

Leap into the holiday season with 'Nutcracker'

ASTORIA — The Little Ballet Theatre's "Nutcracker" will be staged at the Astoria High School Auditorium with two performances on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and one performance on Sunday, Dec. 2, at 2 p.m.

A cast of 80 dancers, a 55-piece orchestra conducted by Cory Pedersen and a 12-voice choir fuel this community treasure that starts the holiday season.

The production has soldiers battling with the King Mouse and his army of mice, a Kingdom of Snow, a fairy tale castle, where many performers charm young Clara as she visits the Kingdom of Sweets, topped by a grande pas de deux of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier.

Tickets are available online through the Liberty Theatre website and at the Liberty Box Office in Astoria. General admission tickets are available at Maddox Dance Studio in Warrenton, and at the Astoria High School Auditorium one hour before each performance.

Call the Little Ballet Theatre at 503-861-1971 for more information.



'Nutcracker' by Noel Thomas.

Music and a photo show? See you in church!

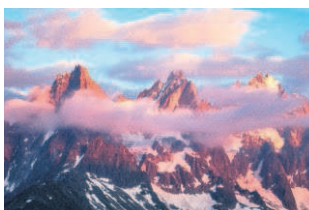
CANNON BEACH — The second annual Steinway Piano Concert Series at Cannon Beach Community Church continues with "White Clouds," a collaborative piano and photography concert, 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3, during Cannon Beach's Stormy Weather Arts Festival.

This event, held at Cannon Beach Community Church, 132 E. Washington St., is open to the public.

Tickets are \$10 at the door the day of the show. All proceeds benefit the Cannon Beach Food Pantry.

Professional nature photographer Thomas Robinson, who grew up in Cannon Beach, will present 70 minutes of nature photos projected on a big screen. Robinson captured the images along the Tour of Mont Blanc, the alpine hiking trail circumnavigating this tallest mountain in Europe.

The nature photo-show will be accompanied by 70 minutes of solo piano music written by Italian composer Ludovico Einaudi and performed by jazz pianist David Robinson, lead pastor at the church.



THOMAS ROBINSON PHOTO
Thomas Robinson took this photo along the Tour of Mont Blanc, the alpine hiking trail circumnavigating this tallest mountain in Europe.

Crossword Answers

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A contra dance to get your feet movin'

ASTORIA — A contra dance will be held at the Astoria Arts and Movement Center the evening of Friday, Nov. 2.

The event starts at 7 p.m. with a beginner's lesson taught by Dave Ambrose. Admission is \$5 to \$10; children under 12 are admitted free.

You'll be dancing to live music played by the Clatsop County Stringband. Contra dancing is for people with no experience and those who win dance competitions.

The dance style dates back to the 1600s in England and Scotland, becoming popular in France in the 1700s

before spreading to America. It's popular today in New England and the Northwest.

Bringing a partner is not required. Everyone is encouraged to dance with as many people as they feel comfortable with.

The Arts and Movement Center is at Commercial and 10th streets.

Go for a song at the Liberty Theatre

ASTORIA — Clatsop Community College Foundation presents "Her, Her, and Him" at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, at the Liberty Theatre in Astoria.

This afternoon of opera, art songs and musical theater by Fellini, Debussy, Rachmaninoff, Richard Strauss and more will feature performances by Deac Guidi and Dr. Claire Hudkins

with accompanist Dr. Susan Buehler.

This performance is free and open to the public. Students of all ages are encouraged to attend. Donations to the Clatsop Community College Foundation are welcome.

Guidi is a teacher and performer who lives on the North Coast.

Hudkins, soprano, is an

enthusiastic teacher of voice and piano and performs regularly as a soloist in the Pacific Northwest.

Buehler, a Cannon Beach resident, is a professor emeritus from Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas, where she was a member of the voice faculty for 25 years.

For more information, call 503-338-2306.



*Celebration of
Life Service for*

**Robert
"Jake"
Jacob**

April 19, 1949 –
September 10, 2018

**Astoria Armory
Community Center**

Saturday, November 3
at 2 pm

*The community is invited
to honor Jake's many
accomplishments in Astoria.*

Weekend Schedule of Events honoring Robert "Jake" Jacob

Saturday, November 3

2 pm - Jake's Celebration of Life Service, Astoria Armory Community Center
Doors open at 1:45 pm. Service begins 2 pm. Willis Van Dusen, MC

Saturday, November 3

11 am to 1:30 pm and 4:30 pm to 7 pm
Astoria Ferry at Pier 39 open for tours

Sunday, November 4

11 am to 1 pm - Mimosas and scones on the Astoria Ferry at Pier 39