

Festival: Theater prefers to have a minimum of 60 days to sell tickets

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“We didn’t want to announce anything that we weren’t going to be able to pay for,” he said. “We’re just trying to be financially responsible.”

Clark said he bears the Liberty no ill will, but hopes the festival and theater will collaborate better in the future.

The Astoria Music Festival has brought big entertainment to the North Coast since its 2003 founding, staging world-renowned musicians, drawing robust crowds and bringing tens of thousands of dollars into the local economy — a boon that the Liberty and surrounding businesses have come to rely on.

“The economic impact on our area businesses during the festival is about \$80,000 in food, lodging, and purchases each year,” Crockett wrote in an email. “Not having the festival on our stage creates a loss of about \$15,000 for the Liberty in missed concessions sales and stage rental fees at the tail end of our fiscal year.”

The festival has already been awarded grant money for this year’s concerts. This includes \$10,000 from Astoria’s arts and culture grant program.

“If the funds were not utilized, and the activities which were included in their grant application never occurred ... the Astoria Music Festival would need to remit back to us the \$10,000 that were provided to them early on,” City Manager Brett Estes said.

In years past, the festival would schedule the other performances around those at the main venue at the Liberty, Crockett said. By February, however, it was apparent the festival “wasn’t making its usual steps,”



Angela Meade, second from left, sings Leonora in Verdi’s ‘Il Trovatore’ at the Astoria Music Festival in 2011.

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she said.

In addition, the festival board normally meets with the theater to negotiate a contract in the run-up to the theater’s deadline. “This year, that didn’t happen,” Crockett said.

The festival, in fact, has been largely unresponsive. “Repeated attempts over the last two weeks to get them to sign went ignored,” Crockett said in a text message.

The theater prefers to have a minimum of 60 days

to sell tickets, enough time for promotion to get out and patrons to plan their festival experience. With that cut-off approaching, the Liberty — foreseeing a gap in their programming — chose to move on.

It was a hard decision, said Crockett, a clarinetist who has performed in the festival under Clark’s direction. “I have respect for the enormity of what he’s tried to accomplish with the festival.”

But, “as a steward of the Liberty and an outspoken supporter of the arts in Astoria,” she and the theater board decided to use the venue for other events.

“We need to get something on the stage and get those people that are coming to town engaged,” she said.

One confirmed concert is the Hermitage Piano Trio, featuring Russian cellist and longtime festival performer Sergey Antonov, who resigned from the festival.

Antonov said in an email: “At this point I will no longer be a part of the Astoria Music Festival and we will be developing a new strategy with Jennifer to bring a new wave of performing arts to Astorians!”

“As I said many times before, I can’t imagine not coming to the town that has a special place in my life!” he continued.

“With Sergey and others’ help, we’re booking four large classical and cross-

over performances that will help capture the 3,500 visitors that normally attend each year,” Crockett said in an email.

She’s sad for the Astoria Music Festival’s turn of fate. “I think it’s a worthy festival,” she said.

But she’s optimistic that the concerts planned for the Liberty are worthy replacements. “I think we can put this together, and I think it’ll be something exciting,” Crockett said.

Warming center: Board members now focused on renewing permit

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Last season — another mild winter — another warming center served an average of 23 people a night. In 2017 — also a mild winter — the shelter ended up opening for only 80 nights.

With the end of this sea-

son, Martin and board members are now focusing on gathering paperwork to renew the warming center’s permit, fundraising and continuing to be a presence in the community. They have maintained a table at the Astoria Sunday Market to provide information and recruit volunteers.

“Perhaps in the future, (we will) work with those looking for a suitable day/drop-in space and share that space with them,” Martin said. “That, of course, would be my hope anyway.”

A group led by board members Nelle Moffett and Rick Bowers has started

looking into opening a daytime drop-in center in Astoria that would give homeless people a place to rest and access social services.

The warming center’s board held a neighborhood meeting at the end of March, the last of three meetings the board has committed to

throughout each season to give neighbors a chance to weigh in with any concerns or comments.

Operating the warming center above downtown in a residential neighborhood was controversial. A good-neighbor agreement and other changes to operations have

eased tensions.

Few neighbors have taken board members up on their offer to attend neighborhood meetings, and no one showed up for the most recent meeting, according to Annie Dolber, a board member.

“I take that as an affirmation!” she said.

