

## KXCR to host Robert Sabado at KB Gallery

Local nonprofit public radio station KXCR will present saxophone talent Robert Sabado on Saturday, Aug. 20, at Kenneth B. Gallery, 1458 First St. in Old Town Florence, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

His highly regarded recordings prompted jazz legend and early mentor, Stan Getz, to describe Sabado as "... the best tone around."

These days, Sabado has been fusing downtempo electronica grooves with live saxophone improvisation.

Playing with this genre allows melodic lines to flow out of Sabado's horn and mind. This presentation of his music has proved to have been a real treat for the audience.

"I have been around the world and I believe my music



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Robert Sabado

can take the listener to exotic lands," said Sabado.

KXCR is proud to present the rising star in the smooth jazz world.

Come for an evening of great music, good food, and a no-host bar.

For more information, call the gallery at 541-999-5875 or visit [www.KennethBGallery.com](http://www.KennethBGallery.com).

## Military Museum unveils new Iraq display

At the anniversary celebration held July 2, the Oregon Coast Military Museum unveiled its latest diorama, which depicts a U.S. military convoy traveling through a typical Iraqi village during Desert Storm, built in 1:72 scale.

It is full of amazing detail depicting life in that middle-east venue complete with structures, villagers, convoy vehicles and even extreme detail down to laundry hanging on the line and fruit and vegetables in the farmer's market.

The diorama, about 32 square feet, sits on top of a display of other artifacts of the same period and military discipline.

The entire display was a collaboration of effort by Judy Murphy, who built the village itself and was the driving force behind the full-scale dioramas in the museum, Chief of Staff



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New diorama depicts a typical Iraqi village

Geoffrey Cannon, who constructed the vehicles, and volunteer Dorland Neale, who constructed the display structure itself.

The display was funded through a grant from the Western Lane Community Foundation.

"The idea of the diorama is to show what a village might look like and demonstrate a convoy passing through. We didn't base it off of a specific village, so the village doesn't have a name. We did mostly look at Iraqi villages and towns, so we are saying it is an Iraqi village," described Cannon. "We started the project in February and finished it on June 30," he added.

Visitors can view this life-like display by visiting the museum, 2145 Kingwood St., during its open hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday through Saturday.

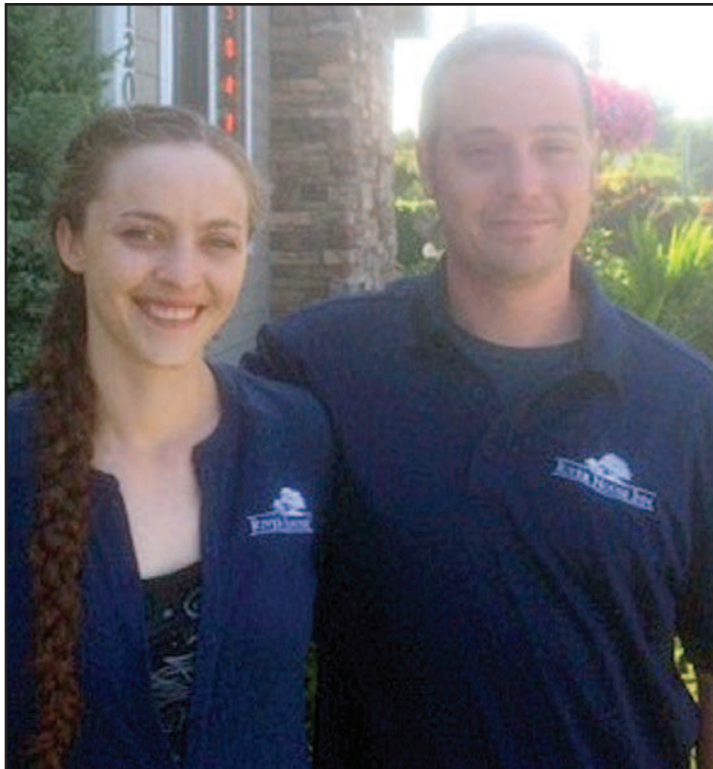
## River House Inn names two new Innkeepers

In 2013, Ashley Young was a housekeeper at Florence's highly regarded River House Inn. Soon she was doing relief work at the front desk of The Old Town Inn, a newly renovated motel skyrocketing up the TripAdvisor rankings.

In 2014, Young finally convinced management at Hoagland Properties, owners of the two inns, to give her life partner, Corduroy Kravitz, a housekeeping position.

This month the couple became the new managers at The River House Inn.

"We are delighted to announce that Cord and Ashley have earned this new responsibility through their hard work and dedication," said Hoagland Properties president Craig Sanders. "It's the first time we have been able to promote staff into management from within the company, in part because



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New River House Inn innkeepers Ashley Young and Corduroy Kravitz.

we typically don't hire couples at a staff level, but we prefer couples for our onsite management teams."

Young and Kravitz have worked together at a variety of places in Washington and Idaho, from concession sales at a ballpark and zoo, to home renovation and property management.

"In addition to their work at our inns, under the guiding hand of our onsite managers, their background in customer engagement and property management gave them a good foundation for this promotion," added Sanders.

"This is something we've been working toward," said Young. "We told Craig we'd like training and he had John and Sharon Birdwell at The Old Town Inn teach us the ins and outs of inkeeping, and he sent us to Fred Pryor seminars for additional training."

"The Hoaglands and Craig are such great folks to work for. They invested in us and have entrusted us with a great opportunity."

"The River House Inn is a great property," added Kravitz. "Wayne and Susan Tripp, who recently retired, were so helpful during the transition. They helped make this place a TripAdvisor Hall of Fame winner by earning the Travelers' Choice Award five years in a row. We've got a high bar of excellence to meet; but we want to take this place from number three in Florence to number one, and that means some friendly competition with our friends at The Old Town Inn."

Kravitz and Young talk enthusiastically about introducing people to Florence and all the fun it has to offer, recommending things to do and see, and which restaurants they think guests will enjoy.

"And we will push our high standards for immaculate rooms, and a great guest experience, even higher," added Kravitz, with Young chiming in. "We have a great staff and relate well to them because we've been doing what they do."

"We hold fun competitions with them. We strive for a five-star experience for vacationers and business travelers."

"If we find out that a guest is celebrating a birthday or anniversary, we'll put some balloons in their room before they arrive so they will remember their stay."

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