

WINTER MUSIC FESTIVAL

The buzz is out there: This January's 16th Annual Winter Music Festival will feature headliner AL STEWART (yes, "The Year of the Cat" Al Stewart!). The January 12-14th Festival, organized by The Friends of the FEC with the presenting sponsor Sea Lion Caves, features performers and groups worth the price of admission.

Tickets for Saturday night's "The Main Event," sponsored by Brandborg Winery are already selling briskly. Opening for Stewart that evening is troubadour and storyteller, John Craigie.

The "Friday Night Throwdown," sponsored by The Grocery Outlet, showcases Grammy winning Bluegrass Icon Laurie Lewis & The Right Hands and the blistering Americana banjo artistry of Jeff Scroggins & Colorado.

Fans will want to arrive early Saturday as the Oregonfast.Net-sponsored "SuperSession 16" begins at 10:30 a.m. Several groups are returning by popular demand for this general admission event: Pretty Gritty, Cabin Fever NW, Calaveras, and the high energy fiddlin' of Castletown. Petunia & the Vipers ("The Canadian Hank Williams/Woody Guthrie/Tom Waits/Elvis Presley") will round out the afternoon.

The Gospel Gumbo Gathering on Sunday sponsored by The Waterfront Depot will feature Billy Jones, Marty Adams, and local choir members in a Gospel Singalong; followed by the PNW's number one a cappella group, On the Rocks. The popular FRAA Artisan Fair, Ladies of the Elks pie sale, food and drink offerings (Pavilion Catering, Ninkasi Brewery,

Brandborg Winery, and others), plus the awesome late night jam sessions and amazing interactions will round out the successful weekend.

The foundation of the festival remains the two Kids Concerts, provided at no cost to more than 900 area schoolchildren from Mapleton, Reedsport, and

Siuslaw schools.

Buy tickets in person during business hours at the Florence Events Center from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 541-997-1994 or online at www.wintermusicfestival.org. Check out the website for performer descriptions and FAQs, and Like them on Facebook.



FRAA ARTS FEST

Holiday Arts Festival 2017 is the perfect place to shop for unique gifts for the coming Holiday Season!

This show is presented by Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA). It opens Friday, Dec 1st, from 1 pm - 7 pm for your afternoon/evening shopping and again Saturday, Dec 2nd, from 10 am - 4 pm at the Florence Events Center.

Meet the craftsmen and artisans, both local and regional, showing off their latest creative designs and unique works of art in wood, glass

glass works of all kinds, knit & crochet items, fiber and fabric creations, pottery, paintings, beadwork, wire-work and more.

Holiday Arts Festival starts off a special 3-day event at the Florence Events Center that includes Empty Bowls, and Holly Jolly Follies. Come join the fun, enjoy a unique shopping experience and find a special gift.

Artisans exhibiting in the Holiday Arts Festival will be donating 10% of their sales to the FRAA Art Center. Admission is free.

JAZZ KINGS

The Emerald City Jazz Kings and Jesse Cloninger bring an old fashioned Christmas for their 2017-18 season to the FEC on Wednesday, December 13th at 7:30 p.m.

The Jazz Kings will bring you a heartwarming Christmas show with Shirley Andress returning as artistic director. With songs like "I'll be home for Christmas," "Silver Bells," "Winter Wonderland," and "Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas," audiences may pause and reflect on the passage

of time and the warm memories of Christmas past.

Tickets are available now through the Florence Events Center box office.



LIVE THEATER

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and downtrodden and the balance of a life of luxury with guardian Daddy Warbucks.

In 1977, Little Orphan Annie was taken from the funny papers and radio waves to new heights - the Broadway stage. With music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin and a book by Thomas Meehan, "Annie" won the Tony Award for Best Musical.

Running for six years in New York at the Alvin Theatre, it spawned numerous productions in many countries, as well as national tours. With singing and dancing orphans, "Annie" jump started Broadway careers for triple threats Andrea McArdle, Sarah Jessica Parker, Molly Ringwald and Alyssa Milano. Most recently, Lilla Crawford starred in the 2012 revival with Jane Lynch of "Glee" fame appearing as a replacement for Miss Hannigan.

The Last Resort Players production promises its own entertaining orphans, along with an adorable, trained dog with one black ear and a sandy coat. Belting out "Hard Knock Life" and "You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile" to a live orchestra are local young actors Cassidy Delp, Kendra Delp, Cheyenna Curley, Chloe Aaron, Clara Ledbetter, Eleanor Hand, Sylvia Hand, Matilda Hand, Iriena Khufu, Michaela Butchart and Vera Blas.



Photo by Kathleen Wenzel

Elyse Stewart, starring in the musical "Annie," is seen riding in the 1944 bi-plane owned by Terry Tomeny of Aerolegends. Tickets for a chance to win a ride in the scenic bi-plane will be on sale in the lobby during performances of Annie to support several local agencies.

The story tugs at your heart from the start. Little Orphan Annie, (played by 12 year old Elyse Stewart), runs away from the NYC Municipal orphanage and the clutches of the evil Miss Hannigan (portrayed by the multi-talented Sabrina Hand). After meeting her new sidekick, Sandy the dog (played by Trudy the dog) and a long day on the streets of New York, Lieutenant Ward (played by savvy Wayne Sharpe) returns Annie to the orphanage.

By a twist of fate and lucky timing, Annie is in Hannigan's office when she is visited by Grace Farrell (played by songbird soprano Joanie Schmidt),

secretary to the debonair billionaire Daddy Warbucks. Grace selects Annie to spend the week at the Warbucks estate as a publicity stunt for the wealthy tycoon (played by accomplished singer and actor, Jim Erickson).

Even with a chance to live a life in the lap of luxury, Annie still longs for for the day when she will be reunited with her real parents. Sympathetic Warbucks sets out to find them.

With a plot of their own, a couple of charming, street-wise con artists, Rooster and Lilly show up on the scene to whisk Annie away and make

a couple of quick bucks. Playing the swarthy Rooster is handsome, new-comer Jake Landers. As his lovely accomplice, actress Karyllynn Keppol brings along her own style of stage savvy and razzle dazzle.

Along the way we meet Franklin D. Roosevelt (played by seasoned actor Jay Cable) with his debating cabinet members and radio star Bert Healy (also played by virtuoso Wayne Sharpe). Joining them on stage is a mix of amateur and veteran performers that will be taking on roles to complete the cast of mansion servants, politicians, Hooverville residents and a colorful scene from New York City.

With quick backstage costume changes and fun character portrayals, the ensemble includes: Takla Blas, Crystal Farnsworth, Diana Barry, Ernie Leone, Eryn Morgan, Grant Harmond, Jessalyn Keppol, Jodi Delp, Jodie Cole, Patrick Rowley, Paul Deemer, Phillip Blas, S.L. Greene, Sherri Ford-Mackey, Raelee Dimon and Ron Siebert.

Directed by Jennifer Connor with a production team including Beth Johnston, Cathy Dupont, Paula Ziege-lasch, Victoria Seitzinger, Dana Rodet, Kathleen Wenzel and Sabrina Hand.

A 12 piece orchestra, conducted by Chris Lewis and pianist Mary Morganti includes: Jim White, Eric Bigler, Gail Nichols, Nancy Kromer, Diedre Henderson, Dan Keppol, Lyndsey Keppol, Jack Spinner, Portia Neff, Ron Green and Nancy Ash.

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