

Last Resort Players announce cast of 'Annie'

Actors and production team members of Last Resort Players took to the streets May 21 to showcase two upcoming performances. Participants in the Rhododendron Festival's Grand Floral Parade included current actors from June's "Master Class," past performers of "Pirates of Penzance" and "Moon Over Buffalo" and the debut of Elyse Stewart as the star of "Annie."

Jennifer Connor will direct "Annie" at the Florence Events Center on November 3 to 5 and 10 to 12.

"Annie" is a Broadway musical based upon the popular Harold Gray comic strip "Little Orphan Annie," with music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin, and book by Thomas Meehan. The musical's songs "Tomorrow" and "It's the Hard Knock Life" are among its most popular musical numbers.

Set in the 1930s, Annie is a spunky orphan girl who must live in a miserable orphanage run by the tyrannical Miss Hannigan. Her seemingly hopeless situation changes dramatically when she is selected to spend a short time at the residence of the wealthy muni-



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The sun came out for Elyse Stewart in her first public appearance as Annie during the Rhododendron Festival's Grand Floral Parade. Stewart stars as the title character in Last Resort Players' "Annie" this fall at the Florence Events Center.

tions industrialist, Oliver Warbucks.

A large cast of 35 to 40 actors, dancers and singers make up the cast of this family friendly musical.

"We are so pleased with the turn out for 'Annie' auditions," Connor said. "What a great job they all did! We are looking forward to an amazing show with a fantastic cast of characters."

Here is the full cast list:

- Annie — Elyse Stewart
- Daddy Warbucks — Jim Erickson
- Grace — Joanie Schmidt
- Miss Aggie Hannigan — Sabrina Hand
- Rooster Hannigan — George Henry
- Lily St. Regis — Kary Keppol
- Bundles McCloskey/Drake — Grant Harmon

- Frances Perkins/Mrs Greer — Crystal Farnsworth
 - Bert Healy — Wayne Sharpe
 - Mrs Pugh — Dianna Barry
 - NYC Star to Be — Jessalynn Keppol
 - Boylan Sister/Mansion Staff — Raelee Dimon
 - Boylan Sister/Mansion Staff — Allie King
 - Boylan Sister/Mansion Staff — Eryn Morgan
 - NYC/Mansion Staff — Sherri Ford-Mackey
 - NYC/Mansion Staff — Jennifer Ledbetter
 - Hooverville/NYC — Phillip Blas
 - Hooverville/Mansion Staff — Jodi Delp
 - Sandy the dog — Trudy Pinnock (owned by Cheryl Pinnock)
 - F.D.R. and several cabinet members/Radio audience — TBA
 - Orphans: Chloe Aaron, Vera Blas, Michaela Butchart, Cheyenna Curley, Cassidy Kelp, Kindra Kelp, Alexandria Fuller, Eleanor Hand, Matilda Hand, Sylvia Hand, Iriena Khufu and Clara Ledbetter.
- For more information, email lastresortplayers@yahoo.com or visit lastresortplayers.weebly.com.

LCC to host workshop for potential instructors

Lane Community College Florence Center's Continuing Education program will hold an informational workshop for community members interested in teaching non-credit courses.

Community members are invited to attend one of two workshops planned for 10 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. on Monday,

June 12 on campus at 3149 Oak Street.

Prior teaching experience is not required, but extensive knowledge, experience and passion in the content area is necessary.

For more information, contact Marsha Sills at 541-997-8444, ext. 4825 or email her at sillsm@lanec.edu.

Oregon Alzheimer's to offer classes at library

The Alzheimer's Association Oregon Chapter will be holding an education class, "Dementia Conversations," from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Monday June 5, at the Siuslaw Public Library in the Bromley Room.

The library is located at 1460 Ninth St.

This class is designed to help attendees discuss with family challenging and often uncomfortable topics that sur-

round Alzheimer's and dementia.

Join the Alzheimer's Association Oregon Chapter and learn some tips for breaking the ice with family about this often misunderstood condition.

This class is free, but registration is required.

To register, call 800-272-3900.

For a list of upcoming classes, visit www.alz.org/oregon.

Register soon for seventh-annual Festival of Books

The annual Florence Festival of Books, a book fair for authors and publishers, will take place Friday and Saturday, Sept. 29 and 30.

The event is hosted by the Friends of the FEC and the FFOB planning committee.

Now in its seventh year, the book festival continues to be a popular gathering for

authors, publishers and potential future authors. The public is invited to this free event to meet the authors and have their books signed.

The book festival will feature several publishers. Writers are invited to bring their manuscripts for a chance to meet with publishers representing many gen-

res: fiction, nonfiction, memoir, children's literature, fantasy, mystery, young adult, poetry and more.

Nearly 20 of the authors in attendance will be local residents.

On Friday, Sept. 29, John Daniel, winner of the 2006 Pacific Northwest Book-eller's Association Book

Award, will be the guest speaker.

There will also be a meet-and-greet and special author's panel that evening.

Registration for authors and publishers for the Florence Festival of Books will open Monday, June 12, online at www.florencefestivalofbooks.org.

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