

Cast announced for CROW spring production of 'Shrek' musical

After three intensive days of auditions and callbacks in early January, CROW (Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops) announced the cast selected for its upcoming youth musical, "Shrek the Musical, Jr.," to be performed April 15-17 at the Florence Events Center.

"The competition was fierce this year," said artistic director Melanie Heard. "We had many kids who could easily have snagged any of these roles, and believe me when I say that the meeting to make final decisions on the cast was a long, late night."

In the end, Heard said she hoped the experience provided some great opportunities for local youth to shine, as well as provide a great learning experiences for kids wanting to know what it's like to go through a professional musical theatre audition.

The title role of "Shrek" will be played by a returning local favorite, Jacob Ternyik. His beautiful Ogress "Fiona" will be portrayed by 16-year-old songbird Lacey Seeley, in her first leading role for the nonprofit youth theatre organization.

Shrek's hilarious wise-cracking sidekick "Donkey" will be played by funnyman Cameron Utz, and the short on charm "Lord Farquaad" will be portrayed by young comedienne Tristin Reber. Additional supporting roles include "Pinochio" (Haylee Cole), "Dragon" (Nyah Vollmar) and the "Captain of the Guards" (Cesar Castillo).

There are also many featured fairy tale and Kingdom of Duloc roles, as well as a "tap dance surprise" that the



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Cast members rehearse for CROW's upcoming spring production of "Shrek the Musical, Jr."

Florence community may not expect.

With a 52-person cast this time — including seven adorable 4- to 6-year-old

"Telegrammers," CROW has already begun the extensive planning and preparation required to produce a youth musical of this size.

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12th Street Alano Club Hope Meets 1525 12th Street (Old hospital, back annex). Meeting site for "Open to All" recovery groups: AA, DDA, Al-Anon, Native American AA, GA, Kids caught in the crossfire, Al-Anon Meetings, Seven Days a week. Call for times & meeting agenda. Contact: 541-991-9558 or 612-462-1481. Friday 5:30pm, 1525 12th St. (Old hospital, back annex) Contact: 541-999-1243 or 541-991-9588.

Florence Area Coordinating Council meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Hall on Hwy. 101, 9am.

Nichols 541-999-6907. Pacific Dunes Shrine Club meets for Dinner Socials at Driftwood Shores, for Business Meetings at Bliss' 101. For details, call 541-997-4082.

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