

SEACOAST ENTERTAINMENT

Award-winning 'Cantus' opens SEAcOast season

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, 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.

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 innovative concert programming, often tying



ALL-MALE ENSEMBLE "CANTUS" WILL OPEN THE SEACOAST 2016-17 SEASON OCT. 5.

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 30-40 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.

2014 marked the final year of the group's critically acclaimed collaboration with Theater Latte Da, All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914, which tells the true story of the Christmas Truce of 1914, when World War I soldiers set down their arms to celebrate the holidays with the enemy.

Tickets can be purchased at the Florence Events Center box office, 715 Quince St., or by phone at 541-997-1994 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Artist profiles, show times, links to video clips, and more are available at www.SEAcOastEA.org.

FLEA MARKET

Gypsy Camp Market returns with vintage items

The extravagant vintage flea market Gypsy Camp Vintage Market returns to the Florence Events Center on Friday, Oct. 21, and Saturday, Oct. 22, beginning with a "Champagne and Shop" on Friday, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Admission is \$7 for adults and free for children age 17 and under.

Come sip champagne and browse the best vintage goods on the coast. The market continues on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 and free to those who paid on Friday.

"We're very excited to offer a vintage flea market to the Oregon coast," said

Josh Berggren of Gypsy Camp Vintage Market. "We know the demand for vintage goods is growing each year. Our mission is to provide a diverse selection of vintage, antique and flea market goods to share with our market guests."

Throughout the two-day market, vendors will be offering antique, vintage, repurposed and up-cycled goods in all styles: French-inspired, shabby-chic, western, industrial, beach décor and more. In addition, there will be an entire section dedicated to outdoor living, including Gypsy-camp style vintage trailers and camp gear just in time for

camping season.

"My family has always had a passion for decorating and entertaining, whether at our home or on the road in our travel trailers," said Berggren. "Trips to Europe have helped define our taste for old-world, well-used and time-worn furnishings paired with elegant crystal, silver and rich linens. We take all these ideas and bring them on the road with us at our markets."

Berggren explained that, historically, gypsy camps were known for bright, colorful people selling their wares from carts and wagons, setting up and tearing

down their camps as they traveled, bringing to towns all across America unique crafts, house wares, décor and collectibles.

"When I came across a photo taken in 1906 of a gypsy camp in Paris, I knew this was our brand," said Berggren. Our merchandise mission is similar to that gypsy lifestyle — we love all things chippy, rusty and well used and made with quality."

Among the 50 vendors expected to participate, there will be wine and cheese vendors, or stop by for a snack or meal offered Pavilion Catering.

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT

British folk rockers 'Chad & Jeremy' come to Florence

The popular English singing folk rock duo Chad and Jeremy will be performing at the FEC on Saturday, Oct. 29, beginning at 7 p.m.

The duo, Chad Stuart and Jeremy Clyde, originated in the 1960s and were part of the British Invasion's influx of British rock and pop musicians to the American music scene.

The duo's first single, 1963's "Yesterday's Gone," was an instant hit, with their strings-backed sound catching the attention of listeners in the United States.

World Artists Records released their mid-1960s strain of commercial folk music while the duo developed its trade-



CHAD & JEREMY

mark style of "whisper singing."

Their second single, and biggest American hit, "A Summer Song," hit No. 7 on Billboard's Hot 100 in

October 1964.

Follow-ups included a cover version of "Willow Weep for Me," which reached No. 1 on the Easy Listening chart, and the Top-20 hit "Before and After." Chad and Jeremy had seven U.S. Top-40 hits between 1964 and 1966.

In the fall of 1967, they released the psychedelic album "Of Cabbages and Kings" and a 1968 follow-up, "The Ark."

The duo also made several television guest appearances. They portrayed a fictional singing duo, "The Redcoats" (Fred and Ernie), on the sitcom The Dick Van Dyke Show that satirized Beatlemania.

In 2003, PBS reunited included Chad and Jeremy in the 60s Pop-Rock Reunion special, which also prompted a tour the next year.

In 2008, the group released "Ark-eology," an album featuring remakes of material they recorded in the 1960s.

In September 2010, Chad and Jeremy marked 50 years of performing together with a limited-edition CD entitled "Fifty Years On."

Tickets for the Oct. 29 concert are \$25 each and are available by calling the box office at 541-99-1994 or online at www.FlorenceEventsCenter.com

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