

Winter Music Festival tickets on sale now

Nine high-caliber groups will heat up the Florence Events Center on Jan. 24, 25 and 26, 2020, with some hot bluegrass, heartwarming new and traditional folk, and foot-stompin' Americana during the 18th annual Florence Winter Music Festival.

Tickets are offered at a discount now, with prices increasing to full price on Sept. 21, 2019.

The weekend also offers the free Florence Regional Arts Alliance Winter Arts Festival — a show and sale with

demonstrations by more than 20 renowned local and regional artists and craftspeople with two- and three-dimensional art, personal care items, edibles, and adult potables. New this year will be workshops by the performers on song-writing, guitar skills, and jamming (separate admission for non-concertgoers). Free, dedicated on-site jamming space is available beginning at noon on Friday and 1 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.



The Winter Music Festival returns in January 2020.

A complete festival overview, with artist profiles and early ticket discounts, is available at WinterMusicFestival.org.

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She went on to explain how, when the public is well informed on scams, they can be avoided, which in turn frees up time for the ODOJ to focus on the business development of Oregon.

"While Rotary provides the nuts and bolts of business development through networking whereby you can all help each other, my organization, the Oregon Department of Justice, promotes business development in another way: by working to create a level playing field for all commercial activity in our state," Rosenblum said.

She went on to talk about how the ODOJ cannot work to create a level playing field for Oregon businesses if the department is spending time catching scam artists. That is why ODOJ goes to great lengths to educate consumers to avoid scams and other fraudulent transactions.

Through the course of protecting consumers, they are also helping the business community as well. With events such as last month's Scam Jam, which was free and open to the public, attendees are taught how to stay safe from frauds and scams.

Rosenblum said the ODOJ creates a level playing field "primarily through our consumer protection activities, which could also be called

business protection efforts. That's because whenever a scam artist or a fraudulent business takes advantage of an Oregonian, they're doing two things: one is that they are obtaining an unfair advantage over you and your legitimate business interests. And the other is that they're hurting your customers. Neither is good for business de-

velopment here or anywhere else."

The ODOJ also has a scam alert program where individuals sign up to receive emails detailing scams the ODOJ is aware of.

For more information on the scam alert program as well as tips on how to spot and avoid scams, visit oregonconsumer.gov.

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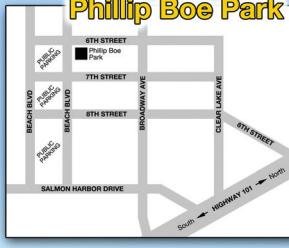
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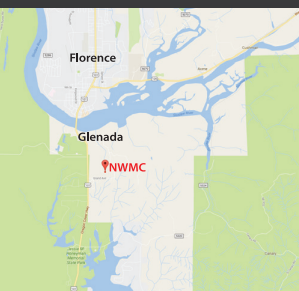
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