

‘Home for the Holidays’ features Christmas Tour of Homes

Every sense will be tickled on the one-of-a-kind, Florence “Home for the Holidays” Community Christmas Tour of Homes, coming this Dec. 14, 15 and 16.

Guests will be warmly greeted with a glass of champagne or cider at the depot — the CROW Center for the Performing Arts, 3120 Highway 101 — then break the seal on a passport to learn their destinations for the tour. Boarding vans and buses, guests will be whisked away to four unique local homes, magically decorated for the season.

“Where else can you enjoy such a magical evening or afternoon for this price?” asked Holiday Tour of Homes co-chair Jennifer Waggoner. “These four homeowners have been working tirelessly for weeks to prepare their homes for your visit.”

There will be savory and delicious treats and entertainment at each home, all part of the ticket cost.

Tickets are going fast for this special holiday experience, so go today to www.crowkids.com/holiday-home-tour to buy tickets for \$50 per person. Thanks to generous donations from local businesses, parts of the event are sponsored so all proceeds can to benefit CROW (Children’s Repertory of Oregon Workshops), the local children’s community theater.

“For years, the CROW staff, led by Melanie Heard, have spent the majority of their time, energy and talent raising money so that our local kids could be trained to perform in absolutely amazing productions in our town,” said tour co-chair Kay King. “That is why we felt it was crucial to create ways to help raise money for this fabulous theater, so Melanie and crew could spend their time teaching and producing quality theater for us — and more importantly for our kids.”

King and Waggoner decided to create the Christmas Tour of Homes in Florence as another way to raise money for CROW.

“Countless donations have made the event possible,” Waggoner said. “The design and printing of programs and tickets, planning how to sell the tickets to make it convenient for the purchaser, lining up transportation, preparing the tour route, preparation of entertainment and refreshments for each home are all part of it. Not to mention the hours and volunteers who have helped decorate these fabulous homes for your enjoyment.”



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Four Florence homes are already pulling out the stringlights and putting up the mistletoe to get ready for the “Home for the Holidays” Community Christmas Tour of Homes, a fundraiser for Children’s Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW).

Sneak peeks are now beginning as some of the homes are already lighting up those Christmas trees and decking their halls.

The tours for the event run 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14 and 15, and from 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16.

Visit the Facebook page for more information and to share the event: “Home for the Holidays: A Community Christmas Tour of Homes.” People can also call 541-520-1255 for more information.

All proceeds from the Christmas Tour of Homes go to helping CROW with its upcoming production of the Spring musical, “The Wiz.” Children are not charged to participate in CROW’s high quality, professional shows, which makes CROW invaluable in our community.

“Our community and our students are continually enriched by the CROW experience. You won’t find better theater, costuming and set design anywhere!” King said.

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