

## Upcoming SEAc coast concerts promise wide variety, top-notch talent

When SEAc coast Entertainment Association announced its 2015-2016 concert lineup, SEAc coast president Ernie Doud promised it would be another outstanding season of quality entertainment for Florence.

So far, SEAc coast has delivered. Big time.

The season kicked-off Oct. 9 when Latin Grammy-nominated pop/jazz/classical artists Quattrosound wowed the Florence Events Center crowd with their outstanding and diverse talents by introducing Florence to a delicious new blended genre called “popzzical.”

Then, Nov. 21, renowned vocalist Ken Lavigne filled the FEC concert hall with his charm, wit and outstanding voice for a memorable evening of international

caliber entertainment.

Doud says the remainder of the season will get progressively better.

“While most don’t get the chance to dine in the cafés of Seville or dance in the clubs in Havana, you will experience a sense of that passionate cultural vibe through the music of guitarist Jesse Cook and his band,” says Doud.

Cook’s music has been featured on episodes of Sex and The City, The Chris Isaak Show, and during several Olympic Games. Jesse and his group of multitalented musicians perform Jan. 29, 2016.

On Feb. 20, 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.

“On Friday, March 18, one of most popular and sought-after big bands in the world, the Glenn Miller Orchestra, returns to Florence,” adds Doud. “SEAc coast Entertainment will open the Florence Event Center’s flat floor so you can enjoy big band music the way it was intended—with dancing and limited, open, cabaret-style seating; so buy your tickets early!”

“You choose, we play,” say 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 audience select the pieces they will play.

“You’ve never been to a concert like this,” says Doud. “Every performance is a completely customized and memorable experience.”

Shuffle plays a rare Thursday night concert on April 7.

“And you’ll be in luck on Friday, the 13th of May, when The New Hot Club of America comes to ‘wow’ Florence,” says Doud. “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 — right here in Florence.”

For 35 years, SEAc coast Entertainment Association has provided Florence with



world-class entertainment at affordable prices — from household names to undiscovered gems.

“From classics to jazz, from eclectic to electric, from ballet to big band, Florence is loving this season’s variety. Our remaining five shows will offer something for everyone,” says Doud.

Individual concert tickets for the performances are \$30 each, and \$10 for those under 18. Tickets, artist profiles, show times, video clips, and more information are available at [www.SEAc coastEA.org](http://www.SEAc coastEA.org).

Tickets can also be purchased at the Florence Events Center box office, 715 Quince Street; by phone at 541-997-1994; or online at [www.eventcenter.org](http://www.eventcenter.org).



## Get tickets early for fifth annual Crab Crack

The fifth annual Florence Crab Crack is a sure fire remedy for the dreaded “cabin fever,” which threatens to afflict the general populace of the central Oregon coast every winter. Get your ticket and join the other 399 people who will attend the Crab Crack at the Florence Events Center on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. Enjoy



great food and company while aiding the less fortunate in this area.

Beginning Dec. 1, tickets will also be available Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Florence Food Share, 2190 Spruce St. All the proceeds from this event will benefit Florence Food Share, a local food pantry that provides resources to those facing hunger in Western Lane County.

Oregon coast Dungeness crab, along with pasta, coleslaw, garlic bread, sodas, coffee and BJ’s Ice Cream, will be served by “crab head” volunteers. A no-host bar will also be available.

While savoring the delectable crustaceans and side dishes, attendees will also have the opportunity to purchase one or many of the special silent auction items.

Tickets to this event are \$35 each, with

only 400 tickets available. The deadline for ticket purchases is Jan. 25 and will not be available at the door. Past Crab Cracks have sold out early, so get tickets early.

Several sponsors are already stepping up to make this event possible. All individuals and companies are welcome to “sponsor a crab” for the event and help Florence Food Share serve those in need in our area.

For more information, arrange group seating or purchase tickets,

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