

Red & White Ballroom Celebrates Valentine's Day

Saturday, February 14, 6 p.m. – Tickets \$49 - \$55

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Catch the romantic spirit! It's a swing dance party in "The Red and White Ballroom featuring Johnny Martin" – a special Valentine's Day celebration.

Included in the evening's festivities is a four-course gourmet dinner. Bottles of red and

white wine from Sweet Cheeks Winery will be featured on each table. Premium seating is \$55 per person and general admission is \$49.

Johnny Martin is "A singer in the tradition of Frank Sinatra, an entertainer with the energy of Louis Prima," according to reviewers.

As Mr. Martin himself puts it, "I try to demonstrate, in a relaxed and amusing way, that jazz can be fun and that love never goes out of style."

An affable musician with an unforgettable voice, Mr. Martin and his band honor the past

performers of radio and stage, with just the right amount of humor. With blue eyes and bold emotion, Johnny takes the lyrics of the past and makes them swing like new! It takes talent and he's got it. His reputation hangs on every song.

Baroque, Blues and Broadway: Metales M5 Does It All

Friday, February 13, 7 p.m. – Tickets \$30 adult, \$10 youth; Free Pre-Concert Talk 6:15 p.m.

Called the best thing to come out of Mexico since tequila, Metales M5 delivers a delightful blend of outstanding brass music, wry humor, non-stop interaction with the audience, high-energy showmanship, and their inimitable Latin American charm.

Metales M5 Brass plays Friday, February 13, at 7 p.m. at the Florence Events Center, and will host a pre-concert talk free to the public at 6:15 p.m.

"What do you get when you mix the shenanigans of the Blues Brothers with the musical seriousness of the Canadian Brass? Metales M5! Mexico's leading brass quintet rarely takes itself seriously. They perform with real polish and panache – these five musicians are genuine virtuosos," writes one online critic.

"These gentlemen have been playing a wide variety of music around the world without regard to genre," says SEACoast president Ernie Doud. "They seamlessly blend Baroque and contemporary music, opera and blues, pop, movie soundtracks, and folk music into each

unique performance. If you enjoyed The Presidio Brass a couple of years ago, you'll love these guys."

"From start to finish, you can expect elaborate, extravagant arrangements performed so expertly and effortlessly that they integrate a comedic playfulness into the show," says the concert's co-producer Steve Dennis. "Attendees will most certainly want to attend the free pre-concert get-together at 6:15 p.m. I'm pretty sure they'll carry their pre-concert interactions, and what they learn about the audience and the community into their show."

Concert reviewers say Metales M5 builds their show on a successful formula of high entertainment combined with extraordinary virtuosity. They demonstrate an infectious enthusiasm for performing and impeccable musicianship. Not only does Metales M5 produce a unique sound but also manages to engage audiences with a sense of adventure.



Get Acquainted with Florence Businesses at Chamber Expo

Thursday, February 12 – 3 to 7 p.m.

The sixth annual Building Bridges to Business Expo takes place on Thursday, February 12 at the Florence Events Center.

This is a great opportunity for Chamber members as well as people throughout the community visit one-on-one with their favorite businesses. It's a great way to discover something new and find out more about local businesses and organizations.

"In the past year we've had several new businesses opening in town, and they are well worth getting acquainted with," says Chamber Executive Director Cal Applebee.

More than 20 Chamber members will be present from 3 until 7 p.m. providing information and multiple opportunities for fun and learning. Attendees can even enter drawings for great gift basket prizes. Admission is free, so come and join the fun.



Van Fans Plan Card Game Fundraiser

Wednesday, February 18, 11:30 a.m. – Tickets \$15

Get together with friends for an exciting day of card games and lunch. The fun begins at 11:30 a.m. Tickets, with or without card games, are \$15. Lunch by Red Rose Catering includes:

- Penne pasta
- Chicken with white sauce
- Salad vinaigrette
- Roll and butter
- Cupcake

Raffle prizes and other exciting happenings are planned. Call Toni Young at 541-997-3893 to reserve a spot.

The Friends of Florence Van Fans is a non-political organization that sponsors this event. All proceeds go to support the Van Fans who transport cancer patients to Eugene and Springfield every weekday for radiation treatment.



Friday, February 13, 2015

Metales M5, Brass Quintet

Sunday, March 15, 2015

Voetberg Family Band

Friday, April 17, 2015

Quartetto Gelato

Friday, May 15, 2015

Eugene Symphony



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Capital Improvement Fund

Tax-deductible donations can be made to the Florence Events Center Capital Improvement Fund. These funds are maintained for special projects & new equipment.

Endowment Fund

An endowment fund for the Florence Events Center has been established with the Western Lane Community Foundation. Tax-deductible donations can be made to: Western Lane Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1589, Florence, OR 97439.

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