

# SEAc coast announces exciting 2016-17 season lineup



“Since its beginning 36 years ago, SEA has brought top quality performers to Florence audiences,” said Linda Gargis, SEA board vice-president. “This upcoming season continues that tradition. We have seven fantastic shows, including midweek concerts, plus a new ‘Dinner and a Show’ package available for season ticket holders.”

In the new season, four of SEA’s concerts will be held on Wednesday nights with a nod to the increased weekend demands in the Florence community.

“SEA is a big supporter of the Florence Events Center,” said Gargis. “By scheduling Wednesday shows, we are not only helping keep the FEC active midweek, we were able to book several acts that would have been unavailable on weekends due to scheduling, travel issues and cost.”

The season opens Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m., with “Cantus,” one of the premier vocal groups in the United States. This all-male ensemble will highlight the camaraderie, bonding and honor of the Armed Forces. SEA will partner with local veterans groups to help set the tone for Veterans Day.

The holiday season kicks off Nov. 18 with the incomparable musical group “Pink Martini.” Oregon’s own “little orchestra” will provide two performances at the FEC: Friday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m., as part of the SEA season, and again on Saturday, Nov. 19, in partnership with the Friends of the Florence Event Center.

SEA season ticket holders will have reserved seats for Nov. 18 as part of the regular season ticket package.

Single tickets for the Friday or Saturday



shows will be \$49.

The Joe Trio will entertain on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017, at 7 p.m., bringing their humor, versatility and wit to the FEC stage. The three tremendously musical, classically trained players (piano, cello, and violin) will bring all a fresh appreciation for the standard concert repertoire (think “Beethoven meets The Pink Panther”) while entertaining the audience with humor and spontaneity.

Celebrate Mardi Gras a couple of days early with “Bria Skonberg’s New Orleans Jazz Band” during a Sunday afternoon tea dance Feb. 26, 2017, at 4 p.m. Bria is a specialist in classic American hot jazz. She leads her band, wails on the trumpet, and beautifully vocalizes jazz standards with energy and pizzazz.

SEA is providing Florence fans of brass with a much-needed dose of energy with the Dallas Brass on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at 7 p.m. The quintet masters all aspects of the brass repertoire: classical, Dixieland, swing, show tunes and more as they provide a musical travelogue through American instrumental history.

On Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at 7

p.m., SEA presents “Barrage 8,” a high-energy dose of modern string instruments and movement. Their innovative stage performance blends wonderfully with their musical talent — and strings like you have never heard them before.

On Wednesday, May 24, 2017, at 7 p.m., it will be an incomparable night for keyboard fans: dueling pianos when “The Piano Caméléons” will ring out the SEA season on two grand pianos, expertly manned by a pair of virtuoso pianists. They revisit great classic pieces with interpretations touched by traditional jazz, world beat and other influences.

It will be a spectacle for the eyes, ears and soul.

Ticket packages for new season-ticket holders go on sale July 8, continuing through July 31, with single ticket sales available Aug. 1 at 9 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Florence Events Center box office, 715 Quince St., or by phone at 541-997-1994 during regular business hours.

Artist profiles, show times, links to video clips, and more are available at [www. SEAc coastEA.org](http://www.SEAc coastEA.org).

