

Winter brings annual music festival

More than two dozen artisans will fill the Florence Events Center exhibit hall Jan. 16 and 17 as part of the annual Florence Winter Music Festival.

Doors open for the Artisan Fair at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

In what has become the Oregon coast’s premier winter music festival, the Florence Winter Music Festival is growing and thriving in new ways by expanding its musical offerings and ancillary events while retaining favorite aspects like the artisan fair.

“We’re thrilled by the response again this year,” says Rachel Pearson, chairperson of the Winter Music Festival Committee, part of the Friends of the Florence Events Center, a nonprofit group which produces the event and raises support for the FEC.

“We’ll see a very high level of artistry and craftsmanship in everything from home and garden décor to handcrafted wearables, candles, photography, and jewelry,” adds Pearson. “There will be great diversity among the artisans which means something for everyone this year. Plus, we’ve hired a new caterer and there will be the traditional pie sale.”

New to the festival this year are music documentary films at City Lights Cinema.

“Michael Falter and his crew will be showing two films, including SXSW award-winner, “The Winding Stream,” which traces the roots of music featured at the festival; and the iconic “Don’t Look Back,” considered one of the most intellectual rock films ever made,” says Pearson.

Saturday night’s musical co-headliners are Shook Twins and Jonathan Edwards.

Shook Twins are a fun and exciting Indie folk-pop band with an eclectic, amusing, and whimsical approach. They



Headliners for this year’s Winter Music Festival include The Shook Twins (left) and Jonathan Edwards.

excel at guitar, banjo, mandolin, ukulele, glockenspiel, and inventive percussion. USA Today says the group “is ready to rattle the music world.”

Jonathan Edwards, a true singer-songwriter in a league with James Taylor, Carole King, and Jim Croce, delivers songs of passion, insight, and humor with his signature pure-and-powerful tenor voice.

Edwards scored a massive Top 5 hit with the catchy and defiant protest song “Sunshine (Go Away Today)” in 1971.

Ten additional local, regional, and nationally-known artists, five each day, will fill the stage with a series of concerts beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

These include Crow and the Canyon, Cabin Fever NW, John Craigie, Ian McFeron, True North, Bob Haworth, and the popular contemporary folk music duo Pretty Gritty. Siuslaw High School graduate Billy Jones, an up-and-coming singer; and singer/songwriter Molly Hardin, round-out the line-up.

The Friday 8:30 p.m. to

11:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 p.m. to midnight no-host public jam sessions at Pier Point Inn return this year too.

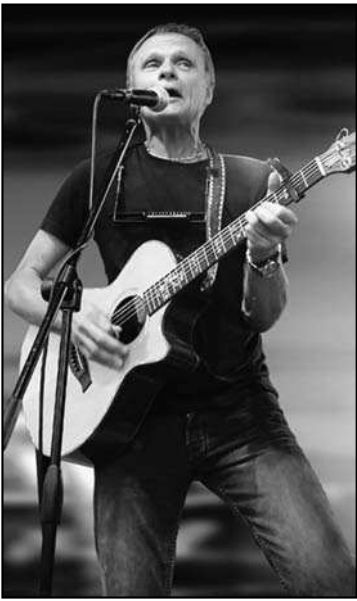
A full weekend pass is \$45 and includes Saturday and Sunday day passes for all concerts, and admission to the Jonathan Edwards and Shook Twins concert.

Individual passes for Saturday’s or Sunday’s daytime concerts that begin at 11 a.m. are \$12.50 for each day.

Individual tickets for the Shook Twins and Jonathan Edwards concert are \$28.

More information, including concert schedules, artist profiles, and ticket prices for the Winter Music Festival, are available through WinterMusicFestival.org.

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Sheriffs offer tips for handling coastal floods, landslides

Floods and landslides may go hand in hand and can be deadly. Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office offer the following tips for coastal residents:

What you can do

- Learn about flood and landslide risks in your area by contacting your local emergency management office and looking at your local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Before you buy a home. Check on the history of floods or earth movement in the area.
- Clear storm drains to prevent flooding and ground saturation close to your home.
- Turn around instead of driving through high water. Water over the road can hide sink holes or other dangerous conditions and lead to drowning.
- If floodwaters rise near you and driving is dangerous, leave the car if you can do so safely and move to higher ground.
- Avoid walking through

moving water. It only takes a few inches of swift water to knock you off your feet. Use a stick to check for sinkholes and the firmness of the ground.

