

Class Act debuts holiday season with unique lineup

Class Act Theatre (CAT) will present Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory" along with a hilarious 1930's style Holiday Radio Show for one weekend only, Dec. 15 and 16 at 7 p.m. and a Dec. 17 matinee at 2 p.m. CAT is located at 509 Kingwood St. in Florence.

In keeping with the Holiday Spirit, all profits will go to Florence Food Share to help needy families over the holidays.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at catproductions.org, at the CAT box office Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m. and one hour before each show.

"Christmas Memory" by Truman Capote is both a sweet and poignant tale of childhood memories and the Christmas spirit.

The one-act play by Capote is actually a short autobiographical story he wrote about his favorite childhood Christmas.

The program also features other old-time radio type entertainment in "Radio ReRuns," which tie in with the 1930s-era theme of the play. The combination of the two productions makes for an incredibly

entertaining and satisfying Christmas experience.

This show is directed by Leah Goodwin and stars Annie Schmidt and Jim Wellington.

For more information, visit catproductions.org or contact theater owner David Lauria at 541-999-0939.

Two other holiday events take place at the theater this month.

On Wednesday, Dec. 20, Jason Wood's vocal students will show off their ranges with seasonal songs at 7 p.m. The students range from elementary students to adults.

This is a free show.

CAT will also host Florence's favorite drag queens, Fanny Rugburn and Ana Khonda, on Friday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m.

In "Dear Santa," Fanny will perform holiday favorite songs interspersed with her wit and wisdom during this family-friendly Christmas show. Ana provides a counterpoint to Fanny, and will certainly cast her own charm.

Tickets are \$12 adults and \$10 for youth 12 and under.

Winter Music Festival tunes up for January's 16th annual event

Weekend passes and single show tickets for the 16th annual Florence Winter Music Festival are on sale now.

The three-day extravaganza takes place at the Florence Events Center on Jan. 12 to 14 and showcases a variety of international touring talent and world class artisans, along with a wealth of locally sourced cuisine and fine libations.

On Saturday, Jan. 13, at "The Main Event," the legendary Brit folk rocker Al Stewart performs his multi-platinum "Year of The Cat" hits, along with Oregon's favorite young storytelling troubadour, John Craigie.

The highly anticipated "Friday Night Throwdown" pairs the Appalachian bluegrass stylings of Grammy winning icon Laurie Lewis and her band alongside the blistering Americana banjo and mandolin virtuosity of Jeff Scroggins & Colorado.

The "Supersession 16," which runs from 10:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 13, is a

memorable musical marathon featuring the Celtic energy of the Portland-based Castletown, the roots harmonies of northern California's Calaveras, the folk rhythms of Cabin Fever NW and the heartfelt songs of Pretty Gritty.

The afternoon will end with the rockin' western swing of rising Canadian favorites, Petunia & The Vipers.

The Gospel Gumbo Gathering scheduled for Sunday afternoon, Jan. 14, presents some of the central coast's finest choir members performing traditional and contemporary selections.

The festival closes with a roof raising performance by the popular Eugene and University of Oregon a capella group, On the Rocks.

Tickets are on sale at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St. in Florence, and at eventcenter.org.

For more information, call 541-997-1994 or visit wintermusicfestival.org for complete details.



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