

PENDLETON

Community theater sharpens timing with short comedies

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Razor-sharp wit and unique insight into the human condition take center stage in a collection of several short comedies presented by College Community Theatre.

The 2017-18 season-opener features "All in the Timing" by David Ives. Director Craig McIntosh said although many may not be familiar with the title, he encourages people to attend a performance.

"This show will tickle your funny bone, engage your mind and touch your heart, all in one very entertaining evening," he said.

The production opens this weekend with performances Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in Bob Clapp Theatre, located in Pioneer Hall at Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. The show continues Thursday, Nov. 16 through Saturday, Nov. 18, also at 7:30 p.m. In addition, a final matinee performance is Sunday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for youths and students of all ages. Children under the age of 4 are not admitted. In addition, the theatre group has given the production a PG-13 rating due to mature language and subject matter, indicating some of the content is not suitable for young children.

The one-act comedies, McIntosh said, are about life, love and



Photo contributed by Debbie McIntosh

Morgan Holcomb, Danielle Berry, Nicol Byram, Gary Thomas, Hannah Mossman and Weston Simonton are among the cast of "All in the Timing." The collection of short comedies is presented by College Community Theatre at Bob Clapp Theater at Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton.

opportunities (lost and found). The production, he said, has been described as "incisively intelligent and side-splittingly funny."

In a 2013 *Playbill* interview with Ives, the playwright was celebrating

a 20th anniversary reprise of "All in the Timing." The initial run of shows, he said, was unconventional with many venues in the New York theatre scene hesitant to stage the production. However, it found

overwhelming success with more than 600 performances.

McIntosh referred to the script as having "a passion for language." Ives explained that further in the *Playbill* interview, saying that

writing short plays challenges playwrights to make every word count — something he enjoys.

"It almost encourages poetry in a certain way because one-act plays are so often made of one image or one particular happening that explodes for 10 minutes, then stops," Ives said. "The intensity is all the greater because it's so short."

The cast of 17 includes Danielle Berry, Steve Bowen, Nicol Byram, Nicole Carver, Karen Case, Allison Clark, Danny Doherty, Taylor Hatfield, Morgan Holcomb, Colee Mayfield, David McCarthy, Hannah Mossman, Don Pinkerton, Weston Simonton, Jasmine Townsley, Gary Thomas and Keith Udy.

In addition to McIntosh, the production team includes Mayfield, Byram, Joshua King, Judy Malcolm, Laurie Ellis, Shari Dallas and Allen Holden. Also, McIntosh said many other CCT members, students and community volunteers perform off-stage tasks that are vital to the success of the production.

Tickets are on sale Monday-Friday from noon to 2 p.m. and before each performance at the CCT Box Office in Pioneer Hall. For more information or to leave a message to purchase tickets, call the box office at 541-278-5953.

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BRIEFLY



Photo contributed by Maria Duron

Sandstone Middle School students will present "Alice @ Wonderland," an updated version of the classic children's story, Nov. 16-17 in Hermiston.

Sandstone students to stage contemporary classic

HERMISTON — A modern retelling of a classic children's story features the Mad Hatter, the White Rabbit, the Queen of Hearts and a contemporary Alice, complete with a cell phone.

Students from Sandstone Middle School will present "Alice @ Wonderland" in a pair of public performances. The shows are Thursday, Nov. 16 and Friday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in the school's commons, 400 N.E. 10th St., Hermiston. Tickets are \$3 each.

Most of the costumes were donated by Hermiston High School. A stage crew created the backdrops and props, and food props for the show were created by Mindy Walchli's life skills class.

"The audience will be surprised by the amount of hard work students have put forth over the quarter to grow as performers, especially the students who are returning from the musical last year," said Chelsea Geer, language arts teacher.

The production was made possible from proceeds and donations from last spring's performance. For more information, contact Maria Duron at 541-667-6036 or maria.duron@hermiston.k12.or.us.

