

‘It takes guts’ to be in Spring Dance Showcase



Some of CROW’s volunteers and dads step up to the barre in the Spring Dance Showcase on Friday.

On Friday, May 11, for one performance only, CROW (Children’s Repertory of Oregon Workshops) will present a mixed genre Spring Dance Showcase at 7 p.m. at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St. The event is open to the public, and promises to be an absolutely stellar evening, filled with a wide variety of offerings.

One highlight of the showcase is going to be the introduction of a new group of “rather burly Boy-lerinas,” which CROW’s Artistic Director affectionately refers to as her “Tutu Dads.” The brainchild of Heard, this romantic style farcical ballet piece features “some of the gutsiest dancers” to ever grace the Florence Events Center stage.

In fact, one of the dads teased the others and said he thought they should be called the “Four by Fours” instead.

Heard says, “I created this piece for the sheer purpose of making people laugh, and trust me ... it delivers on that promise.”

The “Tutu Dads” are actually rather poised and graceful, apparently.

“It’s as if a bunch of hairy-legged cherubs decided to fall from Heaven,” laughs Heard. “You definitely do not want to miss this.”

If this exciting component isn’t alluring enough, the Spring Dance Showcase will also feature new works by CROW’s Flight Dance Team, as well as group performances by Youth Ballet and Hip Hop classes, choreographed by Mackenzie Calvert and Cara Beere. Local dance celebrities such as Angela Palmer and Jennifer Marus will amaze audiences, and CROW is excited to welcome Kumu Iwalani and dancers for two hula numbers.

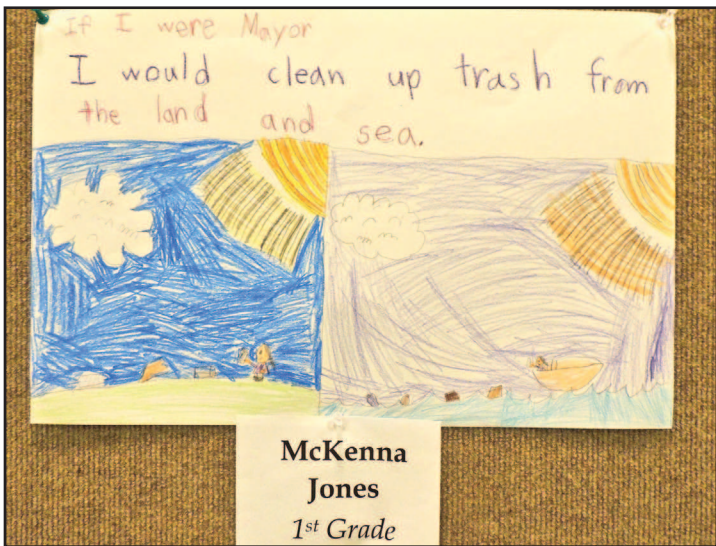
Local youth will perform various types of dance solos, and Heard’s adult and teen tap dance class will perform high-energy tap routines to “Kokomo” by the Beach Boys and a cover of “Bad Romance” by Post Modern Jukebox. Other highlights include solo dances by Beere and Calvert, and beautiful piano solos by William Owens and Ramiro Ramirez.

Don’t wait “tutu long” to get your tickets. Adult tickets are \$12 and students and seniors are \$10.

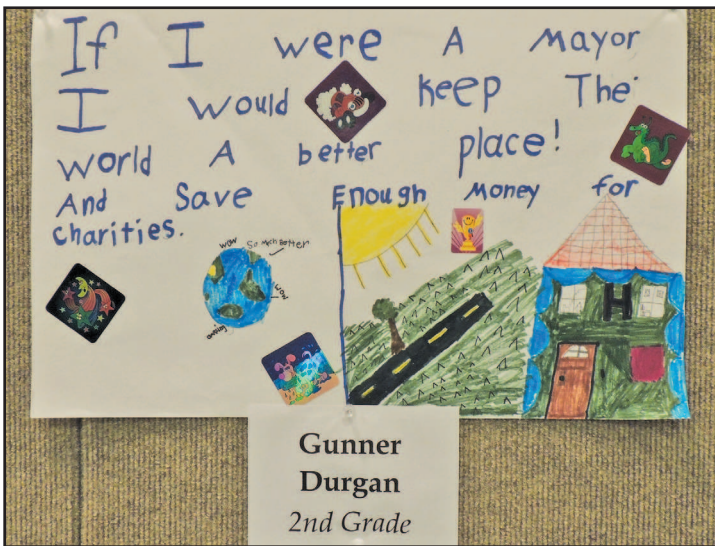
All proceeds from the show support the CROW Dance education program, including costumes and scholarships for youth to attend future dance classes and workshops.

For tickets to the Spring Dance Showcase, visit the FEC Box Office, or call 541-997-1994. Tickets can also be purchased online at event-center.org, and additional information is available at

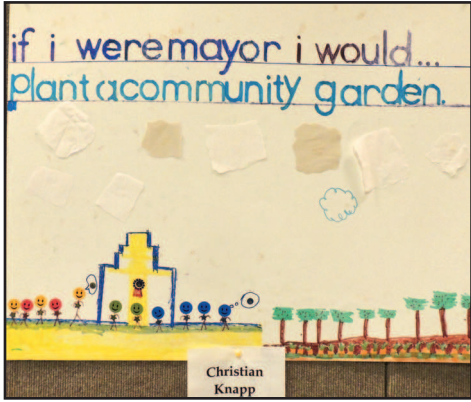
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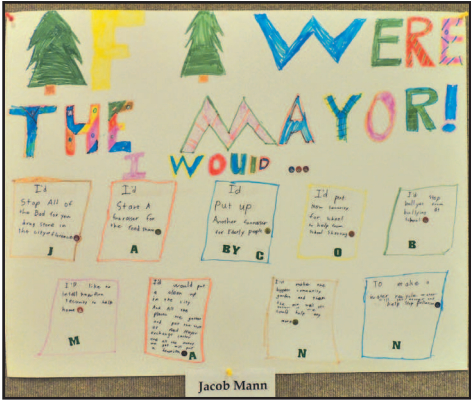
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