

CROW kids camp something to dance, sing about

Only one week into the six-week Summer Theatre Camp program, and already CROW directors Melanie Heard, Jason Wood and Genevieve Meltzer are ecstatic.

Bright purple T-shirts have been passed out, song lyrics are already being memorized, choreography is being studied and silly rubber bears are being awarded to well-behaved kids who exhibit the kind of life skills that CROW strives to instill: hard work, dedication, energy, commitment, teamwork and more.

"We have a really cohesive group this year," said artistic director Melanie Heard. "These kids are picking up this music so quickly, and they are really working hard. Seven songs and dances in only two weeks? I'd like to challenge any adult out there to do the same!"

CROW summer camps are designed to be fun while teaching more than just how to sing and dance. Heard, CROW's director, is a credentialed teacher who works to create an upbeat, welcoming environment where the kids are learning and having fun at the same time.

Song and Dance Camp curriculum is focused on teaching kids how to: sing with proper projection and diction; how to use correct vocal breathing technique; how to do voice, body and brain warm ups; and how to quickly pick up dance steps and stay with varying times.



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Participants in CROW's Summer Song and Dance Camp

Campers literally don't miss a beat.

The CROW Summer Camp team has selected a variety of songs that they hope will excite and inspire the kids of varying ages.

Some of this year's songs include "I Wanna Rock and Roll All Night," by iconic Rock band, KISS; "I Wanna Be Like You," from Disney's "The Jungle Book," as well as popular uptempo "Happy," by Pharrell Williams.

So what does a typical CROW summer camp day look like?

"It's super fast-paced," said Jason Wood. "During the four hours that the kids are in camp, we throw a lot at them. They learn skills designed to help them succeed in the world, such as teamwork, cooperation,

creativity and self-confidence.

"We keep our camps moving quickly so that the kids stay focused and interested."

Several campers have been involved in CROW summer camps since its inception five years ago, and keep coming back year after year.

There are also several new faces and quite a few "baby crows" — the littlest campers who are quickly learning the ropes from older kid "minions."

Jesse Reeves, Chloe Madden, Lacey Seeley and Tristin Reber are the "minions" — or helpers.

"They do just about everything, from kissing boo-boos to making sure that the kids show respect by picking up after themselves," said Heard.

The 2015 CROW Song and

Dance Summer Camp kids will perform an end-of-camp showcase Friday, July 17, at 3 p.m., at the Florence Playhouse, 208 Laurel St. in Old Town.

Admission is free, but seating is limited, so it's recommended that you arrive early. Since this is the first of three summer camps this year, there will be additional showcases on July 31 at 3 p.m. (Acting and Improvisation Camp) and Aug. 14 at 3 p.m. (Advanced Acting Program).

The general public is welcome to all three showcases.

For more information on the CROW program, including how to assist with the extensive renovation process on CROW's new building at 3120 Highway 101, visit www.crowkids.com or contact Heard at 541-999-8641.

Yachats Arts Guild works on display at local library

The Yachats Arts Guild has its work on exhibit at the Siuslaw Library.

The show runs through July 30.

Library hours are Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

The show features various mediums of art including watercolor, oil, acrylic and photography.

Artwork on display is available for purchase by contacting the artist directly.

The Yachats Arts Guild was formed to promote central coast artists and photographers and to call attention to the beauty of the Oregon coast.

Anyone interested in becoming a member or a subscriber member to support the Yachats Arts Guild can contact the guild through its website at www.yachatsartsguild.com.

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City of Florence Public Works Department at 541-997-4106

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FloGro compost giveaway

Public Works Director Mike Miller announced that the City of Florence will have a giveaway of composted FloGro tomorrow.

This give away is in response to large interest from people who came to last year's two FloGro Class A composted biosolids product give aways.

Miller said that the third batch of composted biosolids, have received Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) approval and are ready for use on local gardens.

"The demand for FloGro at our prior giveaways was just overwhelming. We ran out of the product in less than two hours on both occasions," said Miller.

Public Works will give out the third batch on a first come, first served basis tomorrow, July 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 794 Rhododendron Drive.

As long as supplies last, each community member that shows up will receive up to one free cubic yard of the composted biosolids, nicknamed FloGro.

FloGro is not packaged. Members of the public wanting to receive FloGro samples must bring their own containers or a pickup truck.

For more information on the City's biosolids program, contact Public Works at 541-997-4106.

The Class A Biosolids Composting Project was established by the City's Public Works Department, with the assistance of Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, as a pilot project in 2010.

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