

# Passionate plumage: Troupe helps love take flight

Watched by a zookeeper, center, played by Cameron Lira, two male penguins, portrayed by Richard Bowman, left, and Preston C. Roper, are given an egg and some encouragement.

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## ‘Birds of a Feather’ features hawks, gay penguins

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Gay penguins continue to make headlines, from a charming story about a couple of penguins at the Central Park Zoo adopting a chick to a book that many have sought to ban. Now, there is a play about them.

“Birds of a Feather” is the latest performance to be staged by Astoria’s Ten Fifteen Productions. With a cast of six that plays 25

parts, the performance will be directed by Ann Bronson, a longtime actor and singer on the North Coast.

Bronson’s directorial debut, “A Bench in the Sun,” was staged at the Coaster Theatre Playhouse in Cannon Beach in February 2020, just before the pandemic shut down local performances.

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