

## LRP's 'Pirates of Penzance' offers a steal on tickets

Prepare for high energy on the high seas with Last Resort Players' "Pirates of Penzance," sailing into the Florence Events Center this November.

For a limited time, tickets for the mainstage musical are available for \$2 off the regular price. People who buy their tickets through Friday, Oct. 7, will only pay \$18 to see this hilarious show.

The creative team that brought "Les Misérables" to local audiences has gathered a stellar cast of new and old faces to bring Gilbert and Sullivan's classic comic opera of a band of pirates, faithful daughters and a very modern major general in a comedy of epic proportions.

"Pirates of Penzance" is a hilarious farce of sentimental pirates, bumbling policemen, dim-witted young lovers and an eccentric major-general.

The story concerns Frederic, who, having completed his 21st year, is released from his

apprenticeship to a band of tender-hearted pirates.

He meets Mabel, the daughter of Major-General Stanley, and the two young people fall instantly in love.

However, Frederic learns he only has a birthday each leap year, and that he must serve for another 63 years. Bound by his own sense of duty, Frederic's only solace is that Mabel agrees to wait for him faithfully.

Filled with boisterous songs, glib lines and an all-star cast, this production is not a show to be missed.

Last Resort Players will play "Pirates of Penzance" at Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., the weekends of Nov. 4 to 6 and 11 to 13, with 7 p.m. evening and 2 p.m. matinee performances.

Tickets are available now at eventcenter.org.

For more information about the production, go to lastresortplayers.org.

## CANTUS TO OPEN SEACOAST SEASON OCT. 5

From its beginning 36 years ago, SEACOAST has been bringing top quality performers to audiences in Florence — and this season is no different.

"This upcoming season continues that tradition," said Linda Gargis, SEA board vice-president. "We have seven fantastic shows, including midweek concerts, 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.

Cantus is a full-time, professional vocal chamber ensemble, made up of nine men singing in a tenor, tenor, baritone, bass (TTBB) changed male voice arrangement.

The artists are self-led, with programming and musical direction coming from within the group itself, making each performance unique and exciting for audiences.

The ensemble is known for



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The award-winning all-male ensemble Cantus will perform Oct. 5 at the Florence Events Center.

innovative concert programming, often tying together works of numerous genres to explore a selected theme, including classical music, orchestral-vocal repertoire, folk music, art song, popular songs, spirituals and newly commissioned works.

The vocal group maintains

a schedule of around 70 live concert performances and 30 to 40 education/outreach activities in a given season, both in the United States and abroad.

The ensemble began as a student-run organization at St. Olaf College in 1995. After a successful northeast

tour in the summer of 1998, Cantus transitioned into a professional ensemble and non-profit organization by 1999, based out of Minneapolis, Minn.

The ensemble received the 2009 Chorus America Margaret Hillis Award, the first collaborative ensemble to do so. The ensemble's regular work with students nationwide also garnered Chorus America's Education Outreach Award in 2011.

Cantus was selected by Minnesota Public Radio to be Artists in Residence for the 2010-11 season. The residency included supported touring, radio co-hosting and international broadcasts via Performance Today.

In recent seasons, Cantus has been featured with the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, Boston Pops and on "A Prairie Home Companion" with Garrison Keillor.

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.SEACOAST EA.org.

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## Speaker Wave music video to premier at City Lights

On Thursday, Sept. 29, Florence-based band Speaker Wave will screen its first original music video live on City Lights Cinemas' Chaplin Stage. Doors open at 7:15 p.m., and the show is from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

The event will include live music performances by Speaker Wave and new Florence-based band Good Problems.

Tickets are \$4 and available at City Lights Cinemas

or online at [www.citylightscinemas.com](http://www.citylightscinemas.com).

This release brings Speaker Wave's original song, "Leavin' Town," featured on its debut album "Tsunami Evacuation Route," to the big screen. The song brought the band local fame as a semi-finalist pick in the Eugene Weekly's "Next Big Thing" song competition, earning them an invitation to play Lane County Fair and a spot on the Next Big Thing compilation CD.

"Leavin' Town" exhibits an acoustic, slightly folk-rock side of Speaker Wave.

Folk melodies, traditional folk instruments and elements of alternative rock mingle, fusing together to create an emotional indie folk-rock ballad.

The band includes Kevin Wolpoff, Jeremy Hendricks and Vince Hendricks-Davis.

Steven Ingham will be on guest fiddle and Teresa Mihm will be on guest flute.

The band contacted director and editor Dan Haberly with a proposed music video project, with "Leavin' Town" being the likely candidate.

Haberly, having shot still photography for the band in

the past, was intrigued by the prospect of a video collaboration.

Shooting commenced and, with much local support, the video was completed.

The combination of ethereal cinematography from Haberly and the smooth yet slightly angsty lyrics of Speaker Wave's original song offer an apt portrayal of a somber tale about a guy who believes his circumstances will improve by "leaving town."

The video was all shot, edited and produced locally in the Florence area.

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