Arts Portal un.masks with cheese and live music

MILTON-FREEWATER — Masks created by Milton-Freewater first graders are featured in the upcoming exhibit at Arts Portal Gallery.

The opening reception for "Say Cheese" is Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at the gallery, 508 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater. The free event includes refreshments from regional cheese makers and live music by Switchgrass Delta, a youth bluegrass band from Waitsburg.

The student creations were made through the Carnegie Picture Lab of Walla Walla. Lillian Pitt, an American Indian sculptor and mixed media artist, worked with students through the mask project.

The final art reception of the season is Saturday, Dec. 9. After the close of the 2017 season, the gallery is planning to re-open at a new location in April 2018.

The gallery's regular hours are Saturday and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. There is no admission charge. For more information, call 541-938-5516 or visit www.facebook.com/artsportalgallery.

Willow Creek Symphony opens season

The preparatory orchestra of the Inland Northwest Musicians will open its season with performances in Irrigon and Helix.

The Willow Creek Symphony, which features student musicians and adults from across the region, will be joined by members of the Inland Northwest Orchestra for the concerts. The program includes "Fiddler's Day," "Grand

March," Chopsticks" and "Calypso Strings." The symphony is under the direction of R. Lee Friese, music director and conductor, and associate conductor Ralph Werner.

The free performances are Saturday, Nov. 18 at 4 p.m. at Irrigon Elementary School, 490 S.E. Wyoming Ave., and Sunday, Nov. 19, 4 p.m. at Helix School, 120 Main St. Audience members are invited to receptions after each show. Donations are accepted.

Formed in 1999, Inland Northwest Musicians supported musicians in developing their talent. People are invited to join without auditioning. For more information, contact 541-289-4696, inwm@machmedia.net or visit www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com.

Documentary slices 'Psycho' shower scene

PORTLAND — A new documentary about the shower scene in Alfred Hitchcock's 1960 movie "Psycho" will be screened in Portland.

The film's title, "78/52," refers to the number of camera set-ups and edits that resulted in the creation of the 3-minute scene. The documentary premiered at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival.

The 91-minute film will be screened Friday, Nov. 24 at 9 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 25 at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. at Northwest Film Center's Whitsell Auditorium at the Portland Art Museum, 1219 S.W. Park Ave. In addition, for people who want the full "Psycho" experience, the original film can be viewed Saturday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Director Alexandre O. Philippe breaks down the notorious scene shot-for-shot, with input from other movie buffs and filmmakers. In addition to focusing on actress Janet Leigh's facial expressions and the film's camera work, Philippe examines the scene's impact on cinema.

Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors, and \$6 for children. For more information or to purchase advance tickets, visit www.nwfilm.org.

Rian Johnson to create new 'Star Wars' trilogy

NEW YORK (AP) — The Walt Disney Co. has announced that Rian Johnson will create a new trilogy for the "Star Wars" universe, greatly expanding the director's command over George Lucas' ever-expanding space saga.

Disney chief Bob Iger announced the plans Thursday in a call with investment analysts. Johnson is the director of the upcoming "Star Wars" installment "The Last of the Jedi." Director J.J. Abrams is set to helm the following film, episode nine.

But a new trilogy will go beyond the original nine-film framework imagined by Lucas.

Lucasfilm's Kathleen Kennedy says Johnson "will do amazing things with the blank canvas."

Festivals

Red Kettle Kick-off Dinner

•Saturday, Nov. 18; 5:30-8 p.m.
•Salvation Army, 150 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton
www.tsachurch.com

\$25. The dinner event helps kick off the Red Kettle season to raise money for those in need. Includes live music and an auction.

