

Chorus features Accidentals quartet



The Community Chorus of Florence will feature guest performers during its two Mother's Day Concerts. The free concerts will take place on Saturday, May 12, at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, May 13, Mother's Day, at 3 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of the Siu-law, 39th Street and Highway 101 in Florence.

David Aakre will wear two hats during the concerts; he will conduct the chorus and will sing as a member of the Accidentals quartet.

The Accidentals members are Darren Dirk as tenor, Chris Beebe as lead, Chuck Axelton as the bass/baritone and Aakre the baritone/bass.

Other special performances will include a piano solo by Rhianna Haines and a duet by Joanie Schmidt and Crystal Farnsworth. Music will feature spirituals, classical music and Broadway and Hollywood tunes.

Refreshments will be served.

Donations will be appreciated.

For additional information, call 541-997-3469.

Oregon Coast Military Museum expands hours

The Oregon Coast Military Museum is excited to announce that it is expanding its open days to five days each week, beginning at the start of May.

"We've always wanted to be more accessible to the public and we have structured a schedule that allows us to do that," said Chief of Staff Geoff Cannon.

Previously, the museum was only open three days — Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The schedule is now expanding to Wednesday through Sunday, with the hours changing from noon until 4 p.m.

Cannon added, "This allows visitors one additional week day and one additional weekend opportunity to visit us. With this change, we're also recruiting additional volunteers who can now work shorter shifts rather than the previous six-hour shift."

Parties interested in volunteering can contact the Museum 541-902-5160.

Oregon Coast Military Museum is located at 2145 Kingwood St. in Florence. To learn more, visit www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com.

REUNION TOUR CREATES FANTASY WORLD OF BEATLES

The Beatles return May 5 at Florence Events Center. That's right — The Beatles are back together. Never mind that two of their members are no longer alive. The Reunion Beatles – Fantasy Tribute is the rock and roll reunion of all time: the concert that never was. In this show, John, Paul, George & Ringo are back together and celebrating with a concert that features their most memorable songs and solo hits.

Similar to the hit Broadway musical "Jersey Boys," The Reunion Beatles – Fantasy Tribute weaves a story into a 90-minute performance. In the story, all of the Beatles members are alive and have decided to get back together again. Their reunion includes the beloved songs "My Sweet Lord," "A Hard Day's Night," "Hey Jude," "Revolution," "Strawberry Fields Forever," "Live & Let Die," "Yesterday," "I Want To Hold Your Hand," "All You Need Is Love" and many more.

Formed in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2010 by Got Live Entertainment, The Reunion Beatles have performed for delighted audiences of all ages around the world and have received critical acclaim for their musicianship and ability to "channel" the four individuals who made a massive impact in the 60's and ever since.

Got Live's President, Wayne Coy, believes that the concept was long overdue.

"I got tired of seeing the same old same old with tribute shows," Coy said. "They're good, but there's a million of



them."

He continued, "As a huge Beatles fan myself, I felt there had to be another way to pay tribute to them. This show is decidedly different. Yes, John and George have passed on. But, what if they hadn't? Would the Beatles have gotten back together again? And if they did, what would that concert have been like? This production answers that question. It is the concert we believe they would have done, filled with stories, laughter and of course, those incredible, timeless songs that are so well loved."

The show includes performers who have perfected the impersonations of the individuals they represent, including Nick Bold in the role of George Harrison.

"We put you into a dream world," Bold said. "What a fantastic thing it would be if it were true, so suspend your belief for a few hours. We hope we can make that happen."

The Reunion Beatles – Fantasy Tribute will be in Florence on Saturday, May 5, at 7 p.m. at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St. Tickets are available from the box office, online at eventcenter.org or by calling 541-997-1994.

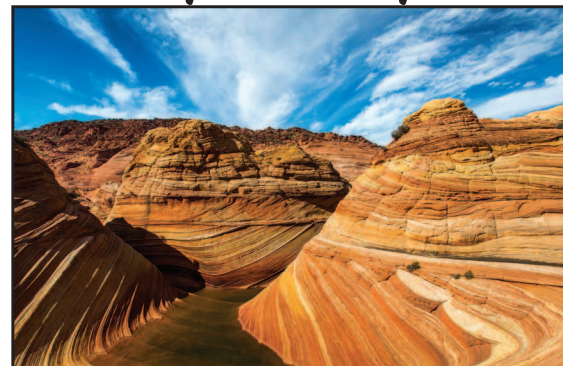
Explore the arts with 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour

Enjoy Florence's 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour on Saturday, May 12, from 3 to 5 p.m. This self-guided tour inspires locals and visiting tourists alike and reinforces Florence as an ever-evolving arts destination. Enjoy great local art, interactions with fellow patrons and artists, receptions, refreshments, live entertainment and community. For more info, visit 2ndSaturdayGalleryTour.com.

BACKSTREET GALLERY

Kathryn Damon-Dawson brought the Watercolor Society of Oregon's (WSO) Spring 2018 conference to Florence in April. Juror Fran Larsen selected 20 award-winning paintings from the WSO's 80 paintings in experimental water media. These prized paintings will be hosted at the Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St. in Historic Old Town Florence, until May 31. They will then travel to Newport Visual Arts Center and then on to Wallow Gallery in Carlton, Ore.

Watercolor Society of Oregon is an educational membership organization with 875 active and subscriber members. Visit www.watercolorsofOregon.com for more information.



See these works by Sue Jensen and Graham Reid in Florence in May.

Come to Backstreet during May to enjoy the WSO's top paintings and artwork from over 20 regular Backstreet member artists. There will be a reception during the 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour.

STUDIOS AT JAYNE SMOLEY DESIGN

Graham Reid, of Quills and Gills Photography, will be the featured Artist for May at The Studios.

Reid presents his collection of photographs of Oregon and America's West. Now based in Bend, Ore., he honed his craft with the professional photography program at

Santa Monica College, in California.

Reid's goal is to share the magic of the natural world. He frames his vivid compositions to convey a sense of solace and reflection on the mystery and beauty that surrounds us.

For him there is nothing better than being outdoors, witnessing breathtaking scenes—wide vistas with interesting clouds—or racing to catch the natural light of dawn and dusk's "golden hours."

All of his prints are produced with archival, pigment based inks and printed on archival paper.