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SHS chamber choir returns to state competition

On Friday, May 8, the Siuslaw High School Chamber Choir, under the direction of Jacob Steinberger, will be returning to the OSAA State Choir Championships at George Fox University in Newberg, Ore for the third year in a row.

There, the choir will be competing against 11 other 4A schools from all over the state in hopes of being named champion.

Siuslaw's last appearance at the championships in 2014 included a fifth-place finish. This year, students will attempt to better that mark with a different group of singers.

When asked about this year's choir, Steinberger said, "We have a great group of upperclassmen that have really set the bar high from their work over the past couple of years."

However, a unique characteristic of this year's group that is different than past groups is that more than a third of the singers are freshmen in a varsity choir.

"I think it really speaks to the level of maturity and commitment that these freshmen, as well as the upperclassmen, have put forth toward making this a top notch group," said Steinberger.

In order to get to the champi-



Siuslaw High School Chamber Choir

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onship, choirs from all over the state participate in a league or other qualifying choir festival. Each festival is adjudicated by three ACDA (American Choral Directors Association) certified judges that grade each choir in four categories: Quality of Sound, Technique, Musicality, and Other Factors (choice of music and appearance).

After being scored, the judges then work with each choir and provide expert feedback to help improve their per-

formance.

"I thought we did really well considering the nerves and the different sounding performance space," said senior chamber

choir president David Johnston. "However, I think we will do even better at state considering the feedback we took from the judges at districts."

"It's really nice to see how far we've come as a group from the beginning of the year, both in our musicality and camaraderie."

Of all the leagues in the state, the Far West League appears to be the strongest for state-qualifying choirs.

Far West League choirs joining Siuslaw at the state competition will be Douglas, Marshfield and league champion North Bend, making up one third of the state competition.

The Siuslaw Chamber Choir will perform at 9 a.m. in the Bauman Auditorium on the campus of George Fox University.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 dollars for adults.

For a link to the chamber choir's district qualifying performance, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrFQ9xn6bs

For more information about the championships and how to purchase tickets, visit www.osaa.org/activities/cho.

Enjoy regional artists at Rhody Days Arts Festival

Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) presents Rhody Days Arts Festival at the Florence Events Center (FEC) on Saturday, May 16 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Artists and vendors come from Eugene, Seal Rock, Coquille, Elmira, Walport, Corvallis, Gresham and the local area.

Richard Anderson, obsidian knives; Doris Andrews, shadow boxes; Beverly Apple, vintage copper jewelry; Claudia Brown, sea glass and beadwork designs; Cindi Covert, crocheted hats and scarves; Beverly Egli, painted saws; Nancy Gant, lampwork; Sandra Kay Hayes, fabric and

linen items; Charlee Hendricksen, beadwork; Larry and Holly Herr, small wooden boxes; Debbie Kiturkes, hand painted pottery; Patti Land, pottery; Guy Lundy, wire wrapping and rocktopography; Ralph and Vicki Martin, wood scroll art; Ken McDougal, photography; Karen Nichols, torn paper painting and books; Pam Parker, watercolors and pyrography; Teresa Saylor, quilts; Karen Skulley, knit/crochet and quilts; Kathi Smith, knit shawls; Karen Souza, mixed media and warm glass; Jeanne Ternahan, fabric hand bags; Linda Thompson, photography and cards; and Robert Triplett, wood boxes.

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