of the Pacific Northwest, visits the North Coast on Thursday, May 31, for an intimate acoustic performance at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

Tickets are \$50. The price includes a delicious dinner created by country club Executive Chef Gehrett Billinger. The concert starts at 5 p.m.; dinner follows the performance. Seating is general admission.

In Tomlinson's music, folk rock and jazzy pop overlap, and his ballads are all his own. Van Toffler, longtime president of MTV, VH1 & CMT, calls him "completely without peer." About his album, "The Way Out West," West Coast Music said, "This is the album I've been

waiting 20 years for James Taylor to make." More recently, Tomlinson released what is arguably his finest album yet, "House of Sky."

Tomlinson's concerts feature an elegant flow of songs, stories and humor — warmhearted events that leave his listeners inspired and entertained.

You can read his work on Facebook at [facebook.com/michael.tomlinson](https://facebook.com/michael.tomlinson) or visit his website, [michaeltomlinson.com](http://michaeltomlinson.com), for more information and music. Unfamiliar with Tomlinson's music? Email him at [mt@michaeltomlinson.com](mailto:mt@michaeltomlinson.com) and ask for a song. He'll email you one as a gift.

Astoria Golf & Country Club is located at 33445 Sunset Beach Lane, Warrenton.

## Learn how to brew an exciting plot

MANZANITA — Award-winning author Rene Denfeld teaches a writing workshop on how to write exciting plot 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Hoffman Center for the Arts in Manzanita. The fee is \$50.

Denfeld's latest novel, "The Childfinder," has been described as a "glittering gem, part mystery, part fairy tale, all white-knuckle, edge-of-your-seat thriller" by the acclaimed *Library Journal*.

Come learn how she — and you — can turn any story into a page-turner. You will learn tips and tools for creating a fast-moving plot.

Her first novel, "The En-

chanted," has won numerous honors, including the prestigious French Prix Award, an ALA Medal for Excellence in Fiction, a Carnegie listing and a listing for Dublin International Award. It has been selected for community and campus reads, including All Rochester Reads, and has been adapted to both the London and Edinburgh stage.

That evening, Denfeld will share the stage with another award-winning author, Willy Vlautin, as they both read from their latest novels and answer audience questions.

The Manzanita Writers'



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Author Rene Denfeld

Series is a program of the Hoffman Center for the Arts. The Hoffman Center is located at 594 Laneda Ave.

More information is available at [hoffmanarts.org](http://hoffmanarts.org), or contact Kathie Hightower at [kathiejhightower@gmail.com](mailto:kathiejhightower@gmail.com).

## FICTION IN A FLASH

SEAVIEW, WASH. — The Sou'wester Lodge hosts "The Creative Flash," a writing workshop with Chelsea Werner-Jatzke, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 12. The cost is \$25.

Flash fiction is a small, powerful beast that will bite you in the butt if you're lucky.

Think of a moment that left a mark and ask yourself where its teeth are. In this class we'll examine the particular bite marks of a variety of flash fictions and work on sharpening our own teeth in this intense, condensed prose form. Class time will be spent reading and discussing examples from masterful flash fiction authors, generating work from prompts, sharing writing and offering feedback.

Bring a notebook or paper and a pen. Pack a snack you can take to the beach for a lunch break writing



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Chelsea Werner-Jatzke

exercise. Hot tea and coffee will be provided.

This event is part of the Sou'wester's 2018 Workshop Series. All skill levels are welcome. This workshop is for students 16 and older. RSVP to [souwesterfrontdesk@gmail.com](mailto:souwesterfrontdesk@gmail.com) or 360-

642-2542. A maximum of 20 students will be allowed.

Werner-Jatzke is the author of "Adventures in Property Management" and "Thunder Lizard."

The Sou'wester is located at 3728 J Place Seaview, Wash.