

Community News

True film pioneer makes her debut at City Lights

Narrated by Jodie Foster, “Be Natural: The Untold Story of Alice Guy-Blaché” is a documentary about the first female filmmaker, Alice Guy-Blaché, which explores the heights of fame and financial success she achieved before she was shut out from the very industry she helped create.

Guy-Blaché started her career as a secretary to Léon Gaumont and, at 23, was inspired to make her own film called “La Fée aux Choux”

(“The Cabbage Fairy”), one of the first narrative films ever made. After her filmmaking career at Gaumont from 1896 to 1907, she had a second decade-long career in the U.S., where she built and ran her own studio in Fort Lee, N.J.

Over the span of her career, she wrote, produced or directed 1,000 films, including 150 with synchronized sound during the “silent” era. Her work includes comedies, westerns and dramas, as well as films with groundbreaking subject matter such as child abuse, immigration, Planned Parenthood and female empowerment.

Guy-Blaché also etched a place in history by making the earliest known surviving narrative film with an all-black cast.

Director Pamela B. Green has dedicated more than eight years of research in order to discover the real sto-



Beginning in 1896, filmmaker Alice Guy-Blaché created 1,000 films. People can learn more about her through “Be Natural,” playing this week at City Lights Cinemas.

ry of Guy-Blaché, who lived from 1873 to 1968 — not only highlighting her pioneering contributions to the birth of cinema but also her acclaim as a creative force and entrepreneur in the earliest years of movie-making.

Green interviewed Patty Jenkins, Diablo Cody, Ben Kingsley, Geena Davis, Ava DuVernay, Michel Hazanavicius and Julie Delpy — to name a few — who comment on Guy-Blaché’s innovations.

Green discovered rare footage of televised interviews and long-archived audio interviews, which can be heard for the first time in “Be Natural,” which affords Guy-Blaché the chance to tell her own story.

“Be Natural” plays Sunday, July 28, at 12:30 p.m. and Tuesday, July 30, at 12:30 and 4:50 p.m. at City Lights Cinemas, 1930 Highway 101. For more info, visit citylightscinemas.com.

Florence-Yachats Connector gets official bus



MARK BRENNAN/SIUSLAW NEWS

The Lane Transit District connector service from Florence to Yachats is approaching its one-year anniversary. While ridership has been less than hoped for, the addition of a brand-new bus for the route may increase interest among potential riders. The new vehicle was purchased specifically for the Florence to Yachats route and took nearly a year to order, manufacture and deliver. The design for the new bus incorporated a different interior layout to allow for travelers with backpacks, bicycles and packages, as well as a custom exterior wrap featuring Oregon coast scenes. The bus was delivered to River City Taxi in Florence, which operates the connector service, earlier this week and started runs on Monday. The Florence-Yachats Connector service buses leave the Florence Grocery Outlet Monday through Friday at 8 and 11 a.m. and later in the day at 2 and 5:45 p.m. For more information, visit www.ltd.org/florence-yachats-connector.

Local youth earns Eagle Scout Award

Brenden Jensen, son of Kaleena and Bobby Jensen, recently completed the requirements for achieving the Boy Scouts’ highest award with the rank of Eagle Scout on July 12.

Jensen began his scouting career as a Cub Scout in Nibley, Utah, where he earned the Arrow of Light, Cub Scouting’s highest award. He then entered Boy Scouts in Troop 379 in Nibley before moving with his family to Florence and joining Boy Scout Troop 721.

Jensen said he has enjoyed earning rank advancements and merit badges since he first joined.

“Scouting has always been a great way to have a good time with friends while learning cool and important things,” he said. “With some certain scouting friends, I’d have friendly competitions where we try to advance the quickest or earn the most merit badges. I didn’t always win, but we had fun and made progress.”

Jensen admits that some merit badges were more fun than others, and some were a bit harder to earn, but he always found a way to make it happen.

Earning the Eagle Scout Award requires a Scout to

earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, serve in a leadership position within the Troop and then plan and complete a project benefitting his community. In Troop 721, Jensen served in a number of leadership positions, the last one being the troop Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

As a scout, he earned more than the required 21 merit badges, and then he planned and organized his Eagle Project, where he and 47 assistants spent a total of 149 hours in cleaning the headstone and placing Honor Medallions on the graves for the 500 veterans at the Pacific Sunset Cemetery in Florence.