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Evening listings
WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY EVENING												APRIL 3		
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled (N)	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	Whiskey "Five Spies and a Baby" (N)		News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News at 6pm (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled (N)	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	Whiskey "Five Spies and a Baby" (N)		KOMO4News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	Chicago Med "Tell Me the Truth" (N)	Chi.Fire "No Such Thing as Bad Luck" (N)	Chicago P.D. "This City" (N)		Chicago P.D. "This City" (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
7	KOIN	(7) News (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	Survivor "I'm the Puppet Master" (N)	Million\$Mile "No One Can Beat Me" (N)	SEAL Team "Dirt, Dirt, Gucci" (N)		SEAL Team "Dirt, Dirt, Gucci" (N)		KOIN News/11 (N)	(35) Colbert	
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	Survivor "I'm the Puppet Master" (N)	Million\$Mile "No One Can Beat Me" (N)	SEAL Team "Dirt, Dirt, Gucci" (N)		SEAL Team "Dirt, Dirt, Gucci" (N)		KIRO News (N)	(35) Colbert	
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	Chicago Med "Tell Me the Truth" (N)	Chi.Fire "No Such Thing as Bad Luck" (N)	Chicago P.D. "This City" (N)		Chicago P.D. "This City" (N)		News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Jane the Virgin "Chapter Eighty-Two" (N)	JaneVirgin "Chapter Eighty-Three" (N)	News (N)	Friends		Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
10	KOPB	(10) Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature "Forest of the Lynx"	Nova "Emperor's Ghost Army"	Secret Dead "Egypt's Darkest Hour" (N)		Secret Dead "Egypt's Darkest Hour" (N)		Egypt's Treasure Guardians		
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Empire (N)	Star "The Reckoning" (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV	
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	8pm Prime News (N)	9pm Prime News (N)	Family Guy		Family Guy		American Dad!	The Game	
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Empire (N)	Star "The Reckoning" (N)	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons	
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal (N)	Full Frontal (N)		Conan	Full Frontal	
22	KZJO	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
29	ESPN	(29) (3:00) MLB Baseball	Chi.C./Atl. (L)	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		
30	ESPN2	(30) SportsCenter Special	"Mel and Todd's Dueling Mocks" (N)	Madden Bowl (N)		UFC UFC Edson Barboza vs. Justin Gaethje	Site: Wells Fargo Arena -- Des Moines, Iowa	Now or Never (N)	UFC Top Ten (N)			Now or Never (N)	UFC Top Ten (N)	
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office	The Office		Friends	Friends	
32	DISN	(32) Coop & Cami	Coop & Cami	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Sydney to the Max	Coop & Cami	Jessie	Jessie	Sydney to the Max	Coop & Cami	Andi Mack	Sydney Max	
34	FAM	(34) (5:30) ★★ Sweet Home Alabama '02	Candice Bergen, Reese Witherspoon.	Liars "...If One of Them is Dead" (N)		★★★ The Lion King '94	Voices of Matthew Broderick, Jonathon Taylor Thomas.	The 700 Club		The 700 Club		The 700 Club		
35	FMC	(35) (5:35) Kung Fu Panda 3	(16, Ani) Angelina Jolie, Jack Black.	★★★ Dumb and Dumber To	(14, Comedy) Jeff Daniels, Laurie Holden, Jim Carrey.	★★★ Dumb and Dumber To	(2014, Comedy) Jeff Daniels, Laurie Holden, Jim Carrey.	★★★ Failure to Launch	(06) Sarah Jessica Parker, Matthew McConaughey.	★★★ Failure to Launch	(06) Sarah Jessica Parker, Matthew McConaughey.	Crashed Ice		
36	LIFE	(36) (5:30) ★★ Sleepless in Seattle '93	(Rom) Meg Ryan, Ross Malinger, Tom Hanks.	PBA Bowling USBC Masters		MLB Whiparound (L)	TMZ Sports (N)	Fair Game		In Depth (N)	Cliff Diving	Crashed Ice		
38	ROOT	(38) Champions Tennis Classics 2018	Champions Challenge	Champions Challenge		Champions Challenge	Champions Challenge	Champions Challenge		Champions Challenge		Champions Challenge		
39	FS1	(39) Boxing Premier Champions		Boxing Premier Champions		Boxing Premier Champions	Boxing Premier Champions	Boxing Premier Champions		Boxing Premier Champions		Boxing Premier Champions		
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	★★★ The Hangover Part II	(2011, Comedy) Zach Galifianakis, Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper.	★★★ The Hangover Part II	(11) Bradley Cooper.	★★★ The Hangover Part II	(11) Bradley Cooper.	★★★ The Hangover Part II	(11) Bradley Cooper.	
