

Voetbergs Bring Outstanding Musicianship & Family Entertainment to FEC

Sunday, March 15, 2 p.m. – Tickets \$30 adult, \$10 youth, \$60 Family Package

The Voetberg Family Band virtually defines “family entertainment.”

The internationally acclaimed Voetbergs



are eight siblings, ages 15 to 25, whose show displays a cohesive variety of musical styles and a developed musicianship way beyond their years. As classically trained musicians, each band member displays unique versatility while remaining technically sound. Many are national age-group fiddling champions with outstanding skills on other instruments.

The Voetbergs play Sunday, March 15, 2 p.m., with a morning outreach performance at Siuslaw Middle School on Monday, March 16. Concert producer SEAc coast Entertainment Association is offering a special four-ticket family package price of \$60 for the FEC concert.

The Voetberg Family Band performs Irish, Scottish, American, swing, jazz and classical music, and has been coached by several world

class musicians.

“To say that the Voetberg family is unique, wonderful, talented, entertaining, and a joy is to not quite do them justice,” says Floyd Domino, a two-time Grammy award winning pianist and advisor to the Voetbergs.

“These youngsters are great entertainers,” says SEAc coast producer Ken Henderson. “They have an obvious and infectious love of music and for life. They perform with great passion and joy, and will probably be one of your favorite family bands of all time.”

Two more shows will round out SEAc coast’s sensational season of high-caliber entertainment.

For nearly two decades Quartetto Gelato has won the hearts of audiences worldwide

with their unique blend of musical finesse, pyrotechnical solos, blazing gypsy show pieces, multi-instrument mastery, and dynamic humor. Quartetto Gelato performs Friday, April 17, at 7 p.m., with pre-concert talk at 6:15 p.m.

The Eugene Symphony returns Friday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m., to present a special Florence-only “Orchestra Showcase” to close out the season. This unique, one-time concert will include the music of Barber, Haydn, and Strauss; and feature symphony principal cellist Anne Ridlington. They will host a pre-concert talk at 6:15 p.m.

Tickets for all performances are available online at SEAc coastEA.org or at the Florence Events Center box office or by phone at 541-997-1994.

Behind the Scenes in Our Town

March 20 – 22; 27-29 Tickets \$15

On an unusually sunny weekend in January, Lyndsey Keppol and Jesse Reeves met at the local coffee shop to review their scripts. They were later joined by Kate Gibson and Danny Keppol. Practicing for hours, outside of school and work, is normal for Last Resort Player actors.

Lyndsey and Jesse have been paired together in the classic production “Our Town” as Emily Webb and George Gibbs. They play the young couple that grows up in small town America, 100 years ago. They were last paired in LRP’s production of *The Sound of Music*. Danny and Kate, who are newer to acting, play Frank and Julia Gibbs, George’s parents.

Our Town is a beautifully written play by Thornton Wilder about taking in the beauty of the simple things. It is heralded as one of the greatest American plays ever written. Themes of everyday living, love, marriage, and the reality of death set the tone for the three act Pulitzer Prize Winner. The show will be produced by Last Resort Players on March 20-22; 27-29 at the Florence Events Center.

With the flawless Annie Schmidt playing the Stage Manager, the audience will be led through the lives of the Webb and Gibb’s families. Charles and Myrtle Webb, Emily’s parents will be played by seasoned actors Jim Wellington and Judy Adams. Memphis Gliewe and Shiloh Penrod will

début as Rebecca Gibbs and Wally Webb.

Co-directors Jennifer Connor and Cathy Dupont are working together with the actors to encourage discovery, experimentation and to create back stories as the actors melt into their roles. Even cameo role characters are encouraged to find meaning in their lines.

For example, if the Crowell brothers, played by Patrick Rowley, and Topher Keppol, need to take up more space on the stage, they are encouraged to figure out what they could be excited about that causes the extra movement.

When choir director Simon Stimson, played by Chris Campbell, or town busy body Mrs. Louella Soames, played by Chris Campbell, need to leave the stage, they are encouraged to figure out how their character would do it and why.

The cast also includes Grant Hammond as Howie Newsome; Elizabeth Rose as Mrs. Forrest; Chuck Knorr as Constable Bill Warren; James Bonisteel as Joe Stoddard; and Shawn Penrod as Sam Craig. Victoria Seitzinger, Kassy Keppol, Elisa Arnold, Sandy Vaccaro, Linda Reeves, Courtney Ricketts, Margaret McDiarmid, Johanna Bonisteel, Paula Burnett and a few others play supporting roles.

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