

Cascadia Concert Opera to present Mozart masterpiece 'Giovanni' Oct. 4

Cascadia Concert Opera will conclude its 2015 season with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Don Giovanni" on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 3 p.m.

The concert will be presented with piano accompaniment. A groundbreaking serio-comic masterpiece, Mozart's "Don Giovanni" recounts the story of a wealthy, charismatic Lothario who recklessly seduces a multitude of women only to meet his rightful yet untimely fate. Arguably the pinnacle of Mozart's collaborations with librettist Lorenzo da Ponte, the opera offers an incisive and ironic perspective on the duplicitous nature of humanity.

The concert will be presented in English, with piano accompaniment. The convergence of Mozart's exquisite

musical development and da Ponte's vulgar depiction of the Don Juan myth results in a complex and electrifying opera that exemplifies Mozart's mastery of the form.

Currently in its seventh season, Cascadia Concert Opera is a non-profit performing arts organization based in Eugene. Showcasing some of the finest local and regional talent, Cascadia has a unique identity as a touring ensemble, presenting opera in intimate venues throughout the Northwest.

Tickets are \$20 for adults or \$10 for students. Purchase them by phone at 541-888-968-4086, online at www.eventcenter.org, or at the door.

Quattrosound kicks off SEAcost season with exciting musical fusion

SEAcost Entertainment Association's 2015-2016 concert season begins Friday, at 7 p.m., Oct. 9, with Latin Grammy-nominated Quattrosound, an innovative ensemble that blends Latin pop, jazz and classical music into a new genre called "Popzzical." Quattrosound is raising the bar of originality while paying homage to the classics and forging a contemporary new sound. Individually, the talented musicians of Quattrosound have earned a well-established and highly respected presence in the recording and live performance industries in Los Angeles.

Together they combine their love for various musical styles and cultural backgrounds to create the incredible new sound they are sharing with the world. Music critics from across the country have described the group's musical fusion as "...bursting with intellect, passion and virtuosity, but sounding like nothing you've heard before," and "...original and fun arrangements, and palpable chemistry on stage make for phenomenal performances."

The next concert in SEAcost's 2015-2016 season after Quattrosound will be Nov. 21 and will feature Ken Lavigne, who has performed on many world stages, including New York's Carnegie Hall and in England for Prince Charles.

"SEA's 2015-2016 lineup promises to deliver yet another outstanding concert season," said SEA president Ernie Doud.

This season features guitarist Jesse Cook, Ballet Fantastique, the Glenn Miller Orchestra, Shuffle Concert (a group so multitalented they let the audience pick the playlist), and gypsy-jazz artists The New Hot Club of America.

"For 35 years SEAcost Entertainment Association has provided Florence with world-class entertainment at affordable prices — from household names to undiscovered gems," said Doud. "From classics to jazz, from eclectic to electric, from ballet to big band, you will love this season's variety. There will be something for everyone."

According to Doud, the best way to enjoy all of these amazing shows is with the \$150 season ticket package.

"Individual concert tickets are \$30 each, so that's a per-show savings of more than \$8," said Doud. "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."

This season, four performers will participate in SEAcost's community enrichment program. Several will offer master classes or narrative performances for local school districts, as well as visits to retirement and senior care facilities.

In addition, the award-winning, nationally-recognized educational theatre company, Living Voices, will again collaborate with the Siuslaw School District to bring history to life in the classroom.

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

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

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