44	COM	(44) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	The Daily Show (N)	(35) South Park	
45	HIST	(45) Forged in Fire	"The Charay"	Forged in Fire	"Bagh Nakh Blades"	Forged in Fire	"The Grim Reaper's Scythe"	Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper	"Long Road to Redemption" (N)			(05) Forged in Fire	"The Lion Spear"	
46	A&E	(46) Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Zombie Flip.	"Fleas, Floods and Fries"	Zombie House Flip.	"The Longest Yard"	Zombie "The Waterlogged Cabin" (N)		Tiny House Nation	"No Fall Zone" (N)	(05) Zombie Flip.	"Double Down"	
47	TLC	(47) My 600-lb Life	"Benji and David's Story"	My 600-lb Life	"Annejannette's Story" (N)	My 600-lb Life	"Annejannette's Story" (N)	Dr. Pimple	"The Last Unicorn" (N)			(05) My 600-lb Life	"Nikki's Story"	
48	DISC	(48) Moonshiners	"Hillbilly Hack" (N)	Moonshiners: Cuts	"Risky Whiskey"	Moonshiners: Shiners on Shine (N)	Moonshiners: Return of Tickle	Tickle returns from jail to Tim's distillery. (SF) (N)		Moonshine	"Legend of Popcorn Sutton"			
48	NGEO	(48) Drugs, Inc.	"Salt Lake Sinners"	Drugs, Inc.	"Stashville, Tennessee"	Drugs, Inc.	"Wasted in Seattle"	Guerilla (N)		Drugs, Inc.	"Wasted in Seattle"			
50	TNT	(50) (5:30) ★★ Blended	(2014, Comedy) Drew Barrymore, Bella Thorne, Adam Sandler.	The Expendables 2	(12) Liam Hemsworth, Sylvester Stallone.	★★★ The Expendables 2	(12) Liam Hemsworth, Sylvester Stallone.	★★★ The Expendables 3	(2014, Action) Jason Statham, Jet Li, Sylvester Stallone.			(35) ★★ The Expendables 3	(14) Sylvester Stallone.	
51	AMC	(51) (5:55) ★★ The Expendables 2	(12) Liam Hemsworth, Sylvester Stallone.	★★★ The Expendables 3	(2014, Action) Jason Statham, Jet Li, Sylvester Stallone.	★★★ The Expendables 3	(2014, Action) Jason Statham, Jet Li, Sylvester Stallone.	★★★ The Expendables 3	(2014, Action) Jason Statham, Jet Li, Sylvester Stallone.			(35) ★★ The Expendables 3	(14) Sylvester Stallone.	
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U.	"Double Strands"	Law & Order: S.V.U.	"Missing Pieces"	Law & Order: S.V.U.	"True Believers"	Law & Order: S.V.U.	"Educated Guess"	Law & Order: S.V.U.	"Lost Traveler"	Modern Family	Modern Family	
53	FOOD	(53) Game	"Redemption Tournament: Part 3"	Game	"Redemption Tournament: Part 4"	Game	"Redemption Tournament: Finale"	Guy's Game	"Big Budget Bonanza" (N)	Guy's Game	"Heavyweight Teams"	Guy's Game	"Global Grocery Games"	
54	HGTV	(54) Buying	"Stuck in a Suburban Starter"	Buying & Selling	"Upping the Budget"	Property Brothers	"Reno Interrupted"	Buying and Selling (N)		House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Property Bros.	"Structural Opportunity"	
56	FX	(56) (5:00) ★★ Ted 2	(15, Com) Mark Wahlberg, Seth MacFarlane.	★★★ Guardians of the Galaxy	(2014, Adventure) Zoe Saldana, Lee Pace, Chris Pratt.	Guardians of the Galaxy	(2014, Adventure) Zoe Saldana, Lee Pace, Chris Pratt.	Shadows (N)	Shadows	Shadows (N)	Shadows	The Maze Runner	(14) Dylan O'Brien.	
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		
61	CNBC	(61) Deal or No Deal	"Ice Cream Dreams"	Deal or No Deal	"Mile-high Millionaire"	The Profit	"An Inside Look: No Deal!"	The Profit	"Marijuana Millions"	The Profit	"Marijuana Country"	Paid Program	Paid Program	
63	BRAV	(63) Wives	"Things Are Going Southampton"	Real Housewives	"It's a Clam Shame"	Housewives	"Making Up Is Hard to Do"	Housewives	"Shark Bait" (N)	Housewives	"Caught in the Middle"	Watch What	Real Housewives	
64	TCM	(64) Movie	(4:45) ★★ Anna Karenina	(35) Fredric March, Greta Garbo.	★★★ Anna Karenina	(1937, Romance) Fredric March, Greta Garbo.	★★★ Anna Karenina	(1937, Romance) Fredric March, Greta Garbo.	★★★ Anna Karenina	(1937, Romance) Fredric March, Greta Garbo.	★★★ Anna Karenina	(30, Rom) Marie Dressler, Greta Garbo.		
65	SYFY	(65) (4:10) 10,000 B.C.	★★ National Treasure: Book of Secrets	(2007, Adventure) Jon Voight, Ed Harris, Nicolas Cage.	★★★ National Treasure: Book of Secrets	(2007, Adventure) Jon Voight, Ed Harris, Nicolas Cage.	★★★ National Treasure: Book of Secrets	(2007, Adventure) Jon Voight, Ed Harris, Nicolas Cage.	The Magicians	"The 4-1-1" (N)	Happy!	"Tallahassee" (N)	The Thing	(11) Mary Elizabeth Winstead.
162	RFD	(162) Dude Ranch	Cowboy (N)	Women's Rodeo	Equestrian Nation	Total Team Roping	Rural Eve. News	WesternSport	Cash Cowboys	Dude Ranch	Cowboy Moments	Product Showcase		

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