

CROW PRESENTS DRAMATIC ONE ACTS ON TEENAGERS

Many people survived their teenage years with a few bumps, some bruises, a little heartache and a lot of great stories to tell. But for some teenagers, just living in their own skin can be a tremendous challenge.

Peer pressure, bullying, cyber-stalking, teen-pregnancy, mental illness and even suicidal thoughts seem to have become rites of passage in today's world.

For that reason, Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW) Advanced Acting Program students are excited to present "Hush" — a series of two dramatic one-act plays that delve into the many tough topics that many teens experience.

On Friday, Aug. 17, and Saturday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m., CROW students will present "Just Like I Wanted," by Rebecca Schlossberg, and "I Don't Want To Talk About It," by Bradley Hayward.

Both one-act dramas feature



CROW's Advanced Acting Program prepares for "Hush."

multiple storylines that today's teens can not only relate to but comprehend on a very deep level.

"Producing these plays would normally require months and months of rehearsal, but in typical CROW fashion, we're going to get them ready, running and polished in only two short weeks," said CROW Artistic Director Melanie Heard.

Heard is co-directing the camp

with Genevieve Meltzer. The two are currently immersed in the "nitty gritty" part of the Advanced Acting Intensive that occurs each summer with CROW's teens and young adults.

Working with the Advanced Acting Program students for a total of 10 four-hour days, Heard and Meltzer are confident that they can rehearse and present the plays with high-quality results.

The Florence Community is encouraged to come and support the Advanced Acting Program students' accomplishments.

The performances will be held at the CROW Center for Performing Arts, located at 3120 Highway 101 in Florence.

Tickets are \$10 per person and all proceeds will support future youth programming for CROW, particularly youth scholarships.

Tickets will only be available at the door, 30 minutes prior to showtime. Refreshments can also be purchased at intermission.

"These One Acts are really powerful, and these kids deserve a great audience," Heard said. "Chances are, they'll really make you think. Being introspective is an important skill for all human beings, and theater holds the power to build and refine that skill."

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What did Griffin and the picklers want? More courts.

But Rolling Dunes is managed by the City of Florence, and this was a Lane County Parks meeting.

"Maybe this is a conversation to have with the city and economic development," Conrad offered.

Members of the audience interjected:

"We're missing the point," one said. "Pickleball is wonderful, we all know that. You're county. How can the county help us because the city of Florence hasn't done anything? We have been to the city mayor, the city manager ..."

"No money, no money," they say," another interjected.

"We can't get anything accomplished."

Ultimately, the picklers felt helpless in finding a permanent home for their beloved sport. No governmental agency seemed interested in taking up their cause. They felt they were sitting on a goldmine with no willing prospectors.

In speaking with City of Florence officials, Siuslaw Vision representatives and comments from the Public Parks meeting, there is actually a way for picklers, along with swimmers, soccer players, bocce ball enthu-

siasts, frisbee golf aficionados and a whole host of other sports to have their day in court.

All that's needed is a plan.

NOT A DOG

"Well, when I read the newspaper article about the Parks meeting, it said 'input was wanted,'" Griffin said as to why he and his cohort showed up to the meeting.

He sat down with the Siuslaw News the week after to speak about his passion.

"I just wanted to tell people about the game of pickleball. It's for the community," he said.

While pickleball has only been gaining popularity this decade as baby boomers begin to retire, the sport has been in existence since the mid-1960s.

A combination of tennis, badminton and ping pong, the sport is less physically demanding than tennis, with a shorter court and tighter boundaries. The game is won not by outrunning an opponent, but by out-thinking them.

The game can be played on dedicated pickleball courts or have tennis courts with modified lines delineating between the two games.

While it has been rumored that the name derived from the name of the inventor's dog, Pickles, it is actually a competitive rowing term; a pickle

boat has a mixed crew, just like pickleball is a mix of different sports, as reported by NBC news in 2014.

"The learning curve, from flatline zero to being proficient is very quick," Griffin said. "A child and adult can decide just how far they want to go with the sport. There are national tournaments. There are different levels, there's a professional circuit right now. Then there's the open division. You can play at the level you believe you are, and not to have to compete against those that are terrific if you're not there yet. That's what's beautiful about it."

In Griffin's mind, pickleball is the ideal sport for a community like Florence — a sport that can keep retirees physically fit and younger players engaged. A cross-generational sport that can bring families together.

But so far, the pickleball landscape is slim.

There are multiple pickleball courts in Florence, including places like Green Trees and Coastal Fitness. But Green Trees is for residents only, and Coastal Fitness is a member-only facility.

So, the picklers have turned to the courts at Rolling Dunes, which houses the city's only public tennis courts.

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How To Participate
The fee to participate is \$20. An ad for the Community Wide Garage Sale with a map of all participation sales will be published in the Siuslaw News on September 5th and 8th. Because of print deadlines, the registration deadline is 5pm Thursday August 29 2018.

You will also receive two official Community Wide Garage Sale signs as well as a tip sheet on how to have a great sale. Maps will be available in the Siuslaw News, online and at the Florence Visitors Center.

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