

COME EXPERIENCE ONE-OF-A-KIND SHUFFLE CONCERT

FLORENCE — “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,” says Nancy Pearson, director of SEAc coast Entertainment Association which is producing the concert. “You’ve never been to a concert like this.

Every performance is a completely customized and memorable experience. It really is like putting your iPod on shuffle; only better because it’s live.”

Shuffle Concert will perform in a rare Thursday evening concert April 7, at 7 p.m., at the Florence Events Center.

They will give a pre-concert talk at 6:15 p.m.

Also, Shuffle Concert members will present an informal performance at the Florence Senior Center on April 8, as part of SEAc coast’s arts and cultural outreach and enrichment program. The 1 p.m. event is free and open to the public.

“At a Shuffle Concert performance, the audience does not receive a traditional program as they enter the concert hall. Instead, they get a number and a ‘musical menu,’” explains Pearson. “Members of the group pick a number out of a hat, the audience member holding that number then selects the piece they want to hear from the menu.”

And the menu is amazing.

Between 40 and 50 items including styles from Americana to French, from Spanish/Latin to Jewish; and covering periods from Baroque to Romanic to Classical to early- and mid-20th century.

Performances by Shuffle Concert, and Quattrosound last October, were in part



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Members of Shuffle Concert

sponsored by a grant from the Western States Art Federation and National Endowment for the arts, secured by SEAc coast board director Sandy Kuhlman.

The New York City-based, mixed-genre Shuffle Concert was born in 2010 while founder and artistic director Eliran Avni was exercising on the elliptical machine at the gym.

His MP3 player jumped from a Pretenders song to the first movement of Prokofiev’s Fifth Symphony, nearly causing him to lose his balance.

The six core members — Avni (piano), Ariadne Greif (soprano), Brendan Speltz

(violin), Moran Katz (clarinet), Sofia Nowik (cello), and Hassan Anderson

(oboe) — are all classically trained chamber musicians, but can handle everything from Beethoven to Björk to Gershwin to Stevie Wonder.

Anand Giridharadas, critic for The New York Times, writes: “To be in the room that evening was to discover the tension and the drama of never knowing what’s next... As they played, they swayed... They moved as if the music were something they were riding atop, not creating.”

“SEAc coast’s season wraps up Friday, May 13, when The New Hot Club of America heats up the FEC,” says Pearson. “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.”

Tickets, artist profiles, show times, video clips and more are available at SEAc coast EA.org. Tickets are \$30 or \$10 for those age 17 and younger.

Tickets can also be purchased at the Florence Events Center box office, 715 Quince St.; by phone at 541-997-1994 or online at eventscenter.org.

Homegrown restaurant to host local vendor fair Rhody Weekend

FLORENCE — On Saturday, May 21, during Rhododendron Festival Weekend, come to the first Homegrown Rhody Underground vendor festival.

Homegrown Rhody Underground is a block party on Maple Street, outside of Homegrown Pub and Deli. There will be local artisans, live music, Oregon brews, barbeque, a kids tent and lots of fun for the whole family.

Local crafters, creators and artists who would like to have a booth at our fair are encouraged to sign up now. All items must be handmade by the vendor. Resale items will not be allowed.

Visit Homegrown’s website or Facebook page for information and an application, or pick one up at Homegrown, 294 Laurel St., or call 541-997-4886.

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