

World-class soprano comes to Florence Events Center Friday

Marie-Josée Lord, a world-class, Haitian-born Canadian soprano, has performed the key roles in "Porgy and Bess" and "La Bohème" to great international acclaim.

She has performed on radio, television and at prestigious venues across North America. Her intense and flamboyant personality, and her international-caliber performance, will fill the theater at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., on Friday, Jan. 23.

"Madame Lord is simply stunning — vocally and visually — with a personality to match," says SEAcoust president Ernie Doud. "Even those for whom opera isn't at the top



Marie-Josée Lord

of the list, Marie-Josée Lord will be.

"Her irresistible charisma and passion for lyrical art have made her an outstanding guest for many TV and radio programs and a headliner for a number of metropolitan opera houses across North America," he added.

Marie-Josée Lord began her musical education in Quebec's historic capital upon her arrival from Haiti at age 5. Her adoptive parents, high-school science teachers, had a piano and were delighted to see how much the instrument intrigued her — and how quickly she learned. Lord began formal piano lessons at age 7 and continued for nearly 10 years, also learning violin along the way.

After studying piano at the Quebec Conservatory, she began to see her limitations. But during a music workshop for voice, she discovered an art form that was everything she had been looking for.

Lord was encouraged by a friend to take voice lessons. Just for fun, she agreed. As a quick learner with a solid foundation in music, she asked her instructor to push her to work at an advanced level. The results speak for themselves.

Lord began studying voice in 1992 as a mezzo-soprano, and gave her first recital in 1996. Her career progressed rapidly, taking on more advanced instruction and levels of per-

formance. Eventually, the Montreal Gazette would write, "... A voice of wonderful depth and pliability casting a radiant glow. Her presence is spell-binding ... a very classy singer with a bright future." Awards and record sales followed.

She has performed leading roles in Puccini's Turandot Opera, Suor Angelica, and La Bohème, Chabrier's l'Étoile, Verdi's Falstaff, and in the world premiere of the operatic version of Starmania.

The rest of SEAcoust's season promises an exciting variety of musical styles and culture: Friday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m., Metales M5; Sunday, March 15, 2 p.m., The Voetberg

Family Band; Friday, April 17, 7 p.m., Quartetto Gelato; and Friday, May 15, 7 p.m., Eugene Symphony.

Tickets for each show are \$30 per adult and \$10 for those under 18, and are available online at SEAcoust.org, at the FEC box office, or by phone at 541-997-1994.

Artist profiles, video clips, and more information on all of SEAcoust's shows are available at SeacoastEA.org.

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90 by 30 volunteer retreat set for Thursday in Mapleton

Organizing and orientation efforts for the West Lane 90 by 30 Child Abuse and Prevention program continue this month with a volunteer orientation and leadership retreat on Thursday, Jan. 22, from 3 to 7 p.m., at Mapleton High School on East Mapleton Road.

The West Lane 90 by 30 program is exploring ways to stop child abuse before it starts. Guests are welcome at all leadership meetings.

For more information, contact Lynn Anderson at 541-997-5458 or Jesika Kaczynski at 503-440-7427.

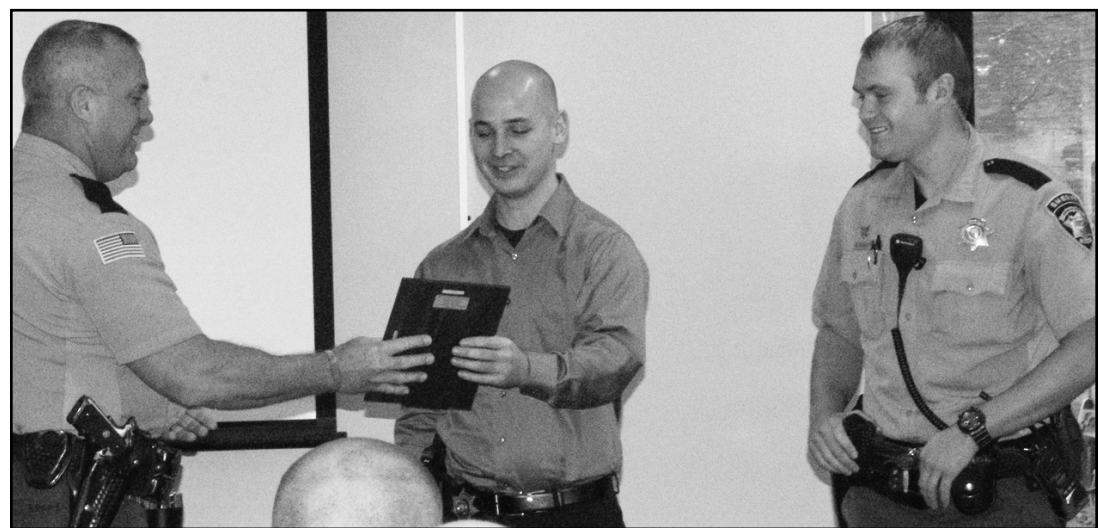
Awards from 1A

"The deputies responded. They located the man attempting to kick and paddle his way across the river, from the north to the south side. He was all the way in the water, with just his shoulders and head above water," Hutson added.

The two deputies first contacted the Benton County marine deputies. They responded, but they were coming from Sutherland. Next, they called the U.S. Coast Guard, but they had a 35-minute estimated time of arrival.

"The man had apparently been in the water between 15 and 20 minutes," Hutson said. "Because of the water temperature, it was felt that he was not going to survive. The water temperature is pretty cold that time of the year."

The two deputies used the



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Benton County sheriff's deputies Michael Pitcher and Kody Reavis receive their awards Dec. 8 at the Oregon State Sheriff's Association Conference. Both are SHS alumni.

boat that had been earlier recovered, went into the river and reached the man who had drifted approximately one-quarter mile down stream from where they first saw him.

"They reached him and dragged him into the boat," said Hutson. "A medic met

them when they got back to shore and transported the man to the Lower Umpqua Hospital where he was admitted for treatment of hypothermia. He did survive."

Charges are currently pending against the suspect, Donnie Ray Mullanix, 36.

Sheriff's Deputy Michael

Pitcher is the son of Florence Police Lt. John Pitcher and his wife Diana.

Sheriff's Deputy Kody Reavis is the son of Florence residents Mark and Sheri Reavis. Reavis' grandparents, Gerald and Donna Reavis, and great-grandmother Vina Reavis also reside in Florence.

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Suspects from 1A

Pitcher said, "It was good police work."

On Jan. 13, at approximately 1 a.m., the FPD received a report of an alarm at Bay Street Grille on Bay Street.

Upon arrival, officers dis-

covered that the business had been broken in to, but did not locate a trespasser inside the business.

While conducting this investigation, officers observed that the business next door, the Beachcomber Tavern, had also been broken in to in a similar manner. Again no one was

inside the business.

Florence officers searched the surrounding area and contacted a male subject walking on the Siuslaw River Bridge.

During this contact, officers observed evidence from the Bay Street burglaries on the subject.

Officers recovered several items from the suspect that were determined to have been stolen from the two Bay Street burglaries as well.

Police arrested Jesse Wayne Ferrel, 38, a transient, for two counts of burglary, two counts of criminal mischief and two counts of theft.

Ferrel was lodged in the

Florence City Jail and later transported to LCAC.

"Burglars are hard to catch," said Pitcher. "It was great to catch a suspect in the act or right after the act."

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CBS - KVAL - 40
NBC - KMTR - 43
OPB - KEPB - 32

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The public is invited to attend the meeting on January 21st at 6:30 pm in the Bromley Room at the Siuslaw Library, Florence,

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