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The Dynamos command the stage

Last Resort Players perform "Mamma Mia!" Nov. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 & 10

In Last Resort Player's "Mamma Mia!" Wendy Krause plays Donna Sheridan, the central character. Wendy was two years old when her dad sat her on top of a piano at a family wedding, gave her the microphone and her mom accompanied her while she sang. She cried when they took the microphone away. The rest, as they say, is history. She is multi-talented and played baritone sax in a studio jazz band in college. She's a realtor now at TR Hunter and loves spending most of her time with daughters Alayna and Jasmine.

Asked what show she would most like to do she replied, "I would love to do 'Hello Dolly.' I'm already singing the song in my head, imagining myself walking down the grand staircase in that stunning ball gown. That would be one amazing moment."

Her favorite stage show? "Wicked" made me cry, twice, but so did 'Les Mis' and I have to admit, CROW's performance of 'The Wiz' this last year was pretty special."

Her favorite line in "Mamma Mia!" is "Age cannot wither her" spoken by Harry Bright after seeing her character Donna. "Wouldn't we all like to hear that?"

About her fellow actors she notes, "Jason Wood makes me swoon as Sam Carmichael. He's so good. And my sister, Brynne, as Sophie. She has this wonderful tenderness and genu-



From left, DeAnn Hawkins, Wendy Krause and Jennifer Marus are The Dynamos in LRP's "Mamma Mia!"

ineness to her character and her voice will blow people away! But hats off to the musicians. The music is high-energy and complicated, and I get goosebumps when they play. They're all professionals and thank goodness, because they need to be for this show!"

Jennifer Marus plays Tan-ya, a rich, three-time-divor-see who is one of the three best friends and a Dynamo. Jennifer's first stage performance was when she played double-murderess and nightclub performer Velma Kelly in the 2015 Last Resort Players' production of "Chicago." She is the proud mother "to a handsome young man named Eaden. I am also an avid gardener and native plant enthusiast. ... Seriously try hiking with me I am always finding new plant goodies."

Asked what show she would like to do next she exclaimed "Mean Girls! I would play Janis Ian of course!"

But her favorite stage show is "Hairspray." "It hits

all my musical must haves; fun songs and lots of dancing! Plus, the underlying message of acceptance of other peoples' differences, and self-love are important, and I can't help but imagine Fanny Ruggburn as Tracy Turnblad."

Who in the show is going to blow people away? "James McKinney as Bill, just you wait Florence."

DeAnn Hawkins plays Rosie, who is a self-proclaimed "bachelor" and one of the Dynamos. Her character is a successful, English-born celebrity chef, authoring widely popular cookbooks, including "Whole Woman."

DeAnn first performed in a church talent show singing "On the Good Ship Lollipop" when she was 7 years old. "My mom played the piano for me and I wore one of her curly-haired wigs."

She is the youngest of 6 children and all of their names start with the letter "D". Her mom often referred to her as "D-end" instead of "DeAnn" because she was

the youngest.

She is very creative, even learning to play the tuba in her junior year in high school so she could join the band. "They were going to Florida my senior year and I really wanted to go to Florida. The band experience wound up being one of the most fun things I did in high school."

Last year, after 30 years in healthcare, she changed careers and opened Brown Eyed Girl Bakery.

Her favorite stage shows are "Les Misérables" and "The Sound of Music."

About her character, she states, "Rosie's character is sassy; you never know what she will say. I love the banter of old friendship that is apparent between the Dynamos."

Asked who in the production is going to blow the audience away, she replied, "This show is packed with talent. I am particularly impressed with Pepper — Ramiro Ramirez plays a character that oozes charisma and he is so fun to watch in action."

Last Resort Players' "Mamma Mia!" will play at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Nov. 1 to 3 and 7 to 10. Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows are at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and student tickets, with ID at the box office, are \$15. Get your tickets now at 541-997-1994, www.eventcenter.org or the box office at 715 Quince St.

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Wallflowers & Wine — "Holiday Bouquet"

Tickets are on sale now for the Friends of the Florence Events Center's next Wallflowers and Wine event.

Pour a glass and grab a brush!

Artist John Leasure will once again bring his artistic talent and wit to the stage at the Florence Events Center for this ever-popular social art class on

Friday, Nov. 22, at 6:30 p.m.

Leasure will guide the class through the process of creating their own "Holiday Bouquet" masterpiece.

Admission is \$45 and gets attendees all their supplies — paint, brushes and canvas — as well as a souvenir wine glass, with choice of beer or wine.



Get tickets online now at www.eventcenter.org, stop by the box office at 715 Quince St. or call 541-997-1994.

Light Up a Life on Nov. 9

Peace Harbor Hospice hosts its annual Light Up a Life ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Florence Events Center. The celebration will include reflection, music and vocalists, with refreshments served at the end.

Light Up a Life allows anyone to purchase a star in remembrance of someone who has passed away or to honor someone who has made a difference in their life. All are welcome, whether or not your loved one was on hospice.

As in the past, families are also invited to submit photographs of loved ones, to be included in a memorial slide presentation.

As Light Up a Life is Peace Harbor Hospice's only fundraiser, donations are appreciated — and all contributions are tax deductible. Funds raised at this event will go to support a variety of hospice programs throughout the year.

Admission to the event is free, and all are welcome to celebrate the lives of loved ones.

Donations may be made online at peacehealth.org/LUAL-Florence, or mailed to Peace Harbor Hospice at 400 Ninth St., Florence, OR, 97439. They may also be dropped off in person at 2230 Kingwood St. Be sure to include the name of your loved one.

For more information about hospice, palliative care or the annual Light Up A Life ceremony, call 541-997-3418.



SEAc coast presents next concert in 2019-20 season

2020 marks the 40th anniversary of SEAc coast Entertainment Association and its commitment to first-class entertainment on the beautiful Oregon coast.

The next concert, featuring the Texas Gypsies, will be Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m.

Believing that variety is the spice of life, SEAc coast's programs run the gamut of classical, jazz, ethnic music, dance, comedy and variety.

The Texas Gypsies perform vintage jazzy swing with the cool sounds of the roaring 1920s Great Gatsby era. Mix in the big band swing sound of the '30s and '40s, then add western swing,

sprinkle some Django-style gypsy jazz over the top and finally finish up with a pinch of retro deco rockabilly. This is The Texas Gypsies.

The band mixes passionate violin, a blazing horn section, rockin', swingin' guitars, slappin' upright bass and retro style drumming to harmoniously create their own unique, classy and fun sound.

There will be a free pre-concert talk at 6:15 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Florence Events Center Box Office, 715 Quince St., and at eventcenter.org.

For more information about SEAc coast's season, visit seacoastea.org.

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