“Being in scouts has taught me some pretty important life lessons,” Jensen said. “Being involved in so many things including school clubs, track, cross country, having a job, family life, hobbies — and of course scouts — I have learned a lot about scheduling and prioritizing my time.”

Jensen added that he also learned a little extra about managing his time while working on the personal management merit badge.

“Being the oldest of a small troop, I have been thrown headlong into leadership positions,” he said. “The majority of my scouting time, I was the senior patrol leader until my scoutmaster decided to make me the junior assistant scoutmaster. With leadership meetings, planning and leading activities, I learned



Brenden Jensen achieved the rank of Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 721 on July 12.

a good amount of leadership skills.”

All of those skills came into play while working on his Eagle Scout project.

“There’s not many places you can learn how to use a compass, tie some knots, set up a campground, start a good fire, learn leadership skills, build dedication, practice first aid and lifesaving, learn personal management, etc., and have a good time doing it,” says Jensen. “I’m glad I could learn all these things and more while having fun with friends.”

Jensen will be a senior in high school this fall. On completing high school, he plans in serving a two-year mission for the

Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints. On completing the mission, he plans on earning a degree from Brigham Young University. In high school he has been a member of several clubs including the National Honor Society, and also a member of the track and cross country teams while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average.

Of earning his Eagle Scout Award, Jensen said, “I’m honored to be a part of something great and to have the opportunity to earn the Eagle Scout Award. A long time ago, I promised my grandmother that I would earn my Eagle. I’m glad I was able to honor that promise.”

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ECHO IN THE CANYON - PG-13 82 MIN "[This] will be watched for decades into the future as the essential document of a very specific time and place that changed music forever."	12:50 PM 6:20 PM 9:10 PM	11:10 AM 6:20 PM 9:10 PM	12:20 PM 6:00 PM 7:55 PM	12:20 PM 8:30 PM	12:20 PM 6:00 PM 7:55 PM	12:20 PM 4:50 PM	12:20 PM 4:50 PM
FAST & FURIOUS PRESENTS: HOBBS & SHAW - PG-13 134 MIN	PREVIEW!	PREVIEW!					7:00 PM
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ONCE UPON A TIME ... IN HOLLYWOOD R 159 MIN - "[Brings] his tongue-in-cheek storytelling together with exquisite craft and killer lead performances from Brad Pitt and Leonardo DiCaprio." TimeOut	12:30 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 8:20 PM	12:30 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 8:20 PM	12:10 PM 3:00 PM 6:30 PM	12:10 PM 3:00 PM 6:30 PM	12:10 PM 3:00 PM 6:30 PM	12:10 PM 3:00 PM 6:30 PM	12:10 PM 3:00 PM 6:30 PM
PAVAROTTI - PG-13 114 MIN - "It brings a man back to glorious life."	3:50 PM	3:50 PM	3:30 PM	3:30 PM	3:30 PM	3:30 PM	3:30 PM
YESTERDAY - PG-13 112 MIN - "A glowing tribute to The Beatles, this is both a toe-tapping pleasure to watch and a smart, occasionally scathing look at how we get things wrong."	1:00 PM 3:40 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	2:20 PM 4:50 PM 7:20 PM	2:20 PM 4:50 PM 7:20 PM	2:20 PM 7:20 PM	12:30 PM 2:20 PM 7:00 PM	12:30 PM 2:20 PM

Events & Performing Arts:	FRI 26	SAT 27	SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED 31	THU 1
CAT FILM FESTIVAL - NR 144 MIN		11:00 AM					
BE NATURAL: THE UNTOLD STORY OF ALICE GUY-BLACHÉ - NR 102 MIN - Documentary			12:30 PM		12:30 PM 4:50 PM		
NUREYEV NR 115 MIN - Extraordinary life of the most famous male dancer.				12:30 PM 6:00 PM			
42ND STREET - THE MUSICAL - NR 155 MIN						6:00 PM	
GRATEFUL DEAD MEET-UP AT THE MOVIES NR 162 MIN - Complete live 6/7/91 concert!							6:30 PM

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