

Siuslaw High School student to become 'Oregon Ambassador of Music'

Oregon State University's (OSU) School of Arts and Communications/Music has extended an invitation to Lizbeth Garcia-Galvan to participate in its music tour of Europe in the summer of 2019.

"Oregon Ambassadors of Music" is an honor choir and band comprised of some of Oregon's finest high school musicians under

the leadership of some of the Northwest's most respected music educators.

Garcia-Galvan was recommended for consideration in early Spring 2018 by Chris Rowbotham, Director of Bands at Siuslaw High School. Selection by OSU was based on Garcia-Galvan's musicianship and outstanding character.

The Oregon Ambassadors of Music will perform in cities and villages in seven countries for 16 days. The tour will be the 13th biennial European concert tour since 1995.

"Lizbeth has been in band since sixth grade," said Rowbotham. "She started on the flute and then auditioned for the alto saxophone in January of her sixth-grade year. Ever since then, she has been playing the alto and really pushes herself to be a strong player."

Rowbotham said Garcia-Galvan played in Advanced Band at the middle school in eighth grade and performed a solo in a piece called "The Last Rose of Summer"

by Mark Williams. Garcia-Galvan performed it not only for the local band concert but also the middle school district band festival, where Siuslaw Advanced Band was judged by an out-of-town clinician.

"The opportunity to perform with the Oregon Ambassadors of Music would be life changing and would create memories for a long time — and she is truly deserving of this," Rowbotham said.

Garcia-Galvan is a sophomore honor roll student and the daughter of Delfino Garcia and Guadalupe Galvan. She has performed with both the high school's concert and jazz bands.

"I think music connects everybody. And the experience will be a great opportunity to learn from OSU music staff," said Garcia-Galvan. "I'm excited about the chance to share my music."

Fundraising efforts for Garcia-Galvan's participation as an Oregon Ambassador of Music are now underway.

A fundraising account has been established at the Florence branch of Oregon Pacific Bank, 1355 Highway 101, on her behalf.

The Florence community is invited to celebrate this honor by offering financial support for Garcia-Galvan's participation. Just ask to donate to the Florence



Lizbeth Garcia-Galvan "Ambassador of Music" account.

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"There were no injuries or other buildings damaged," Langborg added. "The cause of the fire is currently under investigation."

Temperature levels in the burned building were reported to have reached more than 500 degrees, shattering windows and severely damaging the interior of the building that serves as the office for Mechelle Giger, a longtime member of Frontier's management team.

Giger has worked at Frontier for 19 years and said she looks at her workplace as much more than a job.

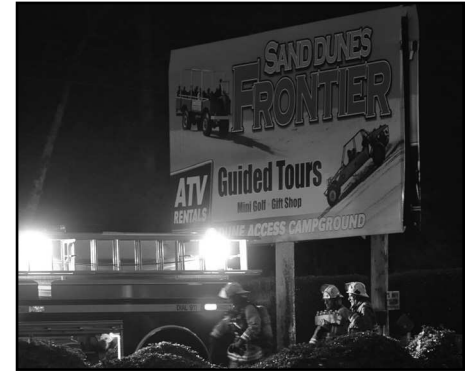
"I've been crying since I walked out to the building," she said. They tell me it started over in the snack shack and it went from there. We have tour groups coming later this week, so we'll still be doing business later in the week — just not the next couple of days."

According to Giger, the next step is to get all the equipment and office supplies replaced so that the business can re-open by Thursday.

Giger has been in contact with the Chuck



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Siuslaw Valley firefighters spent several hours on the morning of Sept. 11 controlling a blaze at Sand Dunes Frontier.



Wednesday to meet with the insurance and fire inspector.

"I've been here a lot of years and this is basically my second home," Giger said. "Chuck's mom and dad started the business. I worked with his mom for a lot of years, and she passed away a couple of years ago. It breaks my heart to see the building that was here in 1959 is gone. This was her life and now those memories are gone. But not completely, because the business is still here. "I love this place and these people, and we will just get started all over again on Thursday."

Chapman, owner of Sand Dunes Frontier, who was raised in Florence and currently lives in Beaverton. He intends to be at the site

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The colors in Dukuari's woven offerings ran the gamut from deep royal purple to almost fluorescent pinks and oranges.

At Florence's market, people have expressed that they purchase the baskets because they are not plastic and are of high quality.

"These are very popular right now," Dukuari agreed. "They are strong and hold many items."

He selects works from across the world to sell in Florence, fo-

cus on attention to detail and quality workmanship.

"I am getting ready to go to back to Africa after the market ends," Dukuari said. "I will go to Gambia and visit my family. Then I will go to see the people that I know that make baskets, they are in Ghana. I will go and stay with them while I restock and resupply and prepare my shipment for America."

Although he has been spending time in the Pacific Northwest over the past few years, Dukuari origi-

nally went in a different direction.

The young entrepreneur was inspired by the example of neighbors and family friends who sought to improve their livelihoods by moving abroad. In his village, people would decide to leave to try and improve the chances they would be able to live a good life.

Dukuari followed in their footsteps, with some course adjustments along the way. He first moved to Europe, but realized that he must come to the U.S. to

really grow his business.

"This has been going on for 50 years or more, long before I was born. I saw this as I was growing up and I knew I could make money doing this," he said. "I lived in Europe for nine years before I came to America, and then I came here to do business. And business is good!"

Although Dukuari has already left on his travels, the Port of Siuslaw Boardwalk Market will still be open for weekends in September before closing for the season.

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