

BRIEFLY

MarchFourth offers kaleidoscope of entertainment

PORTLAND — An explosion of brassy funk, rock and jazz emanates from 15 or so performers during a production by MarchFourth.

Described as a genre-breaking force of entertainment, MarchFourth features musicians, acrobats, stilters and more. Audiences are invited to enjoy a kaleidoscope of musical and visual energy that defies categorization.

A MarchFourth tour stop features a trio of shows at the Crystal Ballroom, 1332 W. Burnside Ave., Portland. The performances are Friday, March 3 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$23 and \$15 for students. A family matinee show is Saturday, March 4 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for kids ages 5-12 and free for ages 4 and under. A 21-and-older show is Saturday, March 4 at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$26. Discounts are available for tickets purchased in advance.

For more information or a link to buy tickets, visit www.crystalballroom.com. For more about MarchFourth, visit www.facebook.com/MarchFourthMarchingBand.

Baker City gallery gears up for spring

BAKER CITY — A collection of favorite colorful and bright pieces by regional artists are featured in an exhibit in Baker City.

Let's Call It Spring also features new chocolate items from Peterson's Gallery and Chocolatier's spring 2017 menu. The delectable delights include a new strawberry sauce with whipped cream in their signature drinking chocolate and apricot and lemon cream truffles.

The opening reception is Friday, March 3 at 6 p.m. at Peterson's Gallery, 1925 Main St., Baker City. The event is held in conjunction with the First Friday Artwalk.

Regular hours are Tuesday through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, contact 541-523-1022, mail@petersonsgallery.net or visit www.petersonsgallery.net.

Concert features world melodies

HAINES — Folk music from across the globe is featured during the upcoming Grand Ronde Symphony Association's Chamber Concert Series.

The enchanting instruments of violin, guitar, mandolin, bass, ukulele and the hammered dulcimer take center stage during An Evening of World Melodies. Musicians are Anthony R. Corig (owner of Direct Music Source in La Grande and lead jazz guitarist in Pendulum Swing) and Angela Rosemeyer (who has played country, folk Irish Celtic music with Maggie's Parlour for the past 26 years).

The event is Saturday, March 4 at 7 p.m. at the Haines United Methodist Church, 721 Roberts St. Tickets are \$20.

For more information, contact Patty Sandoz at 541-963-7595, grsymphony2@gmail.com or visit www.granderondesymphony.org.

AP Oscar predictions: What will win, what should win

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ahead of Sunday's 89th Academy Awards, Associated Press film writers Lindsey Bahr and Jake Coyle share their predictions for a ceremony many expect will be a "La La Land" sweep.

Best picture

The Nominees: "Arrival," "Fences," "Hacksaw Ridge," "Hell or High Water," "Hidden Figures," "La La Land," "Lion," "Manchester by the Sea" and "Moonlight."

BAHR: **Will Win:** It has to be "La La Land."

Should Win: "La La Land," although that's not the stylish choice of the moment. I think we've all been burned too many times, by "The Artist" and "Argo" and other films that lure us in with their retro, navel gazing sensibilities and then evaporate from our memories come March 1. "La La Land" is different. It'll be a modern classic that we'll be

watching for years to come.

COYLE: **Will Win:** It would be idiotic to pick against "La La Land," the 14-time nominated favorite and Golden Globe winner. And, yet, I can't help myself. The election of Donald Trump changed the mood so drastically in Hollywood that I just don't see Chazelle's effervescent musical waltzing off with best picture. "Moonlight," lyrical and poetic, isn't a social issue film. But it feels more of-the-moment. Maybe it pulls off one of the most historic upsets in Oscar history. Just don't bet the house.

Should Win: "Moonlight," but not because of the post-election angst. Because it's beautiful.

Best actor

The Nominees: Casey Affleck, "Manchester by the Sea"; Andrew Garfield, "Hacksaw Ridge"; Ryan Gosling, "La La Land"; Viggo Mortensen, "Captain Fantastic" and Denzel Washington, "Fences."

BAHR: **Will Win:** It's probably going to be Denzel Washington, and it won't be a bad call either. Washington has lived in August Wilson's Troy Maxson for years and his is a powerfully resonant interpretation.

