

# Backstreet artists step into spotlight July 10



The more than two dozen artists making up the collaborative known as Backstreet Gallery will be featured at the FEC through the month of July during an exhibit called "Celebrate the Diversity of Backstreet Gallery." In the show, the gallery's artists will display an eclectic mix of mediums, from watercolors and acrylics, to jewelry, ceramics fused glass and found art. Many of the gallery's artists have had their work featured in statewide and national shows. All full members are from the Florence area and take turns being on hand at the gallery on a daily basis.

An artists reception will be held at the FEC on Friday, July 10, during the Second Saturday Art Walk, from 5 to 7 p.m.



## Last Resort Players to host auditions for 'Chicago'



Florence-based theater group The Last Resort Players will be holding open auditions for its November production of the Tony Award-winning Broadway hit "Chicago." Based on the book by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse, with music by John Kander and lyrics by Fred Ebb, Chicago has won six Tony awards and six Drama Desk awards.

The sharp-edged satire features an unforgettable score that inspired the immortal stage direction of Bob Fosse. LRP's production of Chicago will be directed by veteran actor and director David Lauria.

Auditions will be held for three days at The Florence Events Center: July 10, from 6 to 9 p.m.; July 11, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 2

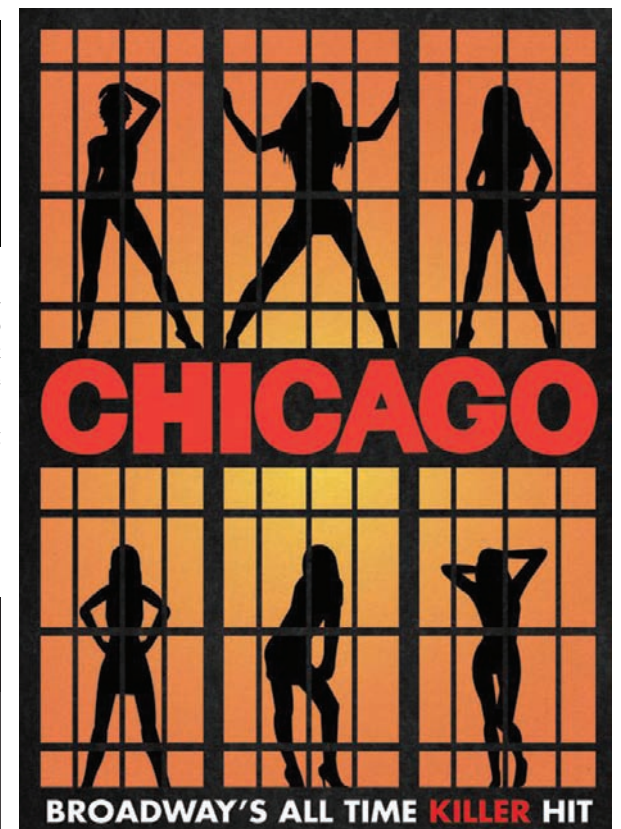
to 5 p.m.; and July 12, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The story is set in Chicago during the "roaring 20s," and revolves around "Roxie Hart" and "Velma Kelly," each of who has been sentenced to death row. Each vies for the spotlight and headlines before ultimately joining forces in search of the American dream — fame, fortune and acquittal!

Performances will be Nov. 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15, including four evening shows beginning at 7 p.m., and two matinees beginning at 2 p.m.

Auditions are always open to the public.

For more information, visit [www.lastresortplayers.org](http://www.lastresortplayers.org).



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<p><b>Capital Improvement Fund</b> Tax-deductible donations can be made to the Florence Events Center Capital Improvement Fund. These funds are maintained for special projects &amp; new equipment.</p>	<p><b>Endowment Fund</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>Named Theater Seat</b> You can have your name(s) placed on the back of a theater seat for a \$1,500 tax-deductible donation. <a href="http://www.eventcenter.org">www.eventcenter.org</a> Toll-free: 1-888-968-4086 We accept Visa or MasterCard. Fax: 541-902-0991 Phone: 541-997-1994</p>

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