

# Adults, here's your chance to take center stage

FLORENCE — Have you always been interested in acting and the theatre? Now's your chance to take center stage.

Melanie Heard will offer an acting class for adults on 5 Saturdays this fall: Oct. 8 and 15, Nov. 5, 12 and 19, with a possible extra Saturday evening "Improv Games Nights."

Classes will be held at the new CROW Center for the Performing Arts, 3120 Highway 101 in Florence.

During this fun and enriching five-week course, students will explore characterization, motivation, diction, and stage presence. Students will learn how to deal with stage fright, how to audition like a pro, and will uncover individual strengths as an actor, while also discovering how to overcome habits and weaknesses.

Through the use of games and activities, participants will be exposed to a wide range of theatre terminology and tips, tricks and traps for actors.

"Acting is very liberating, and great for building your self confidence," said heard. "I have enjoyed working with Florence's adult actors in past class sessions, and I can't wait to do it again. We laugh a lot,



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## Last year's members of the CROW Adult Acting Class

learn a lot, and it's a great place to push yourself in a safe and supportive environment."

The class will be custom tailored to each level of participant.

"Even if you have no desire to be an actor, this class can still be very helpful,"

Heard said. "Many of the skills you will learn can help you in your day to day life, such as interpersonal communication and job seeking skills.

"Theatre is powerful stuff."

Heard is a director/choreographer, actress and credentialed teacher with more

than 20 years of experience in the professional theatre world.

She co-owns Poison Pen Players, a comedy murder-mystery company headquartered in Florence, and is the artistic director of Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW).

Originally from Los Angeles, Heard has studied acting with the well-known South Coast Repertory Professional Conservatory, has performed in more than 50 plays and musicals, holds a bachelor's degree in Theatre Arts from Cal State Fullerton, and an master's degree in Education.

To sign up, call Heard at 541-999-8641 or email [crow.theatrekids@yahoo.com](mailto:crow.theatrekids@yahoo.com).

All ages over 18 are welcome. Classes will be held at the CROW Center for the Performing Arts.

Space is limited and no experience is required.

Participants can attend single classes in this session for \$12 per class, or will receive a discount if they sign up for all five classes at \$50.

For more information, visit [www.crowkids.com](http://www.crowkids.com).

## IT'S TIME FOR 'A LITTLE LUNCH MUSIC' AT COOS BAY LIBRARY

COOS BAY — It's "A Little Lunch Music" time once again at the Coos Bay Public Library.

Throughout the week of Oct. 3 through 7, the library will host various local musicians in celebration of Oregon Days of Culture.

Live music will be performed from noon to 1:30 p.m. each day in the library's Myrtlewood Room.

Everyone is invited to bring their lunch or purchase a modestly priced bowl of soup plus bread, provided by Black Market Gourmet, to help support the library foundation.

This year's line-up is:

- Monday, Oct. 3 — Caught Red Handed: Eclectic Americana on fiddle, dobro, guitar, banjo and more, by Kenny Croes, Bob Shaffar and Mike Dado

- Tuesday, Oct. 4 — The Fine Companions: Stacey Rose, Gail Elber

and Ric Morrison play Celtic tunes and sea shanties on dulcimer, guitar, mandolin, flute and Irish drums

- Wednesday, Oct. 5 — The Beckstrom-Corbett Unit: Smooth jazz sounds on marimba, vibes and bass by Tom Beckstrom and Fred Corbett

- Thursday, Oct. 6 — Daily Bills: Dale Inskip and Bill Bartels perform guitar and mandolin-infused jazz

- Friday, Oct. 7 — Che's Lounge: Elements of funk, jazz, soul and new Americana by Shannon Souza, David Ford and Tim Fields

Coos Bay Library Foundation and the Friends of Coos Bay Library sponsor this free celebration of local musical artists.

For more information, call 541-269-1101 or visit [www.coosbaylibrary.org](http://www.coosbaylibrary.org).

## LRP's 'Pirates of Penzance' to be a swashbuckling good time

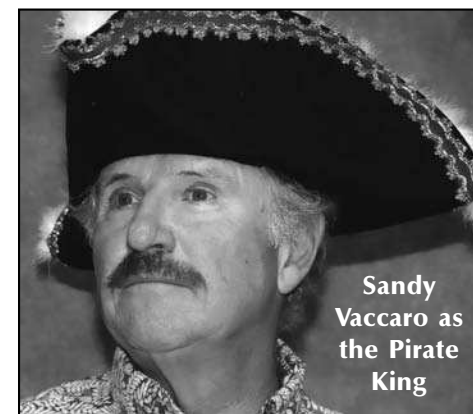
FLORENCE — Prepare for high energy on the high seas with Last Resort Players' "Pirates of Penzance," sailing into the Florence Events Center this November.

For a limited time, tickets for the main-stage 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.

"Pirates of Penzance" will star Sandy Vaccaro as the Pirate King, Jim Wellington as the major general, Dana Rodet as the sergeant and Sean Abplanalp as Frederic, a young pirate apprentice in



Sandy Vaccaro as the Pirate King

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love. Crystal Farnsworth stars as Ruth, Frederic's nursemaid, and Hilary Roach plays Mabel.

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](http://eventcenter.org).