

CONCERTS AND SHOWS

SEAcOast announces exciting 2016-17 season



FROM LEFT: "DALLAS BRASS" (MARCH 29); "PINK MARTINI" (NOV. 18); AND "BARRAGE 8" (APRIL 26)

"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."

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 performanc-

es at the FEC: Friday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m., as part of the SEA season, and again on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m., 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.

Single-ticket sales begin 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.SEAcoastEA.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FloTones vocal group set to go 'South of the border'

Since the FloTones first organized 15 years ago, the last 12 as an independent nonprofit organization, it has entertained Florence audiences with a number of performances, primarily presenting music from "The Great American Songbook."

This includes music by such composers as Irving Berlin, Cole Porter and the Gershwins.

In a change of pace, the Florence jazz vocal group will tackle tunes from South of the border in "The FloTones and Friends present Latin Rhythms" to be

performed in September at the Florence Events Center with an encore performance at the newly opened Class Act Theater.

But, true to its roots, the group will throw in a couple of Latin-tinged songs by Porter and Gershwin.

Several rhythmic styles will be featured, including the bossa nova, the mambo, the samba and the beguine. The Brazilian bossa nova evolved from the earlier samba and attained prominence in the melodies of Antonio Carlos Jobim.

Among his tunes to be performed are "Desafinado" and "Wave." About the same time, the mambo became all the rage.

The program will include "Mambo Italiano" popularized by songstress Rosemary Clooney.

Other composers featured include Henry Mancini's "It Had Better Be Tonight" from the movie "The Pink Panther" and Burt Bacharach's "The Look of Love" from the James Bond film "Casino Royale."

FloTones "Friends" joining the

evening will include the musical accompaniment team of Jennifer Weier on keyboard, Ron Green on trumpet, Nate Kaplan on drums and Lynette Kristine on bass.

Performances on the FEC flat floor will be Saturday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m., followed by another on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 3 p.m.

The following weekend, FloTones and Friends will appear at the Class Act Theater (CAT) on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16 and 17, at 7 p.m.

Tickets for all concerts are \$15.

Authors, publishers and readers to converge for book fair

The annual Florence Festival of Books, a book fair for authors and publishers, will take place Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with preliminary events on Friday to compliment the book festival. The event is hosted by the Friends of the FEC and the FFOB planning committee.

Now in its sixth year, the book fair continues to be a popular gathering for authors, publishers and potential future authors. The public is invited to this free

event to meet the authors and have their books signed.

The book fair will feature at least six publishers. In addition, writers are invited to bring their manuscripts for a chance to meet with publishers representing many genres: fiction, non-fiction, memoir, children's literature, fantasy, mystery, young adult, poetry and more. Nearly 20 of the authors in attendance will be local residents.

On Friday, Sept. 23, at 3 p.m., a panel

of authors will speak on the topic "My first book: the process of idea to print." Different authors will discuss their unique journey of the first book and how it made its way to a printed publication.

The event will take place in the FEC theater and is free to attend.

At 7 p.m. that evening, suspense thriller author Phillip Margolin will be the featured keynote speaker for the festival. Margolin has written 19 novels, many of them New York Times best-

selling, including the recent "Woman with a Gun," "Worthy Brown's Daughter," "Sleight of Hand" and the "Washington Trilogy."

Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door for the conversation with Phillip Margolin.

Registration for authors and publishers for the Florence Festival of Books is now open through the Festival website at www.florencefestivalofbooks.org.

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