

# Dance to Beatles tribute band at FEC

FLORENCE — The Abbey Road LIVE! tribute band will feature Beatles tunes in a rocking musical program Saturday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Florence Events Center (FEC), 715 Quince St.

U.S. News and World Report has called Beatles tribute band Abbey Road LIVE! "One of the world's premier Beatles cover bands."

Since 2002, Abbey Road LIVE! has been rocking the music of the Beatles at clubs, theatres, festivals and private events. Initially a tribute to the monumental "Abbey Road" album, the band has expanded its scope to include more than 100 Beatles tunes, from all eras of the Fab Four's career.

The band specializes in complete, start-to-finish album performances of masterpieces such as "Abbey Road," "Magical Mystery Tour," "Rubber Soul," "Revolver" and "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band."

Abbey Road LIVE! is not your typical Beatle look-alike tribute act; don't expect mop-top haircuts and vintage Rickenbacker guitars.

Rather, this show is about bringing to



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life some of the more mature and complex Beatles material in a raw and spirited fashion, while remaining true to the original recordings. Combining attention to detail with a creative exuberance, the band always delights its audiences with its diverse repertoire of hits and more

obscure favorites.

Abbey Road LIVE! is made up of four all-star musicians from the infamous Athens, Ga., music scene that gave the world R.E.M., Widespread Panic and the B-52s.

Collectively, the band members have

recorded and toured regularly with Cosmic Charlie, Charlie Mars and Fuzzy Sprouts.

Individual band members have also collaborated with acts such as Indigo Girls, Juliana Hatfield, Mike Houser (Widespread Panic), Danielle Howle and Lemonheads.

While the four lads from Athens generally perform as a quartet, they have also been known to recruit the "Magical Mystery Horns" and the "Lonely Hearts Strings," lending authentic accompaniment to the more elaborately orchestrated tunes. The latest addition to the Abbey Road LIVE! musical arsenal is a real Indian sitar and tablas.

At a typical Abbey Road LIVE! show, audiences young and old can be found gleefully singing along with every word, many in utter disbelief at getting to hear this monumental music performed live; something that even the Beatles themselves never did, since they stopped touring in 1966.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$12 for ages 12 and under, and are available at the FEC box office, by calling 541-997-1994 or online at [www.eventcenter.org](http://www.eventcenter.org).

## Florence Events Center to offer exhibit opportunities for artists

FLORENCE — The Florence Events Center (FEC) will have several opportunities for artists to display their talents in Galleries One and Five during the fall and winter of 2016 and continuing in 2017.

The FEC Gallery Committee, as part of Friends of the FEC, is giving artists advance notice of upcoming exhibits, as well as offering new and creative challenges to artists.

The first special exhibit will take place in October and November. This will be the second annual Artistic Visions Award Show. Artists can display up to three pieces of artwork, including 2-D, photography and 3-D.

Cash awards will be given to winners in each category, as well as honorable mention ribbons.

Qualified jurors from outside the Florence area will judge this show.

In December, the FEC will offer a new

exhibit encouraging people to "Give Art this Christmas."

Artists will be asked to submit works that are \$100 or less, and a fun reception will be planned with live music, refreshments and photos with Santa.

January and February of 2017 will be the third annual "For the Love of Animals" exhibit, with a reception held to benefit the Oregon Coast Humane Society. Pet photos are always a fun part of this event.

March and April will be a patriotic themed exhibit, with a reception benefiting the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Oregon Coast Military Museum.

Publicity and details on each of the upcoming exhibits will be available the month prior, and applications will also be available at that time online at [www.eventcenter.org](http://www.eventcenter.org).

## Backstreet Gallery's summer box challenge on display

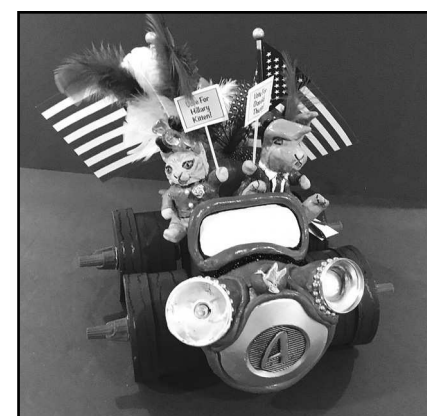
FLORENCE — Commemorating Independence Day, Backstreet Gallery welcomes one and all to enjoy the fantastic creations of the July Community Challenge.

There will be a reception honoring the artists on Saturday, July 9, from 3 to 5 p.m., during the Second Saturday Gallery Tour.

Local citizens were invited to decorate, redesign, embellish, enhance or spruce up the round boxes in anyway their creative spirit might lead them. After sharpening their wits and honing the right side of their brain, the results these artists have achieved will absolutely amaze and delight you.

The finished pieces will be exhibited at the gallery starting July 1 until July 31.

Michael Anderson, guitarist extraordinaire, will be back to strum great tunes from the '40s to the present.



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**"American Spirit Mobile" by Pattie Brooks-Anderson**

Join Backstreet on July 9 for a gallery full of fun, fine art, great appetizers and guitar music at its best. The gallery, at 1421 Bay St., is open daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and to 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

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