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North Coast Chamber Orchestra will be in Cannon Beach and Rockaway Beach in May.

## Conduct yourself accordingly

### Chamber Orchestra plays classical favorites

The North Coast Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Conductor Cory Pederson, is proud to present two concerts of classical favorites titled "Classical Reflections."

This orchestra is a small ensemble of dedicated North

Coast musicians offering live classical music in an intimate concert setting.

The programs will include Edvard Grieg's "The Holberg Suite," Johannes Brahms's "Academic Festival Overture" and Giuseppe Verdi's "Nabucco Overture." "Marche Slav" and "Andante from Symphony No. 6" by Tchaikovsky will also be performed, as well as Gabriel Faure's "Pavane, Op. 50."

In addition (and with a bit of humor) will be NCCO's first performance of Peter Schickele's "Schleppet in Eb Major."

The first concert will take place 7 p.m. Friday, May 18, at Cannon Beach Community Church (132 E. Washington St., Cannon Beach).

The second concert will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at the Rockaway Beach Community Church (400

S. Third Ave., Rockaway Beach). Admission to the concerts is free, with a suggested donation of \$10. All concerts are family friendly.

This all-volunteer orchestra is committed to providing opportunities for musicians to play live classical music for the benefit of the community.

For more information about NOCS, please visit [northoregoncoastsymphony.org](http://northoregoncoastsymphony.org).

## Chorale concerts revive the '60s, '70s

ASTORIA — North Coast Chorale is in the mood for some fun this spring.

Remember the Mamas & The Papas, Carole King, The Beach Boys and Chicago? The Chorale and Director Denise Reed have selected a variety of music from the 1960s and the '70s for its 2018 Spring Concert performance and titled it "Just for the Fun of It!"

Come be a part of the fun as the Chorale rocks out at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St., at 7 p.m. Friday, May 18, and again at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 20. Tickets are \$10 with children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult.

"Rev. Tim," the Sunday afternoon D.J. for KMUN's rock 'n' roll program will announce this concert. He'll share fun facts and myths about some selections and stir up memories of what was happening in the world 50 years ago, how it changed our thinking, our dress and our music.

No matter your age,



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these are melodies that are still enjoyed today, and they are tunes that will make you want to sing along.

The final event on the Chorale's schedule will be a choral festival slated for Friday and Saturday, June 29 and 30. Choral groups from outside Astoria have been invited to participate in various workshops.

This project is designed to attract new visitors to our area and is made possible through a grant from the City of Astoria.

The culmination of the choral festival is a benefit concert for the Performing Arts Center given by the Portland Gay Men's Chorus at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 30, in the Astoria High School Auditorium.

## Astoria Arts & Movement Center hosts a dance for all ages

ASTORIA — The next contra dance at the Astoria Arts & Movement Center takes place Friday, May 18. The dance starts at 7 p.m. with a beginner's lesson, taught by caller Dave Ambrose.

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 people 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.

You'll be dancing to live music played by the Clatsop County Stringband — music to get your feet moving whether you want them to or not.

Contra dancing dates back to the 1600s in England and Scotland, becoming popular in France in the 1700s before spreading to America and popular today mostly in New England and the Northwest.

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.

The Arts & Movement Center is located at 342 10th St. Admission is \$5 to \$10; children under 12 are admitted free.



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