

New round of early tickets available for Winter Music Festival

Organizers of the annual Florence Winter Music Festival recently announced a second round of early-bird ticket discounts.

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

Those who plan ahead can save \$5 on 2- and 3-day passes, and \$3 to \$5 on individual sessions through midnight on Sept. 20; tickets will go to full price on Sept. 21.

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

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 select musicians on songwriting, 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 musical lineup includes festival headliner Livingston Taylor. Taylor

deftly wanders through and blends a range of musical genres — folk, pop, gospel, jazz — fusing it with upbeat storytelling and hit songs he's written for his brother James.

Bluegrass Friday features Canadian mandolin master John Reischman and the Jaybirds, and Grammy and IBMA award-winner Kathy Kallick with her band.

Americana Saturday features the blues/rock/folk blend of Mr & Mrs Something, Nashville's sought-after guitarist Jim Hurst, and the multi-award-winning country/folk/bluegrass music of the Greg Blake Band.

Saturday evening's opening act (7 p.m.) is Circus No. 9, a hot new band that represents everything that's good about the new generation of acoustic music, blurring the lines between bluegrass, jazz, and rock — followed by headliner Livingston Taylor at 8:30 p.m.

Sunday afternoon brings the wildly creative Tyler Stenson, twice-named Portland's performer-songwriter of the year, with his "elegant folk" as heard on SiriusXM's Coffee House, followed by festival favorite True North's Kristen Grainger and Dan Wetzel.

The Florence Winter Music Festival is produced by the 501 (c) (3) nonprofit Friends of the Florence Events Center, a volunteer organization that helps fund capital improvements and performance grants at the venue.

Biondi, Lucich to perform at Three Rivers this weekend

Every weekend in September, Three Rivers Casino Resort invites the public to Blue Bills Sports Bar & Tap Room featuring live shows performed by top local artists.

Be sure to stop in Blue Bills this Labor Day weekend to hear The Bret Lucich and Paul Biondi Experience. Celebrate the long weekend with a special Sunday performance.

This variety band has a wide array of sounds; Lucich plays a multitude of instruments and his vocal abilities allow him to do impersonations. In



Bret Lucich (left) and Paul Biondi will perform Sunday at TRCR.

combination with Biondi's saxophone, the result is a truly unique listening experience.

There is no cover charge, but patrons must be 21 or older to attend.

To learn more about Three Rivers Casino Resort and its entertainment line-up, visit www.threeriverscasino.com/events.

OSU Food Preservation Safety Hotline open through October

The Oregon State University Extension Service's food preservation and safety hotline is open and available at its toll-free number 1-800-354-7319.

The service is available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Oct. 18. The hotline is staffed by certified Master

Food Preservers in both Lane and Douglas Counties.

Anyone who is going to preserve foods and has never done it before or has questions about recipes and methods, the OSU Extension Service hotline can provide research-based information to assure a quality and safe product.

The Statewide hotline has been a service of the OSU Extension Service since 1990 and every year has helped thousands of citizens across the state with their food preservation/safety questions.

For more information about home food preservation and class offerings visit the OSU/Lane County Extension Food Preservation website where there are many publications and information on food preservation topics and classes offered at www.extension.oregonstate.edu/mfp.



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The start of a new school year is upon us. Along with the normal anxieties students experience with staring a new school year, many students are struggling with the additional burden of being unable to afford school supplies and other basic necessities. In order to help, the Siuslaw News in partnership with the Rotary Club of Florence is accepting donations of school supplies or gift cards that can be distributed to each district.

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Composition Books	be used for more
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