

Virtuosos bring Brazilian choro to Long Beach

LONG BEACH, WASH. — The Peninsula Arts Center presents Brazilian choro from Rio Con Brio at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Rio Con Brio began as a vehicle for virtuoso mandolinist Tim Connell to indulge his obsession with the Brazilian national music “choro.” Joined by fellow gypsy jazz string player Mike Burdette, the two soon

built a large repertoire of these quirky instrumental tunes.

Because of their technique and Connell’s adventurous improvisation, they have been featured in traditionally classical concert series and jazz festivals.

Tickets are \$15 and available on Brown Paper Tickets, by emailing events@peninsulaartscenter.org or by calling Bill Svendsen at



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Rio Con Brio.

360-901-0962.

Wine, beer and other refreshments are available for purchase.

The Peninsula Arts Center (peninsulaartscenter.org) is at 504 Pacific Ave. N. Long Beach, Wash. Events benefit the nonprofit Long Beach Peninsula Acoustic Music Foundation.

Local comics showcase their talent

ASTORIA — The Labor Temple Bar kicks off a continuing series — the Local Comic Showcase — beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6. The series will continue the first Thursday of the month. There is no cover.

Homegrown, free-range Astorian talent will be highlighted. This month’s comedians are Public Emily No. 1, B Lee (Mr. Sunshine), Pete Birdeno, Spencer Linderman and, of Astor Street Opry fame, Dave Bergquist.

Come early for great dining and access to the best seats.

Happy hour runs from 4 to 7 p.m. seven days a week with both drink specials and snacks, including the new hand-dipped corn dog.



COURTESY LABOR TEMPLE BAR

Stand-up comics Jake Daniels, left, and Tony Dijamco.

National comics take Labor Temple stage

ASTORIA — The Labor Temple Bar in Astoria hosts the Joker and Jester National Comedy tour with Tony Dijamco and Jake Daniels at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13.

Admission is \$5. Only attendees 21 and older may attend.

Daniels is one of the hardest working comedians around, involved with more than 300 shows annually. He spends several months a year touring the U.S. doing comedy shows nightly in bars,

stadiums and comedy clubs.

Dijamco has been impressing audiences all over the country with his fierce mix of quick wit, sardonic humor, and vocal and physical act-outs for more than 17 years. His style has made him a club favorite and sought-out performer on college campuses everywhere.

Recently, Dijamco was seen on NBC’s “Last Comic Standing.”

Labor Temple is at 934 Duane St.

Singer-songwriter duo explores fringes of rock



Garett Brennan.

COURTESY SOU'WESTER LODGE

SEAVIEW, WASH. — Garett Brennan and Jon Neufeld play the Sou’wester Lodge at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8.

Brennan — a Portland-based singer-songwriter and instrumentalist — explores the intimate corners of acoustic, roots and Americana. His side-project, pigWar, explores the fringes of soul, psychedelic and rock.

He and Neufeld have been playing together since 2008 through various incarnations and have released three albums together.

Their Sou’wester show opens a new vault of material they are preparing to take into the studio for their next album.

This all-ages event is free and open to the public. The Sou’wester is at 3728 J Place, Seaview, Wash.



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