City Lights to screen tale of troubled saxophonist

City Lights Cinemas is hosting a one-day special engagement of "Sound Oof Redemption: The Frank Morgan Story" on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at 11:30 a.m. and 6:10 p.m.

In this new documentary, director N.C. Heikin recreates the life of Frank Morgan in concert form, tracing his progress from teenage musical prodigy to hardcore junkie and, finally, to one of the music world's most remarkable comeback stories.

"Florence jazz fans should not miss this one," said Michael Falter, owner of City Lights. "The level of musicianship in both archive footage and the San Quentin all-star tribute is nothing short of amazing.

"I had to give it a chance here."

A one-night-only, all-star musical tribute filmed live at San Quentin forms the backbone of a film that brings together the past, present and future of Morgan's musical legacy. Moving seamlessly between the thrilling live performance and the riveting true story of a musician whose talent first destroyed and then redeemed him, the award-win-

Literary salon set for writers

The literary salon of 1930s Paris is making a comeback. Designed as a convivial event celebrating the written word and made famous by the film "Midnight in Paris," literary salons help to promote local writers and their work while upholding the literary arts in a digital era.

Writers on the River will present its first "Midnight in Florence" literary salon on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), 120 Maple St. in Old Town.

Presented by FRAA creative writing instructor and awardwinning journalist Catherine J. Rourke, the salon is free and open to the public.

Following the tradition of Gertrude Stein's infamous Parisian salons, each monthly event will highlight a "Featured Writer" who will talk about their writing and share an excerpt from their work. An open mic segment follows, during which writers of all levels and genres are invited to read, recite or sing excerpts from their published or unpublished material. Refreshments will be available. "Literary salons inspire, unite and support all writers while providing cultural enrichment and entertainment," Rourke said. "We are bringing the River Seine to the Siuslaw and the Left Bank to Bay Street." Florence artist and author Karen Nichols will appear as this month's featured writer, sharing passages from her four published novels: "Triumph Over Fear," "Second Chance Heart," "The Unexpected Gift" and "Thornton House." Nichols facilitates the Coastal Writers, a local critique group, and will soon finish an anthology of short stories in time for the sixth annual Florence Festival of Books, for which she is also a member of the planning committee.

ning filmmaker paints a searingly honest portrait of a prodigiously gifted, tragically flawed musical genius.

"For all its time spent dwelling in the lower depths, 'Sound of Redemption' ultimately fulfills the promise implicit in its title," said Joe Levdon of Variety. "The viewer is left with profoundly mixed emotions, haunted by questions of what might and should have been."

Ken Jaworowski of the New York Times said, "It's a fond and forgiving tribute to the man, filled with music that moves beyond happy and sad, and toward something like brilliance.'

Ticket prices are \$9 regular, \$8 for senior, \$7.50 for matinee and \$6.50 for City Lights members.

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Here's your 2016 Theme Schedule:

1:00 PM

Themed Lap - Movie: Purple Rain What To Wear: Anything Purple 2:00 PM

Themed Lap - Movie: Hawaii Five-O What To Wear: Hawaiian attire

3:00 PM Themed Lap - Movie: Great Gatsby





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Visit www.karendnichols. com for more info.

Reading slots are limited to five minutes on a first-come basis. Those who wish to participate in the open mic must arrive at 5:30 p.m. to sign up.

Call 541-708-2120 or email Catherine J. Rourke at CJR editor@gmail.com for more info, or if interested in becoming a featured writer.

A \$5 donation is suggested to support FRAA for hosting the event.

Writers on the River offers educational workshops and social events as an opportunity for open exchange and networking to support writers on their journey.

What To Wear: 1920's attire 4:00 PM

Themed Lap - Movie: Grease What To Wear: 1950's attire 5:00 PM

Themed Lap - Movie: All Disney What To Wear: Any Character from a Disney Movie 6:00 PM

Themed Lap - Movie: Independence Day What To Wear: Red, White, and Blue 7:00 PM

Themed Lap - Movie: Pretty in Pink What To Wear: anything pink or 80's 8:00 PM

Themed Lap - Movie: Outlander What To Wear: Scottish Highlander or British Soldiers Attire

11:00 PM

Themed Lap - Movie: Saturday Night Fever

What To Wear: 1970's Disco Midnight

Themed Lap - Movie: Pillow Talk (1959) What To Wear: Walk with your Pillow 1:00 AM

Themed Lap - Movie: Wizard of Oz What To Wear: Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, Munchkin, Glenda, etc.

2:00 AM

Themed Lap - Movie: Pirates of the Caribbean

What To Wear: Pirate Attire 3:00 AM

Themed Lap - Movie: Lord of the Rings What To Wear: Wizard, Elf, Hobbit, Dwarf, Orc, Troll, or Aragorn Attire

4:00 AM

Themed Lap - Movie: Gone With The Wind

What To Wear: 1860's American South Attire

5:00 AM

Themed Lap - Movie: Superman What To Wear: Superhero Costumes

6:00 AM Themed Lap - Movie: Pajama Party (Doris Day)

What To Wear: Pajamas and Snuggies 7:00 AM

Themed Lap - Movie: Cat In The Hat What To Wear: Striped hats & bow tie 8:00 AM

Themed Lap - Movie: Bring it On What To Wear: Cheerleader Outfits, Pom Poms, etc.

Relay For Life Celebrates its 17th Year in Florence August 13th - Registration tent opens at 10:00 am Opening ceremonies begin at 11:00 am Survivor and Caregivers lap immediately after. Luminaria ceremony is at 9:00 pm August 14th, Closing ceremonies are 9:30 am.

Where: Miller Park, Florence

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