

# 45th Parallel Universe Orchestra kicks of classical season at Liberty Theatre

ASTORIA — 45th Parallel Universe Orchestra plays a concert titled “Primordial Swamp” at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Liberty Theatre. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased in advance at [libertyastoria.org](http://libertyastoria.org). Free tickets for students under 18 years old are available in our box office.

One of the best things about 45th Parallel is the idea that a group of restless musicians could get together in a room and come up with creative and unconventional programs that don’t otherwise fit in our respective ensembles.

The orchestra will celebrate the release of 45th Parallel’s latest recording with a performance of Dohnanyi’s Sextet. The piece dates from 1935 and is Dohnanyi’s last piece of chamber music. It is for the unusual combination of clarinet, horn, piano, violin, viola and cello. This fact has virtually insured it would be little heard in concert — a great pity because it is a masterpiece. From a tonal standpoint, the Sextet shows Dohnanyi alive to the musical developments in the Europe of the 1930’s, jazz in particular, which was gaining a real foothold



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throughout western and central Europe.

The group will also perform Reza Vali’s “Folk Song Suite.” Vali was born in Iran, collects and transcribes Persian

folk songs and is one of very few composers writing Persian-inspired Western classical music.

Post-performance reception with the

artists in the McTavish Room immediately following the performance.

The Liberty Theatre is located at 1203 Commercial St.

## Kathryn Claire plays from new album at KALA

ASTORIA — KALA presents artist Kathryn Claire and her trio at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, in support of her new release “Eastern Bound For Glory.” Tickets are \$15.

After a decade on the road and in studios as a side person supporting countless talented artists, the Portland-based singer-songwriter returns home to give herself fully to her unique brand of alt-folk.

Her latest album, “Eastern Bound For

Glory”, is inspired by her life on the road, experiencing the emotional rollercoaster of being an internationally touring musician. The masterful 10-song release signifies a homecoming to her solo career and back to her beloved city. It’s an aesthetic departure from her previous work in that the record explores bold indie rock instrumentation and vibey spaghetti western atmospherics.

Honest and poetic writing, crystal-

line vocals, impassioned violin compositions and an ability to move seamlessly across genres, are the hallmark of Kathryn Claire’s original and diverse sound. Utilizing the immense talent of her trio featuring Allen Hunter on bass, and Sid Ditson on violin, Claire delivers her own unique brand of harmonic alt-folk music.

This event is for those 16 years and older. KALA is located at 1017 Marine Drive in Astoria.



Kathryn Claire plays from her new album at KALA Friday at 8 p.m.

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