- If a flash flood is likely, move to higher ground immediately. Do not wait for instructions.
- Plant trees, bushes and other plants to decrease runoff.

Landslides

- Landslides may move at avalanche speeds, rapidly wrapping up or crushing anything in its path.
- Or, they only move fractions of an inch in a year’s time.
- Steep slopes, saturated and weakened by water pressure or erosion, may give way to gravity.

For more information and tips, visit the sheriff’s website www.lincolncountysheriff.net or get the “MobilePatrol” app for smartphones. —Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office

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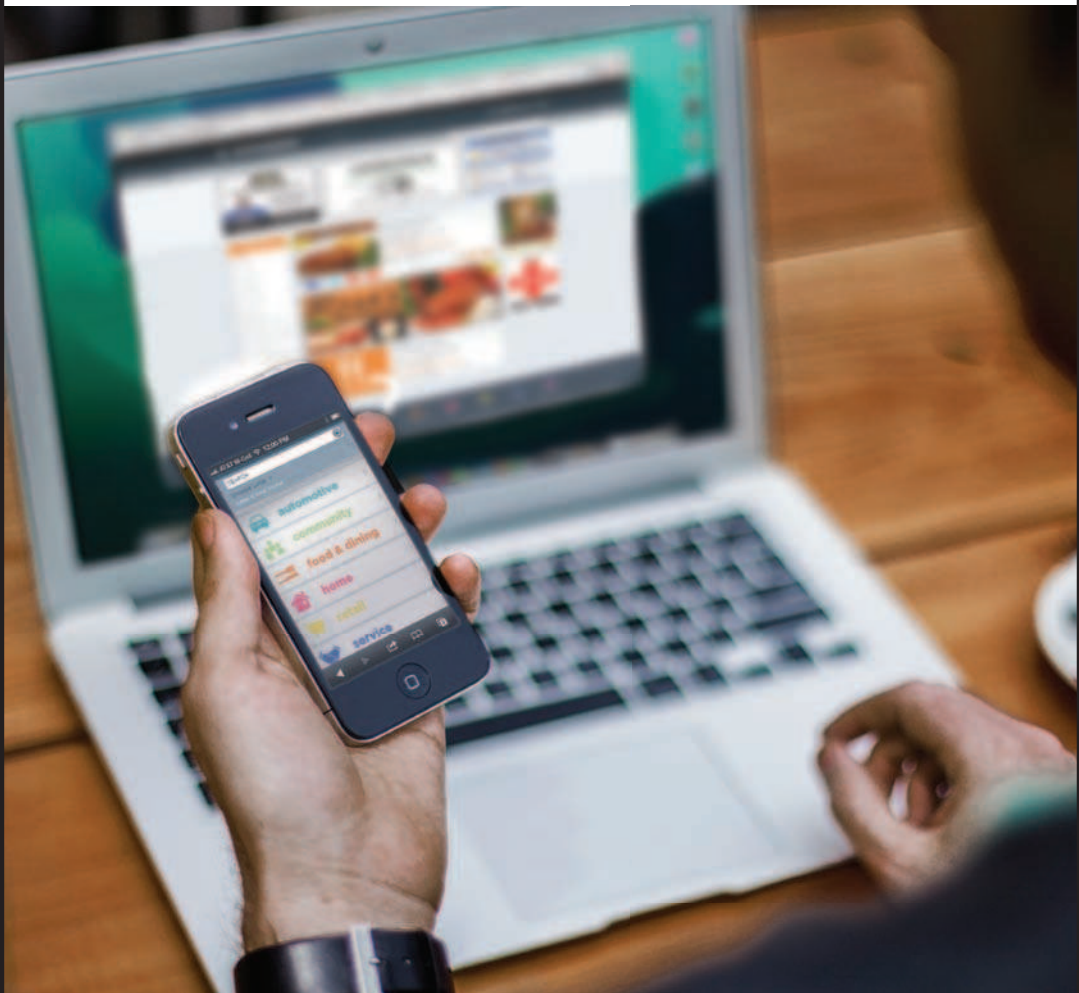
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