

Hey, everyone – check out the Weird Kids!

ASTORIA — Labor Temple Bar has something a little unorthodox in store for you rock fans!

We found some zany fellas that call themselves The Weird Kids, and they're ready to rock your socks off at 9 p.m. Saturday, July 21. Five bucks at the door buys you four new freakish friends with quirky character, strange sounds and eccentric energy.

Enjoy some unconventional and colorful alternative rock with off-the-wall attitude. The Labor Temple is located at 934 Duane St.



COURTESY BRIAN BOVENIZER

Brian Bovenizer (center) and The New Old Stock

For \$5, get some 'slacker country' on a Friday night

ASTORIA — Dust off them dancin' boots and get ready for a night of self-dubbed "slacker country" with local favorite Brian Bovenizer and the New Old Stock.

This one-night-only show at Labor Temple Bar takes place 10 p.m. Friday, July 20, with support from The Waysiders and Western Centuries. Five bucks gets you in the door to see all three bands!

The event is for people 21 and older. The Labor Temple Bar is located at 934 Duane St.

For more information, visit labortempleastoria@gmail.com.



COURTESY PENINSULA ARTS CENTER
Singer-songwriter Ara Lee

Ara Lee sings like a woman with something to say

LONG BEACH, WASH. — Ara Lee sings gospel, soul and blues at the Peninsula Arts Center at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 21, with guitarist Chris Hayes.

Lee calls herself a singer-songwriter, but the image of a wispy, soft-voiced, guitar strummer that might come to mind couldn't be farther from what she does.

Call it soul, call it folk, call it gospel — Lee sings like a woman with something to say, in a voice that makes you stop and listen, with lyrics that make you remember why you decided to be human once upon a time. Known for her commanding stage presence, Lee's shows, often called "musical church," cut straight to the gut.

Raised in the deep South, in a church where instruments were not allowed, Lee grew up shape-note singing, learning to make music only with her voice.

A move to New York City as a teenager gave her the chance to use her vocal chops beyond her front porch, and she began a 10-year incarnation working as a backup singer and studio vocalist. Now based in Portland, Lee's roots in Appalachia color the songs she writes.

Hayes has been a go-to string player in the Northwest for many years, appearing in the lineups of several popular bands as well as on numerous CDs.

The Peninsula Arts Center (peninsulaartscenter.org) is located at 504 Pacific Ave. N., Long Beach, Wash.

Admission is \$15 at the door or online through Brown Paper Tickets, or call Bill Svendsen at 360-901-0962.

Wine, beer and other refreshments are available for purchase.

Concerts benefit the Long Beach Peninsula Acoustic Music Foundation, a nonprofit charitable organization.

The Horsenecks take the 10th Street Stage

ASTORIA — The next installment of the Astoria Library's 10th Street Stage — a four-part outdoor concert series held on the library steps — takes place at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, with a performance by local bluegrass duo The Horsenecks.

All ages are welcome. Admission is free.

The Horsenecks play hard-hitting and heartfelt Old Time and classic Bluegrass music. Portlander Gabrielle Macrae and Liverpool native Barry Southern teamed up after meeting at a music festival in England in 2012. Sharing a deep love of traditional music, the two multi-instrumentalists have been performing, teaching and touring across the U.S. and the UK ever since. Featuring classic and original songs, they are deeply rooted in tradition while bringing fresh new material to the genre.

A program of the Astoria Library, 10th Street Stage is sponsored by the Liberty Theatre, the Astoria Oregon Public Library Foundation and the Astor Library Friends Association.

For more information and the complete concert schedule, contact library staff at 503-325-7323 or visit astorialibrary.org. The library is located at 450 10th St.



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