

WHEN THE CROWS COME HOME

Children's theater group celebrates grand opening of new performing arts space

Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW) opened the doors of its Center for the Performing Arts, 3120 Highway 101, Saturday in a grand opening packed to the brim with CROW students, families, supporters and community members. A chorus of CROWs sang "Let Your Freak Flag Fly," an inspirational song about being yourself from "Shrek The Musical Jr." Actress Haylee Cole announced, "It's clear, CROW's here. Get used to it!" The students also performed "Home," by Phillip Phillips, and several solos and monologues. Another feature of the reception was the opportunity for community members to sponsor more than 10 hand-created artist crows.



Kayla Rose

Dozens of artists painted, decoupaged, dremeled, glued and transformed blank crows into unique works of art. The sponsored crows will line the walls of the completed building. All funds raised go to CROW's bevy of upcoming events — the Scare CROW Haunted Maze in October, Holly Jolly Follies in December, Share Your Heart in February and "The Addams Family" mainstage musical in April — as well as additional construction projects to bring the Center for the Performing Arts into its full potential. For more information on CROW, go to crowkids.com.



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CROW Artistic Director Melanie Heard



Haylee Cole



PTA sponsors ESSA forum today

The public is invited to a community forum hosted by the Florence Community PTA and sponsored by Oregon State PTA, covering the topic of ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act).

The event will be held at Siuslaw Middle School, 2525 Oak St., on Sept. 17 from 1 to 3 p.m.

ESSA focuses on a goal of preparing all students throughout K-12 grades for success in college and careers.

The forum will focus on ESSA in Oregon, with an

emphasis on assessments.

Focus will be on how ESSA is to be implemented in Oregon, and what it means for local school districts. Speakers include representatives from the Oregon Department of Education, the Oregon Education Association and Oregon PTA President Collin Robinson.

A panel discussion is planned, with time for questions from attendees.

Local PTA unit leaders from around the region will be attending a leadership training

during the morning hours that day, which includes a networking lunch at noon.

Afternoon forum attendees are welcome to attend the lunch as well.

Anyone interested in education in Oregon will want to attend: teachers, school administrators and staff, parents and community members.

For more information, contact Florence PTA representative and Oregon PTA Region 6 director Diane McCalmont at 541-999-9692.



FRAA ART CENTER

120 Maple Street
Phone: 541-997-4435
Hours Open: Wed-Fri noon-5pm,
Sat 10am-5pm, Sun. noon-5pm

Classes and Workshops

Ceramics for Kids with Ben Cahoon and Alissa Clark
Thursdays, 4-5 pm, \$10/member/class, \$15/non-FRAA member/class.

Whimsical Hand Building Ceramics with Alissa Clark
Wednesdays, 3-5 pm, \$10/member/class, \$15/non-FRAA member/class, Clay/Firing extra.

Additional Weekly Class Added!
Starting Sept. 22nd, Thurs, 6-8 pm, \$10/member/class, \$15/non-FRAA member/class, Clay/Firing extra.

Open Lab on Saturdays
Drop in, work at your own pace. Starts Sept. 10th, Saturdays 12-5 pm \$7/hour/member \$12/hour/non-FRAA member, Clay/Firing extra.

Mud and Vino
Be creative and bring your own bottle. Fridays, Sept 23 and Oct 21, 6-8 pm \$20/member \$25/non-FRAA member, includes clay and firing. Must pre-register for this class by calling Alissa.

All Ceramics classes held at Alissa's Studio at 180 Laurel Street. Call Alissa with questions: 503-957-5222

Creative Writing Workshop - Writers on the River with Catherine Rourke

Saturday, October 22, 10 am to 12 pm
Learn how to turn on your creative faucet! All writing levels and genres. \$20/member, \$25/non-FRAA member To register, call 541-708-2120 or email CJReditor@gmail.com

"Midnight in Florence" Literary Salon, 1930s Parisian salon with Featured Author & Writers Open Mic
Saturday, October 29 6 pm - 8 pm
Free; Open to public; \$5 suggested donation, Call 541-708-2120 w/ questions.

Painting with John Leasure
Saturdays (September 17 and 24, October 1, 8, 15 and 29)
Thursday, October 20
9 am - 12 pm
Contact: jleasure@hotmail.com or 541-991-2754 for details and fees.

Oil Painting with Michael Wood
Wednesdays 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Contact: fmwood@msn.com for details, fees and more information.

For more information about classes, visit fraaoregon.org. To register for these classes, please call or visit FRAA at our art center on Maple Street.

Dubbed "The Hammond Queen," Akiko Tsuruga is a jazz composer, Hammond B-3 organist and pianist from Osaka, Japan.
[Photo: Ayano Hisa]

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