

# Two days of summer merriment, mirth in August



For the first time, the Florence Events Center will play host to the Second Star Festival, which brings together more than 40 vendors showcasing wares meant to inspire, spark the imagination and foster creativity. Activities will include acoustic musicians, local and regional art, kids events, inspirational talks about the creative process and more.

Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8, and last until 10 p.m. There will be a break from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for visitors to grab dinner, followed by a performance in the auditorium by Tricky Pixie, as well as a film by critically acclaimed puppeteer and filmmaker Toby Froud.

Tricky Pixie is a fusion of talents from a musical trio that blends a myriad of instruments, strings, voices and drums to perform songs about pirates, dancing satyrs, gypsies and pixies to create a unique musical and

visual experience. The film "Lessons Learned," by Froud and his team of puppeteers at Stripey Pajamas Productions, is the story of a boy who is surprised by special treatment from his grandfather during his annual birthday visit — when he presents the boy with an intriguing gift offering adventure and other-worldly experiences.

The merriment continues Sunday, Aug. 9, with more music, mirth and creative mayhem from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Family weekend full-access pass for 4 is \$90; Individual weekend full-access pass is \$45; Family weekend day pass for 4 is \$50; Tickets for Saturday concert and film are \$20; Individual Saturday day pass: under 6 is free; age 11-17 is \$7, adults \$15 and seniors \$10.



## Van Fans to scoop ice cream at FEC

The Van Fans' annual Ice Cream Social fundraiser will bring Florence residents and Van Fan members together for an afternoon of ice cream and pie and other treats while supporting this special service to the community. The event will take place Saturday, July 18, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Florence Events Center.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door.



## Have an impact on local arts through volunteering or a Friends of the FEC membership

Want to support the local arts and the many activities at the Florence Events Center? Consider a donation of time, talent or dollars by volunteering or becoming a Friends of the FEC member! The FEC couldn't exist without the support of its many volunteers, who contribute more than 6,000 hours each year helping with daily operations and events. Volunteers assist with everything from lighting and sound for theater shows and musical events, to ushering, working the ticket booth and volunteering at the reception desk.

In addition, community members who are unable to volunteer but who want to contribute can either make a specific monetary donation or become a Friends of the FEC member for \$15 per year. Membership has its privileges, the most valuable of which is being a part of what allows the Florence Events Center to be home to dozens of unique artistic experiences every season.

For information of how to become a Friends of the FEC member, volunteer or make a donation call the office at 541-997-1994.