

A world in harmony

34th annual Water Music Festival spans the globe

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FOR COAST WEEKEND

Thirty-four years ago, live classical music in the Columbia-Pacific region was rare — until a motivated group of Long Beach Peninsula residents decided they would fill the void. The rest is history.

From Russian Waltz to American ragtime, from the beats of Brazil to Austria's Brahms, this year's Water Music Festival takes audiences on a musical world tour Friday through Sunday, Oct. 12 through 14.

Diane Marshall, festival board president asked the performing musicians if they could feature music from many countries. Their selections cover the map.

Friday

It all begins Friday night at Ilwaco's Inn at Harbour Village when Fandango! opens the series. The Chicago-based quartet brings a spicy mix of Latin, Spanish, Sephardic, Balkan and classical sounds to the stage.

Bosnian guitarist Denis Azabagic and Spanish flutist Eugenia Moliner — a husband-and-wife team — perform as the well-known Cavatina Duo.

British cellist David Cunliffe and American violinist Desiree Ruhstrat — another married couple — perform in the Chicago-based Lincoln Trio, a 2017 Grammy nominee for Best Small Ensemble.

The Inn's doors open beforehand for socializing, a nibble or two, non-alcoholic beverage selection and a no-host wine bar.

Saturday

Classical guitarist Marc Teicholz appears Saturday afternoon in the historic Oysterville Church. Teicholz was awarded first prize at the 1989 International Guitar Foundation of America competition, the most prestigious contest of its kind in the U.S. Soundboard listed him as "among the best we have ever heard."

Currently on the faculty of the San Francisco Music Conservatory, Teicholz is



The quartet Fandango!

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Pianist Alpin Hong.

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known as a highly skilled yet self-effacing performer.

Sunday

Finally, on Sunday, a performance by Alpin Hong wraps up the weekend. Hong appears in Ilwaco at the Eagles Nest Resort. It's perched high on a bluff with a view looking toward Ilwaco's Harbor, the town of Chinook, the Columbia River and Astoria.

This classically trained pianist made his or-

chestral debut with the Kalamazoo Symphony at age 10. A master's degree from Juilliard, a captivating personality and his musical acumen put him in high demand the world over.

A percentage of the Water Music Society's event proceeds are donated to Peninsula schools' music programs, and each year, a festival performer goes into area schools as part of an outreach program. This year Hong will share what he knows and cares about with students. **CW**

IF YOU GO

Water Music Festival 2018

• **7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12:** Fandango! at Inn at Harbour Village, 120 Williams Ave. N.E., Ilwaco, Wash.; doors open 6:30 p.m. for socializing and refreshments. Tickets \$40. This venue is not wheelchair accessible.

• **3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13:** Marc Teicholz at the historic Oysterville Church. Tickets \$30. This venue is not wheelchair accessible.

• **3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14:** Alpin Hong at Eagles Nest Resort, 700 North Head Road, Ilwaco, Wash.; doors open 2 p.m. for a social hour with savory and sweet nibbles, nonalcoholic beverages and a no-host bar. Tickets \$40. Venue is wheelchair accessible.

All tickets can be purchased online or at the door.

Additional information: watermusicfestival.com.



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