Pendleton WinterFest

•Friday, Dec. 1; 6 p.m.
•Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate

www.sahpendleton.org/foundation/winterfest
\$35/gala event, free/Family Day. Formerly the Festival of Trees, the St. Anthony Hospital Foundation partners with other area nonprofits to present a holiday extravaganza. The evening gala features hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, a three-course meal, jazz music, a live auction for decorated trees and a silent auction with experience packages and gift baskets. The free Family Day is Saturday, Dec. 2, which features holiday activities

Hermiston Festival of Trees

•Saturday, Dec. 2; 6 p.m.
•Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395

www.facebook.com/Hermiston-FestivalofTrees
\$40/gala event, \$5/suggested Family Day donation. The gala event features a live and silent auction for Christmas trees and other holiday decor and gift baskets. The Family Day is Sunday, Dec. 3 and features holiday fun for the whole family.

Art, Authors & Museums

"Say Cheese"

•Saturday, Nov. 11; 2-4 p.m., opening reception
•Arts Portal Gallery, 508 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater

www.facebook.com/artsportal-gallery

Free. Artist's reception for Milton-Freewater first graders involved in the Carnegie Picture Lab Mask Project. Reception includes refreshments from local cheese makers and music by Switchgrass Delta, a youth bluegrass band from Waitsburg. Regular gallery hours are Saturday and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

"Experiences in an American Concentration Camp"

•Saturday, Nov. 11; 1-2:30 p.m.
•Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, near Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

www.tamastlikt.org

Free. The Pepsi Primitivemuseum features a presentation by George Nakata of Portland. A Japanese-American, he will share his experiences during World War II at the Minidoka Relocation Center near Jerome, Idaho. Refreshments served.

"Drawn Narratives"

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

Free. Features Christopher Troutman, whose work explores the differences and similarities of two places he lives each year: the Midwestern United States and southern Japan. Gallery also open by appointment by calling 541-278-5952. Runs through Dec. 7.

Whit Deschner

•Tuesday-Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
•Peterson's Gallery and Chocolatier, 1925 Main St., Baker City

www.petersonsgallery.net

Free. Features artwork by Baker City artist Whit Deschner, including images of scenes from around the world. Runs through Nov. 30.

"Parts of a Life"

•Monday-Saturdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
•Pendleton Art + Frame, 36 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton

Free. Features newest works by Lorie Baxter. Runs through Nov. 18.

"Art of Survival - Enduring the Turmoil of Tule Lake"

•Monday-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.,

WHAT TO DO

•Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, near Wildhorse Resort & Casino.
www.tamastlikt.org

\$10/adults, \$9/senior citizens, \$6/youths, free/5 and under or \$25/family of four. Exhibit probes the complexity of the Japanese-American confinement site in Newell, California, during World War II. Runs through Jan. 7.

Music

Hair Nation

•Friday, Nov. 10; Saturday, Nov. 11; 8 p.m. No cover
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission

Tunesmith Night

•Saturday, Nov. 11; 7 p.m.
•Jennings Hotel, 100 N. Main St., Joseph

www.wvmusicalliance.org

\$10. All ages. Monthly series sponsored by the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance features three songwriters from Portland and California: MAITA, Ismay and Matt Zeltzer. No food or beverage service; people may bring their own.

Is It the Weekend Yet?

•Saturday, Nov. 11, 9 p.m.
•The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston

No cover. Host DJ Diego plays favorites from 1980-2000. Also, games, pool, beer pong.

James Dean Kindle & the Eastern Oregon Playboys

•Friday, Nov. 17; 9:30 p.m.
•Pendleton Skate City, 407 Highway 11

\$7. In celebration of the band's 10th year, a skate party will feature live music (the Playboys and special guests), skating, cake and ice cream.

Humptulps

•Friday, Nov. 17; Saturday, Nov. 18; 8 p.m. No cover
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.

Willow Creek Symphony

•Saturday, Nov. 18; 4 p.m.
•Irrigon Elementary School, 490 S.E. Wyoming Ave.

•Sunday, Nov. 19; 4 p.m.
•Helix School, 120 Main St

www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com

Free. donations accepted. An ensemble of the Inland Northwest Musicians. Reception follows to visit with performers.

