

SEACOAST 2015-16 SEASON TO BE ECLECTIC MIX

FLORENCE — SEAc coast Entertainment Association has announced its concert lineup for 2015-16 and association president Ernie Doud promises it to be another outstanding season.

“For 35 years, SEAc coast Entertainment Association has provided Florence with world-class entertainment at affordable prices — from household names to undiscovered gems,” Doud said. “Classics to jazz, eclectic to electric, ballet to big band, concert goers will love this season’s variety. There will be something for everyone.”

The 2015-16 season will feature international-caliber Latin, pop, jazz and classical artists Quattrosound, popular singer Ken Lavigne, guitarist Jesse Cook, Ballet Fantastique, the Glenn Miller Orchestra, Shuffle Concert (a group so multi-talented they let the audience pick the playlist), and gypsy-jazz artists The New Hot Club of America.

In addition, SEAc coast is partnering with award-winning author and speaker Bob Welch to offer tickets for the debut of his new stage show, *Bob Welch and Friends*.

The season kicks off Oct. 9 with Latin Grammy-nominated Quattrosound, an innovative ensemble that blends Latin pop, Jazz and classical into a delicious new genre called “POPZZICAL.”

Quattrosound is raising the bar of originality while paying homage to the classics and forging a contemporary new sound.

Ken Lavigne — He’s got the looks. He’s got the charm. He’s most certainly got the voice. And now SEAc coast has got him for Florence. Lavigne has performed on many world stages, including New York’s Carnegie Hall and in England for Prince Charles. It will be a great date night or girl’s night out Nov. 21.

While most don’t get the chance to dine in the cafés of Seville or dance in the clubs



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Ballet Fantastique is one of several exciting performances scheduled for the 2015-16 Seacoast season at the FEC.

in Havana, you will experience a sense of that passionate cultural vibe through the music of guitarist Jesse Cook and his band. Cook’s music has been featured on episodes of *Sex and The City*, *The Chris Isaak Show* and during several Olympic Games. Cook and his group of multi-talented musicians perform Jan. 23, 2016.

On Feb. 10, 2016, Ballet Fantastique brings the premiere of *Dragon and the Night Queen: Celtic Stories*, which forges a new and dramatic retelling of ancient Irish legends in a vivid exploration of choreography and dance filled with riotous spirit.

Violinist Cullen Vance and the Gerry

Rempel Ensemble provide the exuberant live accompaniment.

March 18, 2016, one of most popular and sought after big bands in the world, the Glenn Miller Orchestra, returns to Florence. SEAc coast Entertainment opens the Florence Event Center’s flat floor so you can enjoy big band music the way it was intended — with dancing and cabaret-style seating!

“You choose, we play,” said the members of the world-class ensemble, Shuffle Concert.

From Baroque to classical and romantic; from jazz, to pop and Broadway, this group is so multitalented they let the audi-

ence select the pieces they will play.

You’ve never been to a concert like this. Every performance is a completely customized and memorable experience.

Don’t miss this rare Thursday night concert on April 7, 2016.

You’ll be in luck on Friday, May 13, 2016, when The New Hot Club of America comes to “wow” Florence.

This dazzling ensemble is comprised of some of today’s top gypsy jazz artists in North America. You’ll want to tango in your seat as they recapture the sound, style and spirit of the 1930’s-era Hot Club of France.

This season four performers will participate in SEAc coast’s community enrichment program along with Living Voices, an award-winning, nationally-recognized educational theatre company, who will again collaborate with the Siuslaw School District to bring history to life in the classroom.

“The best way to enjoy all of these amazing shows is with the \$150 season ticket package,” said Doud. “Individual concert tickets are \$30 each, so that’s a per-show savings of more than \$8! As a season subscriber you can enjoy all seven concerts for the price of five individual shows, and you get the same great seats at every performance.”

“And it gets even better,” Doud added.

By special arrangement with writer Bob Welch, SEAc coast season ticketholders can receive preferred seating until June 15 for just \$27 for adults and \$10 for students for the Oct. 18, premier of *Bob Welch and Friends*, an all-new show with the same cast from his 2014 sold-out Hult Center event.

Tickets, artist profiles, show times, video clips and more information are available at SEAc coastEA.org.

Tickets can also be purchased at the Florence Events Center box office, 715 Quince St., or by phone at 541-997-1994.

Last Resort Players to hold auditions for ‘Chicago’ production

FLORENCE — 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: Friday, July 10, from 6 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, July 11, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.;

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

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.

For more information, visit www.lastresortplayers.org.