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to forget about the opportunity,” Wall said. “We’re just really excited that we came up with this idea of a way to get people downtown and something for free that they can win prizes out potentially and still be exposed for free to the arts and ballet.”

This is one of the few times the Liberty Theatre has opened its doors since the pandemic shutdown, another thing to celebrate at art walk, Wall said.

The Astoria School of Ballet opened its doors on the second floor of the Liberty Theatre after Wall and her husband moved from the Midwest.

“We knew we wanted to move out west and be by water and mountains,” she said. “We picked out a map, found a studio online and we pretty much packed up. We were young and naïve and brave. We moved across the country and started up a ballet focused dance studio. It seems crazy to me now that we did that but we didn’t have much to lose.”

“La Boutique fantastique,” showcases

music composed by Ottorino Respighi, which first premiered in 1919. Wall performed in the ballet when she was a student herself, she said.

“The ballet itself is really kid and family friendly,” Wall said. “People will recognize the characters because they are all storybook characters — Humpty Dumpty, Jack and Jill, Little Bo Peep, Red Riding Hood ... You don’t need to be knowledgeable about ballet or classical music to enjoy it.”

Prizes are gifted by Street 14 Cafe, Gaetano’s Market & Deli, Los Andes Shop, BerhoBros LLC, Sparrow Dance Co. and Clatsop Economic Development Resources. They include gift certificates for businesses like Frite & Scoop, Gimre’s Shoes, M&N Workwear and Lucy’s Books.

“It is a joyful ballet,” Wall said. “I think it is a great, free way to be exposed to the performing arts, and to be able to have fun with the scavenger hunt.”



Students watch an example during a rehearsal.



Dancers rehearse at the Liberty Theatre.