

'CABARET OF THE DEAD' RISES FRIDAY

"Cabaret of the Dead" is taking over the Florence Events Center on Friday, Oct. 19, for a night of ghoulish entertainment. The cabaret is from Justin Buckles Productions, the No. 1 event producer on the West Coast and Coos Bay native, who brought "Tease Burlesque Revue" to the Florence Events Center last February.

Featuring an all-star cast that's sure to delight, fright and make you really get into the Halloween spirit, "Cabaret of the Dead" features burlesque, drag, comedy, dance, live singing and so much more.

Doors to the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$15.50 and can be purchased at www.eventcenter.org, by calling 541-997-1994, in person at the events center or at the doors the day of the show. Attendees must be 18 and over to attend.

Creator Justin Buckles has nearly 20 years of experience in film, television and live event production after living in Los Angeles and working on such

"Cabaret of the Dead" will feature Halloween-themed burlesque, among other spine-tingling acts, during the Friday, Oct. 19, evening show at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

shows as American Idol, So You Think You Can Dance, Gene Simmons Family Jewels and several other productions.

Buckles is the creator, manager and executive producer for all Justin Buckles Productions events, which tour 20 states and Canada, producing 250+ shows a year.

"Get ready for a show unlike anything you've seen," Buckles said. "My shows are very interactive and audience driven. We will be down in the crowd, we will bring people up on stage, we will be showing a lot of skin, and we will have something for everyone. This will be a fantastic show filled with oohs, aahs and things that will blow your mind. This is not your regular cabaret show, this is 'Cabaret of the Dead.'"



Okto-Fur-Fest features brats, Wiener Dog Races

Love Dachshunds, the small dogs with the biggest hearts? Get ready for the Florence Wiener Dog Races, now in a whole new event!

The Siuslaw News, Florence Events Center and the Florence Wiener Dog Races are partnering together to bring this fun new event to Florence: Okto-Fur-Fest!

On Saturday, Oct. 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., join the community for great food and family fun. Enjoy traditional music as games will be held throughout the day at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

Bratwurst, beer and wine

will be served, just like at the old Oktoberfest celebration.

This year, the Wiener Dog Races, annually sponsored by the Siuslaw News, will be a highlight of Okto-Fur-Fest. Every year, these fierce competitors go head-to-head — or perhaps head-to-tail — starting at 1 p.m. inside the events center.

Entry to Okto-Fur-Fest is \$2. Limited perimeter seating, for the best view of the races, is available for an additional \$5.

Tickets are available at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., the day of the event.

Florence Farmers Market will draw to close Tuesday

The Florence Farmers Market, open on Tuesdays from 3 to 6 p.m., will host its final market of the season this Tuesday, Oct. 16.

To celebrate the final Market on Oct. 16, pumpkins for decorating or carving will be available.

Apples will be pressed to make cider and there will be a variety of recipes to sample utilizing fall's bounty.

The Farmers Market is located at Kingwood and Bay

Streets, next to the Veterans Park, and has a bountiful selection of fall harvest foods including pears, heirloom apple varieties, plums, broccoli, winter squash, greens and more.

There will be farm fresh eggs from pastured hens and a variety of free-range and pastured meats.

Cultivated, certified organic mushrooms from Rainforest Mushrooms continue to be a customer favorite.

Let's face it – kids are scary

Scare-CROW Haunted Maze features spooky fun, actors

CROW (Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops) is always up to no good in October, as organizers plan their annual Scare-CROW Haunted Maze. This year's maze is called "Quarantine," and features ... you guessed it — ZOMBIES!

The story is that no one knows exactly how the virus began, but slowly people from all walks of life became infected. Local authorities managed to Quarantine those affected by the virus in the CROW Center for the Performing Arts, 3120 Highway 101 in Florence. But they accidentally left the vials of antidote inside. Now, it's up to maze-goers to see if they can make it out alive.

Many local student actors are involved in the maze each year, and many CROW moms and dads are rather frightened by their own child's abilities to scare others.

CROW Artistic Director Melanie Heard likes to chalk it up to the fact that "kids are scary," but one mom was so freaked out by her daughter



CROW knows that kids can be scary — especially inside a maze designed to frighten the community for five nights in October.

(dressed as a creepy clown last year), that she would not go through the maze on the nights when her daughter was working.

"She 100 percent freaked me out," the woman said. "She just sort of looked at me sideways, and I screamed and ran out of the room."

As with everything CROW produces, the "Quarantine" Haunted Maze will feature top-notch special effects, prosthetic make-up (designed by Genevieve Meltzer, Kim Clement and Allison Aquino), fantastic costumes and unexpected surprises.

One new addition this year is an all-ages "Family Night" to be held on Monday, Oct. 29, from 5 to 8 p.m.

"We had several people ask us for a way for younger kids and 'big chickens' to be able to experience the maze. So, we created Family Night this year to make the maze 'less scary' for those who want a little less fright in their night," said Heard.

Family night will feature more light, fewer/more

friendly monsters and no jump-scars. Parents are cautioned that the maze will still contain many scary visuals, and entry is at parents' discretion only.

For more information, including FAQ's and a scary promotional video, visit www.crowkids.com.

The Quarantine Haunted Maze will be held Oct. 26, 27, 30 and 31 from 6 to 9 p.m., and Oct. 29 from 5 to 8 p.m. for the Family Night. Entry is \$6 per person, cash only.

On-site food is provided by Smokin' Pops, and there will be "Thrilling" line entertainment by the Flight Dance Team.

Last year, more than 1,000 maze-goers meandered through the freaky halls, coming from as far away as Astoria, Coos Bay, Eugene/Springfield, and even Portland.

"Let's see if you can escape the Quarantine!" Heard exclaimed. "Will you make it out alive?"

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