Should Win: Casey Affleck has become another unpopular choice of late, but his performance in "Manchester by the Sea" is so singular and specific to him. He's the only one who could have made Lee Chandler work.

COYLE: **Will Win:** This has turned into a nail-biter. I think the SAG winner Denzel takes it.

Should Win: If you look up "powerhouse performance" in the dictionary, you should just be treated to a torrent of words from the titanic Denzel. Affleck, too, is deserving. But I'm going to go with Gosling, who's being curiously underrated this year despite being more-or-less the coolest movie star on the planet.

My vote, though, is more for him in "The Nice Guys" than "La La Land."

Best actress

The Nominees: Isabelle Huppert, "Elle"; Ruth Negga, "Loving"; Natalie Portman, "Jackie"; Emma Stone, "La La Land" and Meryl Streep, "Florence Foster Jenkins."

BAHR: **Will Win:** Emma Stone. The academy loves ingenues. It's even better when the role itself is "ingenue."

Should Win: This is a tough one. Stone is wonderful, but Natalie Portman had such an impossible task in embodying the public and private sides of Jackie Kennedy in a non-campy way, and she pulled it off magnificently.

COYLE: **Will Win:** It's a competitive category, but Stone.

Should Win: Stone. What's not to like here? She can do it all.

PENDLETON

Local bartenders get ready to rumble

By TAMMY MALGESINI
East Oregonian

Crabby's Underground Saloon will return to defend its title as local bartenders get set to mix it up during the Battle of the Bars.

The largest fundraiser of the year for the Pendleton Round-up and Happy Canyon Hall of Fame, the field of mixologists has increased to nine. Along with Crabby's, returning competitors include Sundown Bar & Grill, Vigil's at Cimmiyotti's, Mac's Bar & Grill, Hamley Steakhouse & Saloon, Wildhorse Sports Bar and Pendleton Coffee Bean and Bistro. Also tossing their hat into the ring this year are Sister's Cafe and Cadillac Jack's Saloon & Grill.

In its seventh year, the Battle of the Bars is Friday, March 3 at 6 p.m. in the Let 'er Buck Room, located in the Round-Up Grounds in Pendleton. There is no cover charge for the 21-and-over event. The Pendleton Lion's Club will offer a variety of food and dinner options throughout the event.

While vying for the Best of the West title, each master mixer must offer up their establishment's signature drink containing Pendleton Whisky. Those in attendance can make purchases from their favorite bartender or watering hole.



File photo

Jennifer Thomas, center, pours the Pistol Whip while competing during a past Battle of the Bars in Pendleton. This year's event, which raises money for the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon Hall of Fame, is March 3 in the Let 'er Buck Room in Pendleton.

In addition, people can buy tasting portions to sample each concoction before casting their votes, said Cydney Curtis, Hall of Fame publicity director.

When the last drinks are downed, the votes will be verified to determine who is the master mixer. Along with bragging rights, the winner will receive a plaque.

After the champion is crowned, the Let 'er Buck Room will remain

open for refreshments until 11 p.m. Curtis said it provides an opportunity for people to socialize while raising money to help support the Hall of Fame.

The Battle of the Bars, she said, is much more than just a fun event. The fundraiser plays an integral part in keeping the doors open at the museum. Run entirely by volunteers, money also comes from museum admissions, memberships

and private donors.

Curtis is thrilled that additional businesses are chomping at the bit to get involved with the event each year. In addition to donating their time and bar staff, each of the establishments also provides some of the ingredients.

"We could not do this without them," Curtis said. "The Hall of Fame greatly appreciates everything that these local businesses do for our organization."

Founded in 1969, the museum preserves the history of Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon. Exhibits in the Hall of Fame include everything from a full-sized teepee, wagons and clothing to delicate beadwork, saddles, photographs and trophies. In 2011, it received an honorable mention in the True West Magazine Top Western Museums.

Located across from the Round-Up Grounds at 1114 S.W. Court Ave., the museum is open Monday through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$2 for ages 10 and under.

For more information, call 541-278-0815.

