

Community News

WINE, ART AND JAZZ FESTIVAL RETURNING TO FLORENCE

Seven national-caliber jazz acts will complement 12 Oregon wineries and an invitational juried art show and sale, to lure aficionados of discerning tastes to Florence, Ore., for FlorenceFest '18.

The two-day event takes place at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 27, and noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 28.

The stellar music line-up includes headliners the Tony Glausi Quartet on Friday and the George Colligan Quartet on Saturday. Both performers are highly-respected composer/arranger/collaborators on the national scene.

Friday's line-up begins at 2 p.m. and includes Bossa PDX and the Paula Byrne Quartet.

Saturday's shows start at noon and feature the Michael Anderson Trio, Bossanaire and the Gerry Rempel Jazz Syndicate.

Wineries from throughout Oregon include Hanson Vineyards, Cathedral Ridge Winery, J Scott Cellars, Sineann, Campbell Lane Winery, Lady Hill Winery, Noble Estate Vineyard and Winery, HV Cellars, Abbey Creek, Emerson Winery, Cardwell Hill Cellars and Troon Vineyard.

Coast Radio KCST/KCFM in Florence is producing FlorenceFest '18.

"If you appreciate wine, art or jazz, you're invited. Come



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enjoy," said Jon Thompson, owner of Coast Radio. "Last year's inaugural FlorenceFest was a great success. We hosted several hundred wine, art and jazz aficionados from throughout Oregon and the West Coast. The quality of the wine, art, food and music was critical to last year's big success, and this year's event is shaping up to be even better."

The juried art show and sale will be conducted by Margaret

Prentice, who has curated numerous exhibitions throughout the Northwest. She is currently a Professor Emeritus in the University of Oregon's Art Department. Her work is featured in more than 55 public collections, the Getty Museum and leading university galleries.

The show and sale will include 60-plus finalists out of more than 100 entries from Florence, Eugene, Portland,

Ashland and nine other states as far away as the East Coast.

The top-three best-in-show prizes range from \$250 to \$1,000, with additional cash awards of \$250 for best in 2-D, 3-D, photography and a People's Choice award.

The event is coordinated by the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA).

Thompson said that throughout the two days, a tapas-style menu will be avail-

able from a variety of providers.

"Florence bills itself as 'Oregon's Coastal Playground,' and this event at this venue is a great part of all the fun Florence has to offer. We want to fill the town with people who are into fine art, fine wine and international caliber jazz," he added.

Pre-event tickets are \$20 for Friday, \$25 for Saturday, and a two-day pass is \$40.



The two-day FlorenceFest '18 will feature fine art, smooth jazz and Oregon wines April 27 and 28 at the FEC.

Tickets are available exclusively at FlorenceChamber.com/FlorenceFest or at the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce's Visitors' Center, 290 Highway 101.

Tickets are limited in number and, if available at the door, will be an additional \$5 each.

Admission is restricted to adults 21 and over.

For more information visit FlorenceFestOregon.com or call Coast Radio at 541-997-9136; or contact the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce at 541-997-3128 or FlorenceChamber.com/FlorenceFest.

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Dealing with Disaster

We often consider the physical dangers of emergencies – injuries from flying debris or car crashes, for example – but can overlook the mental impact associated with such incidents.

Crisis situations can result in loss of loved ones, debilitating injuries or traumatic stress that can change lives forever. And because these events are few and far between, they can be hard to deal with when they occur. Experts urge people of all ages who may be experiencing psychological distress as a result of natural disaster or incident of mass violence to seek the help of trained and caring professionals.

THE SIGNS

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) identifies the following physical and emotional reactions as being warning signs for seeking professional assistance.

- Irregular sleeping patterns.
- Painful stomachaches or headaches.
- Anger or edgy attitudes.
- Overwhelming sadness.
- Increased worry or guilt.
- Lack of energy or always feeling tired.

- Drinking alcohol, smoking or using tobacco more than usual.
- Using illegal drugs.
- Eating too much or too little.
- Not connecting with others.
- Rejecting of help.

HOTLINE HELP

SAMHSA has set up a free hotline to assist United States citizens dealing with a traumatic event in their lives. The hotline is staffed by trained counselors from a network of crisis call centers located across the U.S. They are trained to provide crisis counseling for those who are in emotional distress caused by any natural or human-caused disaster, information on how to recognize distress and its effects on individuals and families, and tips for healthy coping.



ing. The hotline's counselors can also provide referrals to local crisis call centers.

The confidential and multilingual hotline is available via telephone (1-800-985-5990) and SMS (Text 'TalkWithUs' to 66746).

For more information, visit these websites:

- AMERICAN RED CROSS — WWW.REDCROSS.ORG
- CITY OF FLORENCE — WWW.CI.FLORENCE.OR.US
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