

# Biologist and author to speak at KALA Friday

ASTORIA — KALA will host a “First Person: Authors Talk,” Friday at 7:30 p.m.



Michael Pyle

Robert Michael Pyle will join host Heather Hirschi to discuss his latest books “Nature Matrix: New and Selected Essays,” and “Tidewater Reach: Field Guide to the Lower Columbia River in Poems and Pictures.”

Pyle has authored 24 books, from poetry collections to butterfly books. The 2020 film, ‘The Dark Divide’ starring David Cross and Debra Messing told the story of Pyle’s epic journey through Washington’s Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

Pyle’s books will be available for sale at the event. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com). Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 tests are required to attend, masks must be worn inside the venue. KALA is located at 1017 Marine Drive in Astoria.



Astoria School of Ballet

Astoria School of Ballet dancers before a previous performance.

## Astoria School of Ballet to host mini-performances of Tchaikovsky’s ‘The Nutcracker’

ASTORIA — The Astoria School of Ballet will host mini-performances of “Tchaikovsky’s The Nutcracker” Saturday at Liberty Theatre.

The free, 18-minute performances are scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m., noon, 12:30, 1 and 1:30 p.m.

Santa will be available for pictures in the theatre’s ticket kiosk prior and throughout the performances from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Vaccination cards will not be required as the performances are targeted toward children, however masks and social distancing will be enforced inside the theatre.



## Clatsop County 4-H to host virtual cookie baking event

ASTORIA — The Clatsop County 4-H will hold a virtual holiday baking event Wednesday from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

The time slot includes an hour refrigeration time for the dough. The first 12 participants ages 5 to 19 to register for the event will receive a cookie cutter and sprinkles. Recipes and a supply list will follow after registration. Younger members will need to have parental support to participate.

The event is free, attendees should register by Monday at Free event online: [beav.es/UDm](http://beav.es/UDm).

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