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**CROW SUMMER THEATER CAMP
SCHOLARSHIPS SOAR TO \$5,500**



COURTESY PHOTOS

Youth can still sign up for CROW's Summer Theater Camps through Friday.

Florence nonprofit Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW) announced yesterday that it will provide scholarship awards, totaling approximately \$5,500, to the local community. Thanks to Lane County Cultural Coalition grant funding, Twilight funds, and generous donations from the local public, CROW was able to allocate a combination of full and partial scholarships to many deserving kids and teens.

"I'm just so grateful to be able to do this," said CROW Artistic Director Melanie Heard. "There are so many kids in our community who need and deserve the arts education that CROW provides. We are so fortunate to be able to give funds to families who might not otherwise be able to send their child to camp."

Heard also stressed that the CROW scholarship applications were "not simple," and included both thought-provoking essay questions and a letter of recommendation form.

"The purpose of the difficult application is to encourage kids to strive for something, rather than just hand it to them on a silver platter," said



Heard. "Life is not like that, and CROW believes in preparing kids for the real world."

The CROW Board of Directors was deeply impressed by the applicants who sought funding this year.

"It's an honor and a privilege to be able to give the gift of arts education," Heard said. "We're really looking forward to an exciting summer!"

Summer camps are nearly full, but there are a few spots left. Regular camp applications are due by Friday, June 15, or a late fee may be applicable.

For dates, times, and information, please call or text Heard at 541-999-8641 or visit www.crowkids.com.

American Legion holds flag retirement

Tomorrow, on Flag Day, June 14, the Florence American Legion, Francis M. Yost, Post 59 will be retiring American flags whose service life has reached a condition of being soiled, tattered and threadbare, and therefore no longer in a condition to be properly displayed.

This ceremony will be at 4 p.m. at the lot adjacent to the Veteran's Memorial Park on Bay Street.

American flags in a state in the aforementioned condition may be brought to the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Main Station before the ceremony, or brought to the Bay Street location in time for the ceremony. The flags will receive honorable retirement by members of the American Legion.

The public and local community organizations are invited to the retirement ceremony, which

is an annual Flag Day event put on by Post 59.

Seating will be available.

There will be speakers to give historical information on the American flag and its place in national heritage. A presentation by an American Legion member will be offered on a special view of the flag.

For more information, contact the American Legion at 541-590-0395.

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