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## Singing scholars of jazz celebrate 'Glory of Love' with concert

### FloTones Review

BY BURNEY GARELICK

June ... Moon ... Spoon ... They're singing songs of love! Unlike other students these days taking final exams and receiving diplomas, Florence scholars of vocal jazz with a minor in the book of love are presenting their wisdom in concert tonight, May 30, at the Florence Events Center.

The FloTones are taking a stand for "The Glory of Love" at Chez Flo, cabaret style on the flat floor. Scholarship d'amour is hungry and thirsty work, and snacks and beverages are available.

The FloTones, an offshoot of the Community Chorus of Florence, have been fine-tuning chords and cords for more than a dozen years under three experienced directors: Dorian Carter, Chuck Cassey and Laura Merz.

Under Cassey's affable baton, the ensemble recorded a delightful album. Currently, the democratic group is on its own;

the 10 singers work together balancing batons in harmonious cooperation.

This weekend, the exuberant FloTones are bursting with melody, harmony, rhythm and rhyme to present a musical melodrama in two acts noting the faces of love from blue skies and starry nights to low-down loser's blues to resilience and realization that the glory of love is here to stay.

Familiar tunes from the Great American Songbook include "S'Wonderful" by the Gershwins, "Cheek To Cheek" by Irving Berlin, "That Old Black Magic" by Johnny Mercer and Harold Arlen, and "Come Dance With Me" by Sammy Cahn and James Van Heusen.

Besides being head over heels, lovers quarrel with patter songs including "Anything You Can Do," a witty argument featuring FloTones Lori and Ken Janowski, while FloTones Kate Redwine and John Culp would rather "Call The Whole Thing Off." Then FloTones Jeanni Sanders and John Pohlman reminisce with "Unforgettable" while FloTone Jan Kinslow asserts her independence with "Married I Can Always Get"

although methinks the lyrics protest too much.

Act I blooms with love like rhododendrons in a Florence spring and concludes appropriately when the singers sing "Take Five." Wait a minute, you say, "Take Five" doesn't have words.

"Take Five" is Dave Brubeck's catchy, iconic instrumental. Surprise! Those singing scholars dug into the archives to find snappy lyrics written by Brubeck's better half, Iola.

The FloTones are accompanied by a swinging band featuring soaring trumpet by Ron Green — who plays with Miles To Go jazz quartet, recently seen on the Chaplin stage at City Lights Cinemas — and wailing sax by veteran reedman Lou Invernon.

Marty Adams handles the keyboard while Randy Curtola taps the traps and Lynette Kristine plucks the bass. The band is featured on a couple of dazzling swingers, "Route 66" and "Kansas City."

The FloTones conclude the story of love with the ensemble's upbeat signature song "The Best Is Yet To Come" suggesting the glory of love is here to stay as time goes by.

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## Popular folk trio to play Drift Inn



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### Kenny, Bob and Rob

YACHATS — Kenny, Bob and Rob, a folk and country trio from Bandon, will perform at The Drift Inn Historic Pub Cafe on Friday, June 5, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Kenny, Bob and Rob are

well known throughout southern Oregon for their polished vocal harmonies, skilled instrumental work and humor.

The trio consists of Kenny Croes (acoustic guitar and

vocals), Bob Shaffar (Dobro, fiddle and vocals) and Rob Hamilton (bass and vocals).

To find out more about them, visit their website at [www.kennybobandrob.com](http://www.kennybobandrob.com).

## PFLAG to discuss challenges of aging

Join PFLAG-Florence Tuesday, June 9, for a discussion

of the challenges faced by older LGBT adults as they age.

As more and more members of the LGBT community reach retirement, it will be essential to understand the hardships associated with aging as a LGBT person, as well as to increase public awareness of these issues in order to build a supportive community.

Members of Portland's Gay and Grey program will present information on the barriers seniors face as they age, but also discuss the training resources provided through Friendly House, an affiliate of SAGE, the national organization of Services and Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Elders.

The meeting on Tuesday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m., will be in the Fellowship Hall of Florence United Methodist Church, 333 Kingwood Ave.

The program is free and open to the public. Discussion will follow and refreshments will be served.

PFLAG-Florence is an affiliate of a national organization that has more than 350 chapters and 200,000 members and supporters across the United States. PFLAG is the country's largest organization for parents, families, friends and straight allies united with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender.

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—SHEA AYLLETTE, 15  
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"I would go back to Tahiti where the water is amazingly blue, the sand is white, the beaches are warm, and you can swim with sharks and manta rays."  
—LEE FOWLER, 75  
FLORENCE



"I would like to attend every NASCAR race on the circuit. Travel around and go to every one in one year. That's a whole lot of traveling, a whole lot of hotels and a whole lot of seat time. I think that would be a real kick in the head."  
—BOB FORSYTHE, 65  
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"We're on the ultimate vacation, because we have our own RV, our fifth wheel. We can go anywhere we want to and be on vacation."  
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