

Don't miss the boat to see LRP's 'Mamma Mia!'

The arrival of three men to the (mythical) Greek island of Kalokairi for a wedding is the event that launches the Last Resort Players' fall musical "Mamma Mia!" opening this Friday at the Florence Events Center.

On the eve of her wedding, a young woman's quest to discover the identity of her father brings the three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. The potential fathers, three very different characters, are played by James McKinney, Matt Korso and Jason Wood. McKinney is relatively new to Florence theatre but Wood and Korso are familiar local talent and have been in several LRP productions.

McKinney, who plays an intrepid adventurer, has been performing since high school. In one of his roles he played the dentist in "Little Shop of Horrors," which is to date his favorite role. He appeared in "A Christmas Carol" at the Florence Playhouse 12 years ago as the Ghost of Christmas Present. His dream role is Meatloaf's character, Eddie, in "Rocky Horror Picture Show."



Over the years, McKinney has developed the ability to use over 20 dialects, one of which he will use in his role as Australian Bill Austin.

McKinney is enjoying his character and says he loves every line in the show. He comments, "I truly feel that the entire cast is going to blow away the audience."

Korso, who is no stranger to the Florence stage, began performing in the second grade, where he debuted as Dancing Camel No. 3 in his school Christmas pageant. He is playing Harry Bright, a former headbanger turned London banker. It may be surprising to some that Korso is a huge fan of the Bee

Gees and he loves disco. Mat's favorite stage show — besides "Mamma Mia!" — is "Hairspray," but if he had a magic wand, the next show he would like to do is "Sweeney Todd."

Sam Carmichael is played by Wood, who started his acting career in his third-grade production of "Cinderella," where he played Fairy Godmother.

He says, "I still dress up as Fairy Godmother, I'm just better at it now."

When asked what he does when not doing theatre Wood replied, "I'm never not doing theatre."

His advice to the audience is to "Keep your eyes

on that ensemble! Every one of them has a fully realized character. They bring energy and enthusiasm to every rehearsal and they do an amazing job with the choreography. I'm working hard to keep up!"

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.

Get colorful with Siuslaw Color-a-Thon

Siuslaw School District is putting on the third annual Color-a-Thon Fun Run on Saturday, Nov. 2. Starting from Siuslaw Middle School, the Color-a-Thon will feature a 5K run/walk.

"The whole community is invited to come out a get colorful with us," said organizer Crystal Osburn. "Rain or shine, we're going to have a color blast!"

As participants of the event wind their way through the course, they will be doused in non-toxic color powder, and finish the

course looking as if they've just run through a rainbow.

Funds raised from the Color-a-Thon will help provide resources not funded through the school budget.

This year's event is supported by a number of local business sponsors. In addition, donations are being collected by Siuslaw students.

Everyone is invited to participate and can pick up a registration packet at Coastal Fitness or Siuslaw Elementary. Day-of registration will be \$30.

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Confirmed measles cases in Lane County

Testing has confirmed two new measles cases in Oregon, one of whom resides in Lane County. Both patients traveled on the same flight into Portland International Airport as a confirmed measles case on Saturday, Oct. 12. The Lane County patient was partially vaccinated.

In response, Lane County Public Health has activated its incident command system and is currently investigating potential exposure. At this time, there are four identified sites of possible exposure during the patient's infectious period.

- Monday, Oct. 21:**
- 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Creswell Bakery, 182 S. Second St., Creswell
 - Noon to 4 p.m., Bier Stein, 1591 Willamette St. in Eugene
- Wednesday, Oct. 23:**
- 4 to 7:30 p.m., Blu Mist, 1400 Valley River Dr., Suite 130 in Eugene
 - 6 to 9:30 p.m., North Fork Public House, 2805 Shadowview Dr. in Eugene

Additional sites may be added as the investigation continues.

Measles exposure is possible for up to 2 hours after an infected person leaves the location. None of the identified locations above are

considered ongoing exposure risks.

Measles, also known as rubeola, is a potentially severe viral infection. Measles symptoms appear 7 to 18 days after contact with the virus and typically include high fever, cough, runny nose, and watery eyes. Measles rash appears 3 to 5 days after the first symptoms. It usually begins as flat red spots that appear on the face at the hairline and spread downward to the neck, trunk, arms, legs and feet.

• Small raised bumps may also appear on top of the flat red spots.

• The spots may become joined together as they spread from the head to the rest of the body.

• When the rash appears, a person's fever may spike to more than 104° Fahrenheit

Additionally, tiny white spots (Koplik spots) may appear inside the mouth two to three days after symptoms begin.

Measles isn't just a little rash. Measles can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children, as well as for pregnant women and those who have compromised immune systems (e.g., cancer and transplant patients, etc.). Measles is very contagious. Measles spreads through the air

when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

It is so contagious that if one person has it, up to 9 out of 10 people around him or her will also become infected if they are not protected.

A child can get measles just by being in a room where a person with measles has been, even up to two hours after that person has left. An infected person can spread measles to others even before knowing they have the disease — from four days before developing the measles rash through four days after the rash subsides.

If someone believes they have been exposed to measles, they should contact their healthcare provider to their provider's office.

Measles spreads quickly through the air. People who may have been exposed and who are showing symptoms should limit their contact with other people and public places until they can see their healthcare provider.

The measles vaccine is very effective. Two doses of measles vaccine are about 97 percent effective at preventing measles if exposed to the virus. One dose is about 93 percent effective.

If someone has not been vaccinated, or may only be

partially vaccinated, they should contact their healthcare provider and arrange to be vaccinated.

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