



Kathryn Claire's concert will benefit the Long Beach Peninsula Acoustic Music Foundation.

Celebrate winter nights in Ilwaco

ILWACO, Wash. — Kathryn Claire presents 'Winter Songs,' inspired by the season with music to honor the shortest days and longest nights. The show will happen at 7 p.m. Saturday at the River City Playhouse, 127 Lake St.

Weaving together songs, instrumentals, traditional and original music and a few covers, Claire invites the audience to join together in celebration of the season. She will be accompanied by Don Henson on piano and percussion and Sid Ditson on violin.

Henson has toured extensively with Claire in the Pacific Northwest. His band has played with Pink Martini, on The Tonight Show (With Jay Leno) and at Carnegie Hall.

Ditson recently joined the crew on a tour in Belgium and the Netherlands and has been an integral part of Kathryn's music over the past couple years. He brings a versatility with the instrument that is truly unique.

Wine, beer, and other refreshments are available for purchase. Reservations at peninsulaartscenter.org/concerts or 360-901-0962

It's time for Tuba Christmas

ILWACO, Wash. — Catch some toe-tapping tuba tunes at the annual Tuba Christmas concert, happening at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum, 115 SE Lake St.

This free concert will feature the Astoria Tuba Quartet, who will perform a variety of seasonal selections, jazz arrangements and a polka or two at this family-friendly event. The quartet will be introduced with a reading by Lynette McAdams of "A Coastal Christmas."

The tuba's versatility allows performers to cover traditional Christmas selections like "Sleigh Ride," jazz selections by noted composer/arrangers Lenny Niehaus and Bill Holman, the much-loved Evergreen Polka and more.

Seating is limited. For more information,



A Tuba Christmas is happening this Saturday in Ilwaco.

contact the museum at 360-642-3446.

New jam session at KALA in Astoria

ASTORIA — Musicians, jammers, bands, soloists and more are invited to play at a new start-up, bi-monthly Music Jam at KALA, 1017 Marine Dr. The first event will happen from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday and is hosted by singer/guitarist "Raizz the Bar" Victoria Kingsbury.

The Jam will be held two Wednesdays mid-month — dates will be posted on Facebook and media in advanced.

Kingsbury has been hosting jams for a decade, dedicated to bringing musicians together to make space for the excitement of

impromptu music. The setting is relaxed and friendly. Kingsbury leads with vocals, acoustic guitar and flute, and longtime coastal musician guitarist Joey Patenaude and coastal drummer Flint Rice open the stage as a trio. Then they open the stage to guests.

Drums, bass and guitars will be available for use, in addition to the house acoustic piano, or you bring your own instrument, sit in with the house band, or take a solo spot.

There is no sign-up sheet. Audience welcome. For more information, call 503-338-4878.

North Coast Chorale sings 'Amahl and the Night Visitors'

ASTORIA — The North Coast Chorale's winter concert will be presented three times: this Friday at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 22. at 4 p.m.

All performances will be held at the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center, 588 16 St. Tickets are \$10 each, and children under 12 are admitted free.

The concert will begin with the Chorale performing several Holiday Favorites, followed by a staged performance of "Amahl and the Night Visitors." Well-known local artists, Ann Bronson, playing Amahl's Mother, Deac Guidi, Phil Keim and Tony Kischner portraying the three Kings will share the stage with Soleil Maya Rathmell-Stokes, as Amahl.

This one-act opera by Gian-Carlo Menotti was first performed on television by the NBC Opera Theatre in December 1951. It is a retelling of the tale of the Magi from the point of view of a young disabled boy who lives in poverty with his widowed mother.

"Amahl and the Night Visitors" is a story of hope that warms the heart; in

response, the Chorale is providing receptacles in the lobby of the and is inviting the audience to take this opportunity to donate money, new socks, scarves or gloves in an effort to warm others and share our hope.

All donations will be given to the Astoria Warming Center, whose mission is to warm unsheltered people in our community.

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