Latino Night/Danza Mexicana

•Saturday, Nov. 18; 9 p.m.
•Sub Zero Restaurant & Lounge, 100 W. Highway 730, Irrigon

No cover. DJ with Latin music.

Fun Addicts

•Friday, Nov. 24; Saturday, Nov. 25; 8 p.m. No cover
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.

The Wasteland Kings

•Friday, Nov. 24; 9 p.m. No cover
•Hamley Steakhouse & Saloon, 8 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton

Super Saturated Sugar Strings

•Monday, Nov. 27; 7-9 p.m.
•Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton

No cover. All ages. Funky and alt-folky group from Anchorage.

Night life

Karaoke w/DJ David

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

Mac's Trivia Night

•Tuesdays; 7 p.m. No cover
•Mac's Bar & Grill, 1400 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton

21 and older. Eat. Drink. Think. Teams of 2-8 compete in trivia contest with other teams. Live host and prizes, including \$50 gift card for winning team.

Digital Karaoke

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

Wine tasting

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

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.

Theater, stage, film & lectures

"Game of Tiaras"

•Friday, Nov. 10, Saturday, Nov. 11; 7 p.m.
•Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St.

\$10/adults, \$8/seniors, \$5/students. Presented by HHS drama students, the play combines plot twists from the "Game of Thrones," an HBO adventure drama, with the hopelessness of a Shakespearean tragedy — resulting in an adaptation of "King Lear" that will keep you in stitches.

"All in the Timing"

•Nov. 10-11 & Nov. 16-18; 7:30 p.m.
•Sunday, Nov. 12, Sunday, Nov. 19; 2 p.m.

•BMCC Bob Clapp Theatre, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton

\$15/adults, \$10/youths, students of all ages. College Community Theatre presents a collection of short comedies by playwright David Ives. Not suitable for young children due to mature content.

"The Sword in the Stone"

•Monday, Nov. 13; 5 p.m.
•Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave.

www.hermistonlibrary.us

Free. Traveling Lantern Theatre presents the story of Young Wart who meets Merlin the sorcerer. Includes audience participation. Appropriate for the whole family.

"Indian Relay"

•Wednesday, Nov. 15; 6 p.m.
•BMCC Science & Technology Room 200, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton

Free. Screening of PBS documentary about Indian relay racing. Follows three teams as they prepare and compete in the Indian relay season. Includes footage from Pendleton Round-Up.

"Alice @ Wonderland"

•Thursday, Nov. 16; Friday, Nov. 17; 7 p.m.
•Sandstone Middle School, 400 N.E. 10th St., Hermiston

www.hermiston.k12.or.us

\$3. Sandstone Middle School students present a contemporary version of the classic children's story.

"The Nutcracker"

•Thursday, Nov. 30, Friday, Dec. 1; 7 p.m.
•Saturday, Dec. 2; 2 p.m.

•Bob Clapp Theatre at BMCC, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton

\$5/adults, \$3/children under 12. Celebrate the 10th anniversary of "The Nutcracker" with the Pendleton Ballet Theatre. Features more than 30 local dancers under the direction of Julie SnedenCarlson.

Hot tickets

•Harlem Globetrotters. Nov. 12, Toyota Center, Kennewick. Tickets (\$25-\$300) via www.ticketmaster.com

•Amy Grant & Michael Smith. Nov. 16, Toyota Center, Kennewick. Tickets (\$37-\$127) via www.ticketmaster.com

•Mannheim Steamroller Christmas. Nov. 19, Toyota Center, Kennewick. Tickets (\$39-\$65) via www.ticketmaster.com

•Trans-Siberian Orchestra. Nov. 24, Spokane Arena; Nov. 25, Key Arena, Seattle; Nov. 26, Matthews Knight Arena, Eugene. Tickets (\$35-\$75) via www.ticketmaster.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.