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She told one interviewer: “I can only describe my beginnings in jazz as a time of missing my mom, missing hearing her voice singing around the house and wondering within myself if I could do that — if I could sing and carry on that part of her.”

She has released two albums, “Black Lace Blue Tears” in 2013 and “Come Out Swingin’” in 2015.

In a review, radio personality Curtis Davenport from Curt’s Jazz in Charlotte, N.C., noted that many of the recorded tracks are her own compositions. “This fact alone differentiates her as she is one of the very few African-American women singer-songwriters in jazz today,” Davenport wrote. “And . . . the lady can sing as well as she can write. She is an intelligent, thoughtful composer in the tradition of Abbey Lincoln and Nina Simone.”

Mark Holston of Jazziz Magazine has commended her keen sense of phrasing. “Like a veteran horn soloist, she slides effortlessly from one octave to the next, always landing on the right, pitch-perfect note,” Holston wrote. “A sly use of vibrato and reluctance to oversell the lyrics all add up to a vocal style that, while occasionally emotionally taut, is generally relaxed, flirtatious and easy to love.”

Trumpet trio

A significant portion of the proceeds from the Water Music Festival’s concerts is



Patrick Webb

Christopher Lake, a jazz band member at Ilwaco High School, will be joined by fellow student trumpet players John Johnson and Ewan Olson performing at the event.

donated to the Ocean Beach and Naselle-Grays River school districts’ music programs in Pacific County. Students from both high schools will be among those serving food and cleaning up.

Since 2009, the festival has given time for local music students to perform. A trumpet trio featuring the talents of Ilwaco students Christopher Lake, John Johnson and Ewan Olson will add to the entertainment.

“It does not get much better than producing concerts with world-class musicians,” Marshall said, “and being able to support music education programs in the local schools.”

An evening of stories, music

ASTORIA — World renowned musicians will take the stage for an evening of celtic harp and literature. The concert and storytelling event, “A Winter Gift,” happens at 7 p.m. Friday at the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. General admission is \$20, seniors and students are \$15. Children 12 and under are \$10.

Patrick Ball, Lisa Lynne & Aryeh Frankfurter, all premier harpists, will perform Celtic legends, rare holiday music and share Irish and English literature.

This trio is well known for their first show, “Legends of the Celtic Harp,” which tells stories and legends of the harp through time.

In “A Winter Gift,” musicians step into a magical world of music and literature. The trio presents a heartwarming collection of tales and music from Celtic legend and traditional folk stories. They perform well loved literature from Yeats, Hardy, Shakespeare and more, as well as original pieces



From left: Patrick Ball, Lisa Lynne & Aryeh Frankfurter.

of seasonal music. Audiences will hear three celtic harps, Swedish nyckelharpa, fiddle, bandura, bouzouki and more.

For more information, check out LegendsOfTheCelticHarp.com



Jared Ribic

Vocalist Eugenie Jones and her instrumental quartet were popular performers at the Long Beach Peninsula’s Jazz and Oysters events the past two summers.

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