

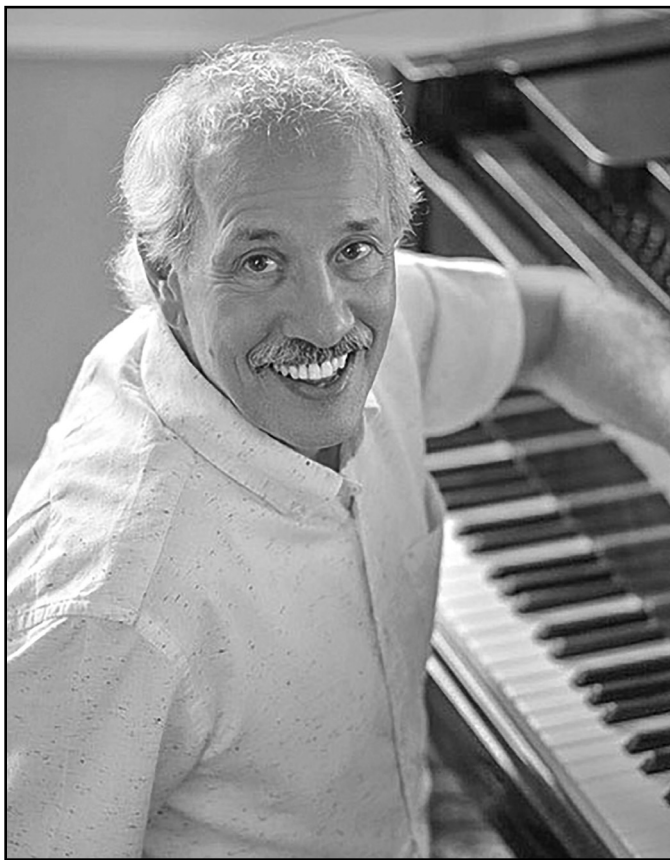
Community News

PIANIST, COMPOSER COSSU TO PERFORM IN FLORENCE OCT. 25

Pianist and composer Scott Cossu is returning for his eighth concert appearance in Kathy Parsons' MainlyPiano.com house concert series in Florence (Sandpines West) this Friday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m.

Cossu was one of the first artists signed to the legendary Windham Hill record label in the 1980's and continues to be one of the most respected names in contemporary music. Guitarist Giles Arendt will be playing with Scott.

Cossu is releasing an album of all-new music, "Memories of Water and Light," in January and will be playing selections from the album, as well as previous releases, including: "Safe in Your Arms," which was nominated for the 2015 Best Piano Album with Instrumentation award by Zone Music Reporter.



Pianist and composer Scott Cossu returns to Florence this Friday for a house concert featuring music from his latest album, "Memories of Water and Light."

With a graduate degree in Ethnomusicology and lifelong experience in jazz

and classical music, Cossu's style is a unique blending of a wide variety

of influences.

He is as comfortable playing barrel-house piano as he is creating a lyrical melody line.

Performing with Cossu will be guitarist Giles Arendt. Cossu's house concerts usually end with a cheering standing ovation and this promises to be an evening of great music and entertainment.

Reservations are required by emailing Kathy Parsons at kathyhypiano@gmail.com or calling 541-999-9720.

The address and directions will be given when reservations are made. There is a suggested donation of \$20 at the door (all donations go to the artists).

COURTESY PHOTO

'STORYTIME' TO FEATURE LOCAL AUTHOR JUDY FLEAGLE ON FRIDAY

The monthly Siuslaw Pioneer Museum StoryTime will feature author and museum volunteer Judy Fleagle on Friday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m.

Fleagle is a retired schoolteacher and magazine editor and resident of Florence for over 30 years. She has been a docent at the museum since 2002.

Fleagle has two critically acclaimed books to her

credit about Oregon's iconic artisanal bridges, as well as other books. People may also recognize her from her affiliation with the annual Florence Festival of Books.

Her presentation will focus on her latest book, "The Oregon Coast Guide to the Unexpected."

During her 21 years as an editor and staff writer for Oregon Coast

Magazine, Fleagle travelled from the Columbia River to the California state line on a regular basis covering stories. As can be expected, she became quite familiar with the coast, but found several locales totally unexpected on encountering them.

Some are tourist hot spots, but others are barely known.

Fleagle will speak on

these odd and quirky locations as well as about the many bridges she researched and visited.

Join the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum for this entertaining evening, which is free to the public.

For more information, call the museum at 541-997-7884 or visit 278 Maple St. in Historic Old Town Florence.

BACKSTREET GALLERY TO HOST COMMUNITY ART SHOW NOV. 9

The community is invited to a celebration of artists for November at Backstreet Gallery on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 3 to 5 p.m., for an artist reception.

Backstreet invited artists to create art pieces that included at least one rock with no boulders or sand. Two avid supporters of the arts in Florence will jury the show's submissions.

Jo Beaudreaux is an artist and owner of the BeauxArts Fine Art Materials & Gallery in Florence.

Beaudreaux creates her own photography, graphic design, watercolor, acrylic and encaustic media and has exhibited her work across the U.S.

"The best thing about living in a small town is that . . . you can make a difference," said Beaudreaux.

Jerry Schneider is a well-versed photographer and KXCR, 90.7 radio host featuring local artists. His expertise comes from a varied background of photographic and visual-related experience in design, creation, digital imaging and administration with such industry leaders as Disney, J. Paul Getty Museum and Eastman Kodak Company. Contributing the art community, Schneider volunteers with the Siuslaw Library Arts Committee and the Florence Regional Arts Alliance.

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