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WHAT TO DO

Festivals

OSAA 2A Basketball Tourney

- March 2-4
- Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate

www.osaa.org/activities/bbx/tickets
\$50/adult pass, \$25/student pass; individual sessions are \$7-8/adults, \$4-\$5/students. Tickets available online through Feb. 27. Also sold at the door.

Echo Red 2 Red XC

- April 1
- Intersection Main/Dupont streets, Echo

www.echored2red.com
\$45/adults, \$20/youths. In its ninth year, riders start and finish in downtown Echo. Includes all ages and skill levels with awards and a raffle after the race. Race postponed from March due to trail conditions.

Art, Museums

Let's Call It Spring

- Friday, March 3; 6 p.m., opening reception
- Tuesday-Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

•Peterson's Gallery and Chocolatier, 1925 Main St., Baker City
www.petersonsgallery.net
Free. Features a collection of bright and colorful artwork by favorite artists. In addition, new spring chocolate line is available. Opening reception held in conjunction with the First Friday Artwalk. Runs through March 31.

Whitney Minthorn

- Tuesday-Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays, noon-4 p.m.
- Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.

www.pendletonarts.org
Free. Artist who hails from the Umatilla Indian Reservation so specializes in portrait photography. His work has been displayed throughout the nation including an exhibition at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

First Saturday Spin-In

- Saturday, March 4; 1-4 p.m.
- Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.

Free. Fiber enthusiasts can drop-in and bring a project to work on. Coffee, tea and work space provided.

Photography Club Exhibit

- Monday-Thursdays; 11 a.m.-7 p.m.,
- Friday-Saturdays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave.

www.hermistonlibrary.us
Free. Best photos from past year by club members on display.

Laura Ahola-Young exhibit

- Monday-Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Betty Feves Memorial Gallery, BMCC, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton.

Free. Opens Thursday, Feb. 16. Features paintings by Idaho State University art professor. Ahola-Young will attend a closing reception March 16 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Gallery also open by appointment by calling 541-278-5952. Runs through March 16.

Eastern Oregon Regional High School Exhibit

- Monday-Fridays; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Nightingale Gallery, Lolo Hall
- Eastern Oregon University, La Grande

www.eou.edu/art
Free. Features talented high school artists from across the region, including art students from Pendleton and Echo high schools. Runs through March 21.

"The Path of Totality"

- Monday, April 3; 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., art accepted
- Friday, April 7; 5:30-8 p.m., opening reception

•Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn St., Baker City
www.crossroads-arts.org
\$15/members, \$20/non-members. Up to three pieces accepted by amateur and professional artists depicting the theme inspired by the upcoming Aug. 21 total solar eclipse. Show and sale runs April 7-29.

Music

Rock n' Roll Cowboys

- Saturday, Feb. 25; 8 p.m. No cover
- Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission

James Dean Kindie

- Saturday, Feb. 25; 9 p.m.
- Virgil's at Cimmiyotti's, 137 S. Main St., Pendleton

No cover. Late night lounge, country & western, freak folk and more.

Live Music Thursday

- Thursdays 7-9 p.m. No cover
- 40 Taps, 337 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton

Nitecrew

- Friday, March 3; Saturday, March 4; 8 p.m. No cover
- Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission

An Evening of World Melodies

- Saturday, March 4; 7 p.m.
- Haines United Methodist Church, 721 Roberts St.

www.granderondesymphony.org
\$20. As part of the Grande Ronde Symphony Association's Chamber Series, it features Anthony R. Corig and Angela Rosemeyer. The musicians will play a variety of instruments, including violin, guitar, mandolin, bass, ukulele and the hammered dulcimer.

Justin Shandor-Elvis tribute artist

- Thursday, March 9, Friday, March 10; 7:30 p.m.
- Rivers Event Center, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission

www.wildhorseresort.com
\$39.99/platinum, \$29.99/premium, \$24.99/general. Features top Elvis impersonator during the 22nd anniversary celebration at the casino. 21 and older.

