

Last Resort Players Improv and Storytelling Theater

Last Resort Players will step outside the box on Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17 to showcase a game night of silly improvisation called "Funny Money." Improv professionals Eric and Aden Nepom, based in Portland, Oregon will bring their crackerjack fun & games trivia to the Oregon coast for two nights. The couple are part of Infinite Improv and have performed and created improv programs all over the world, including Mount Olymprov, an international Improvisation Show in Athens, Greece.

"Funny Money" is performed by two teams of improvisers while audience members have a chance to be included in the game show to win prizes and submit ideas for questions.

Local improv actors and comedienne from Last Resort Players will join game show host Eric Nepom on stage: Dana Rodet, Judy Kaplan, Victoria Seitzinger, Grant Harmond, Kassy Keppol, Kathleen Wenzel, S.L. Greene, Sheri Susee, and Jennifer Connor will all step into the improv box and join in the antics.

Saturday's show promises a little extra luck with a St. Patrick's Day lucky money game show theme.

Doors to the general admission seating will open at 6:30 p.m. and beverages will be available for purchase from Pavilion Catering throughout the evening.



The game show fun starts at 7:00 p.m. \$18 tickets are available through the Florence Events Center box office at 541-997-1994 or online at www.eventcenter.org.

In addition to the game show night, Eric and Aden will be offering an improvisational class on Saturday, March 17th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for anyone interested in taking part in learning improv skills. The cost of the class is \$20 for individuals.

Improv allows a person to express emotions, characters and feelings without the confines of a script or set pieces. Budding actors, hesitant public speakers or closet comics are encouraged to give it a try.

For more information and to pre-register for the improv class, contact Jennifer at lastresortplayers@yahoo.com.

It's happened to all of us at one time or another - the "you can't make this stuff up" moment. When the storm is over and you recount the details, no one can believe that it really happened that way. But it did, because you lived it! These are the stories that make up a presentation of B.o.a.T.S.

Last Resort Players announces the fourth edition of "Based on a True Story" (also known as B.o.a.T.S.), on Saturday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 25th at a 2:00 p.m. matinee. Told by the people who experienced them, B.o.a.T.S. is a gathering of storytellers who retell their unbelievable tales in front of a live audience.

Several local favorites will take the stage, along with some newcomers who will share their "A-ha" moments. Judy Kaplan, Wayne Sharpe, Matthieu Korso, Ken Janowski and George Henry have new stories to share that will make you laugh, ponder life and have you on the edge of your seat.



Audiences always comment that after a night of B.o.a.T.S., they can reflect on their own life and a time when they had a similar experience.

A new website has been created to share more information about Based on a True Story presentations at www.lastresortboats.com. Submissions and information can be directed to the creator of B.o.a.T.S., Jennifer Connor at lastresortboats@gmail.com.

Tickets for B.o.a.T.S. are on sale now at the Florence Events Center box office for \$16. The event is a fundraiser for the Last Resort B.o.a.T.S. storytelling project and future theater productions.



Audition Opportunity

Last Resort Players announces a casting call for their summer production of "A Nice Family Gathering," a story about a man who loved his wife so much, he almost told her. The show will take the flat floor stage on June 8, 9, 10 & 15, 16 and 17 at the Florence Events Center. Auditions will be held at the F.E.C. on Saturday, March 11th and 12th at 2:00 p.m. on the stage.

The story evolves on Thanksgiving Day and the first family gathering at the Lundeen household since the Patriarch died. At the gathering, Dad comes back as a ghost with a mission; to tell his wife he loved her, something he neglected to tell her while he was alive. After all, they were only married for 41 years. The problem is, she can't hear or see him. The trouble begins when Mom invites a date for dinner.

Daily Variety called the play "Exquisite sense of humor!" Another review by Paper Trail said "What makes the play so enjoyable is that everyone can see aspects of their family in the characters and family dynamics of the Lundeens."

Roles for ensemble cast include parts for 4 men and 3 women:

- CARL - the middle brother, 30s-40s
- MOM - 60s-70s
- DAD - 60s-70s
- MICHAEL - the older brother, 30s-40s
- JILL - Michael's wife, 20s-30s
- STACY - the younger sister, 20s-30s
- JERRY - the gentleman caller, 60s-70s
- MRS. ENQUIST - the neighbor, 60s-70s (voiceover only)



No experience is necessary and newcomers are encouraged to audition. All ages are "stage ages" and are flexible. LRP director and board member, Judy Kaplan encourages potential cast members to "come join the fun!"

For more information or to check out a script, contact Judy Kaplan at lastresortplayers2@gmail.com or 541-999-9392.

SEAcOast

Coming in April is the musical talents of Genti: The Gentlemen Trio. SEAcOast will welcome spring with their 7 p.m. performance on April 19th. There will be a pre-concert talk at 6:15 p.m. These three highly trained tenors have pioneered a signature sound described as "Cinematic Pop" which highlights their rich, dynamic three-part harmonies.

Vivace will end the SEA 2017 - 18 Coastal Concert Series with their performance on May 24th at 7 p.m. following a pre-concert talk at 6:15. Vivace is a quartet of modern singers performing a thrilling songbook made up of a combination of pop and classical pieces.

Tickets are on sale now at the FEC Box Office or the Florence Events Center website at www.eventcenter.org \$32 for adults or \$10 for students under 18.



U.S. Air Force Commanders Jazz Ensemble

The Commanders Jazz Ensemble and Travis Brass from the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West will present a free concert on Monday, March 19th at the Florence Events Center, and will deliver an exciting performance not to be missed!

Sponsored by the Siuslaw News, Banner Bank and Best for Hearing, the concert will begin at 7:00 p.m.

A component of the US Air Force

Band of the Golden West, The Commanders Jazz Ensemble carries on the American musical tradition of the great big bands, yet offers much beyond the big band sound.

This group of highly-trained professional musicians, formed from 18 active duty Airmen, delivers the full gamut of jazz music - traditional jazz, cool, bop, swing, Broadway favorites, and patriotic music. The members of

the Commanders are all professional Air Force musicians working in support of Air Force and Air Mobility Command official military recruiting and community relations objectives.

Performances are family-friendly and open to the public. Admission tickets required (limit two per person) and are available at Siuslaw News, Banner Bank, Best For Hearing and the Florence Events Center.





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