



COURTESY ASTORIA VISUAL ARTS
Artist Stirling Gorsuch at work



BRENNA VISSER PHOTO
Students from Cannon Beach Academy work on a mural made of marine plastics for Stormy Weather Arts Festival.

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This year will also feature work from an entirely new group of artists — about 33 to be exact, who may or may not even realize they are artists yet.

Cannon Beach Academy students have made a collective piece of artwork out of marine debris to be shown at Sandpiper Square. The project was facilitated through the Haystack Rock Awareness Program's "Trash Talk" — a program that turns microplastics into jewelry and art as a fundraiser for the environmental stewardship program — and the Cannon Beach Arts Association.

Participating in Stormy Weather serves a dual purpose for the academy Parent Teacher Organization volunteer Shelley Parker said.

"It's a traditional Cannon Beach event. We wanted to do something educational, showcase what we're doing with the kids and show they are an important part of the community as well," Parker said.

When Parker reached out to the association's Arts Education Director Meagan Sokol about expanding art opportunities within the new charter school, Sokol saw partnering with HRAP as a cost-effective and educational way to do so.



COURTESY STIRLING GORSUCH
'Arcadian Rhythm,' an oil painting artist Stirling Gorsuch will feature at Stormy Weather Arts Festival.

"It's perfect for Stormy Weather because this project has everything to do with the beach," HRAP Outreach Coordinator Pooka Rice said. "By doing this (the kids) are capable of bringing these lessons home to their families."

But for some on the academy board, representation at the long-standing arts festival is one step closer for the school to become once again an essential part of the community.

"At Cannon Beach Elementary there was always a huge tradition of bringing art into the school. There was a whole week dedicated to it," board member Barb Knop said. "All of this is bringing back a community tradition we once had." 



BRENNA VISSER PHOTOS
ABOVE: Students from Cannon Beach Academy glue marine plastics to a mural of a sea star for Stormy Weather Arts Festival. BELOW: A Cannon Beach Academy student shows Haystack Rock Awareness Program Outreach Coordinator Pooka Rica a piece of marine plastic as she works on a mural for Stormy Weather Arts Festival.



IF YOU GO

FRIDAY, NOV. 2

- **4 p.m. onward:** Artist receptions at various galleries.
- **7:30 p.m.:** Lloyd Jones Struggle Concert (Doors 7 p.m.)

Based in Portland, Jones has recorded six critically-acclaimed albums, whose style has been described as soulful, old-school rhythm and blues.

Where: Coaster Theatre Playhouse

Cost: \$35

SATURDAY, NOV. 3

- **All day:** Artist receptions at various galleries.
- **10 a.m.:** Dancing in the Rain Fashion Show (Doors 9:45 a.m.)

Find a new outfit from fashions featured from local Cannon Beach clothing shops.

Where: Coaster Theatre Playhouse

Cost: Free, or \$5 guaranteed seating donation.

- **7:30 p.m.:** Curtis Salgado Spotlight Concert (Doors 7 p.m.)

With a career spanning 40 years, award-winning vocalist and songwriter Curtis Salgado will bring soul, blues and R&B to Cannon Beach.

Where: Coaster Theatre Playhouse

Cost: \$40

SUNDAY, NOV. 4

- **10 a.m. onward:** Artist receptions at various galleries.
- **11 a.m. to 2 p.m.:** Brews, Blues & Barbecues

Sample local craft beers brewed specially for the festival, eat a barbecue lunch done by local chefs and enjoy the music of Delta Blues from Steve Cheseborough.

Where: Cannon Beach Community Hall

Cost: \$25