Wasteland Kings

- Friday, March 10; 6-9 p.m. No cover.
- Nookie's/Hermiston Brewing Co., 125 N. First St., Hermiston

Gotcha Covered

- Friday, March 10; Saturday, March 11; 8 p.m. No cover

- Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission

Jamie & Luke

- Friday, March 31; 6:30 p.m. No cover
- Sno Road Winery, 111 W. Main St., Echo

Night life

DJ music

- Saturdays, 8 p.m.
- The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston

Karaoke w/DJ David

- Saturdays; 8 p.m.
- Riverside Sports Bar, 1501 Sixth St., Umatilla

Lock, Stock & Lipstick Ladies' Night

- Saturdays; 8 p.m.-2 a.m.
- Sub Zero Restaurant & Lounge, 100 W. Highway 730, Irrigon

No cover. Drink specials from 8-10 p.m. Live DJ with female-friendly music.

Whiskey Wednesday Game Night

- Wednesdays; 3-7 p.m.
- The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston

No cover. Xbox 360, Nintendo Wii, PlayStation 3 and Nintendo 64.

Digital Karaoke

- Thursdays and Fridays, 8 p.m.
- The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston

LOL Comedy Jam

- Thursdays; 8 p.m.
- Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.

No cover. March 2: Darryl Rhoads; March 9: Ryan Wingfield

Mac's Trivia Night

- First Thursday of month, 8 p.m. No cover
- Mac's Bar & Grill, 1400 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton

21 and older. East. Drink. Think. Teams of 2-8 compete in trivia contest with other teams. Live host and prizes.

Wine tasting

- Fridays, 4-8 p.m.
- Sno Road Winery, 111 W. Main St., Echo.

Open Mic

- First/third Friday each month, 8 p.m.-midnight
- The Packard Tavern, 118 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton

www.facebook.com/groups/pendletonopenmic

Karaoke w/DJ David

- Fridays; 8 p.m.
- Riverside Sports Bar, 1501 Sixth St., Umatilla

DJ and dancing

- Fridays, 8 p.m.
- The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston

Cimmi's Late Night Martini Lounge

- Fridays; 9 p.m.-midnight
- Virgil's at Cimmiyotti's, 137 S. Main St., Pendleton

No cover. Features martinis, mixology and music.

Battle of the Bars

- Friday, March 3; 6-11 p.m.
- Let 'er Buck Room, Pendleton Round-Up Grounds

No cover. Features bartenders from nine local watering holes who are vying for Best of West title with signature drinks containing Pendleton Whisky. Voting is by purchases of drinks. Food available for purchase.

Theater & film

"The Princess and the Pea"

- Saturday, Feb. 25; 3 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.
- Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395

www.desertartscouncil.com
\$15/adults, \$5/youths. Desert Arts Council presents the Missoula Children's Theatre-led performance featuring local youths.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

- Feb. 25 & March 2-4; 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 26 & March 5; 2 p.m.
- BMCC Bob Clapp Theatre, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton

\$20/adults, \$10/students. The musical is presented by College Community Theatre.

"RENT" 20th Anniversary Tour

- Monday, Feb. 27; 7 p.m.
- Toyota Center, Kennewick
- www.yourtoyotacenter.com

\$37-\$82 (tickets via www.ticketmaster.com). The Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning rock musical follows an unforgettable year in the lives of seven artists struggling to follow their dreams without selling out.

"Fiddler on the Roof"

- March 3-4, 10-11; 7 p.m.
- Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St., Hermiston.

\$10/adults, \$6/youths & seniors citizens. Hermiston High school drama and music students present the popular musical.

Hot tickets

- MarchFourth (multi-genre entertainment), March 3-4, Crystal Ballroom, Portland. \$15-\$26 via www.crystalballroom.com

- Viva Las Vegas Rockabilly Weekend: April 13-16, Las Vegas. Early bird four-day pass (\$140) through March 15 via www.vivalasvegas.net

- What the Festival!: June 16-19, Wolf Run Ranch, near Dufur. Three-day music, art, film and interactive festival. Features 90 electronic music DJs on eight stages and the largest splash pool in North America. Camping options available (\$300-\$2,500) via www.whatthefestival.com

- Northwest World Reggae Festival: (music, camping, food, vendors) July 28-30, Marcola, 20 miles northeast of Eugene. Early bird prices (\$120) via www.nwrf.com

Want to get your event listed in our calendar? Send information to community@eastoregonian.com, or c/o Tammy Malgesini, 333 E. Main Street, Hermiston, OR, 97838.