

## Siuslaw Watershed Council to discuss LiDAR

The Siuslaw Watershed Council (SWC) May general meeting will be Wednesday, May 31, at Big Bear Camp, located near Walton.

The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

Camp hosts Hal and Tonia have invited SWC to meet at the Retreat Center, tucked away up the Chickahominy. To get there, take Highway 126 and, just west of the Walton Store, turn on to Nelson Mountain Road. From there, proceed 4 1/2 miles to the Big Bear Camp Retreat Center sign on the left. Continue 1 mile to Big Bear Camp.

"LiDAR and Landslides in the Siuslaw Watershed," is the topic being given by Kami Ellingson, Watershed Program Manager, Siuslaw National Forest.

Historically, landslides were identified and monitored using 1:24,000 aerial photography. In 1996, the state of Oregon funded an unprecedented, ground-based landslide study following a 100-year flood event.

Now, LiDAR (Light Detecting and Ranging) coverage informs land managers by allowing them to look directly at the earth's surface.

## Florence hosts first U.S. performance of 'Cameleons'

### Piano Cameleons Review

By CATHY FRENCH

Seacoast Entertainment wowed theatergoers once again. SEA, started in 1980, is a nonprofit all-volunteer organization which continues to bring extraordinary entertainment to the community. The last concert of the 2016-2017 Coastal Concert Series was heard Wednesday, May 24, at the Florence Event Center.

Piano Cameleons certainly brought extraordinary music and excellence. This was not your everyday piano concert. John Roney and Matt Herskowitz thrilled attendees with music from a variety of

composers and genres.

Roney grew up as a classical pianist truly finding joy when he started studying jazz. Herskowitz, a classical virtuoso, combined his love of improvisation with street jazz.

Both lived and worked in Montreal, where they met through a common friend. Together, they worked to combine the two genres into one new, unique and colorful interpretation of both classical and jazz.

During the pre-concert discussion, the duo explained how the combination of the two styles came into being. They explained that both styles are a means of expression.

In the classical style, the expression of the music comes from the composer.

In the Jazz style, the expres-

sion comes from the performer playing the composers music. What they have done is fused the two styles together in a unique way where the voices of the composer and the performer are both heard.

Every note of the original classical piece is played. It is separated into parts played by either Roney or Herskowitz at different points in the performance.

During the time when the performer is not playing the original, he is improvising.

This division, expanded with the two piano format, led to an exciting, unique and intimate setting which enhanced this listener's experience.

An aspect of the performance that thrilled many in the audience were the overhead screens showing the piano keyboards, allowing the audi-

ence to watch every note played. For those listening and watching, we knew who was playing the original classical piece, who was improvising and when they switched.

The excitement and synchronicity that the Piano Cameleons brought to Florence began as a melding of their minds and the love of music.

This was truly a night to remember.

Thank you to Seacoast Entertainment Association for bringing the Piano Cameleons to Florence, the duo's first performance in the U.S.

SEA will start the new Coastal Concert Series in October 2017, bringing us Ballets with a Twist.

Check out the website at SEAcosta.org for program and ticket information.

## Siuslaw Jam to bring jazz greats, comedy to Florence

The Florence Events Center (FEC) will host two evenings of music and comedy, as well as a free young people's concert, featuring some of the world's best and up-and-coming jazz musicians.

The Siuslaw Jam, will be held Friday, July 7, and Saturday, July 8, at the FEC.

Friday's 7 p.m. performance will feature an evening of songs, stories and laughter as jazz clarinetist and saxophonist Ken Peplowski and friends sharing "tales from the road," playing music together and taking questions from the audience.

Legendary comedian Pete Barbutti opens the show with a performance of his timeless comedy that made him a regular on The Tonight Show.

Saturday's performances

opens with a free, 2 p.m. "Introduction to Jazz" matinee hosted by Barbutti, Peplowski and critically acclaimed recording and international touring artist Clairdee.

Attendees will get a musical education starting with jazz's early origins and taking it all the way up to today.

Young musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments, as the concert will finish with a massive jam session for the whole audience.

Saturday's 7 p.m. performance will focus on Jazz and the American Popular Songbook with selections

from Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald and Lena Horne in addition to well-known jazz favorites "Night In Tunisia," "Round Midnight," "The Duke," and "Airmail Special," all in the classic Norman Granz "Jazz At The Philharmonic" vibe.

Hosted by Barbutti, the evening will also include 100th anniversary birthday tributes to Ella Fitzgerald, Thelonious Monk, Dizzy Gillespie, Dick Hyman, Duke Ellington, Lena Horne and many other Jazz Greats.

Under the direction of Conductor Yaacov Bergman, Barbutti, Peplowski and

Clairdee will be joined by jazz pianist Ehud Asherie, saxophonist and Oregon native Aaron Johnson, Portland native David Captein on bass and drummer Gary Hobbs.

Tickets for The Siuslaw Jam, including the free concert, can be obtained at The Florence Events Center Box Office or online at [www.eventscenr.org](http://www.eventscenr.org).

For more information about the Jam, performers and performances, visit [www.siuslawjam.com](http://www.siuslawjam.com) or email [satchmo@siuslawjam.com](mailto:satchmo@siuslawjam.com).

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