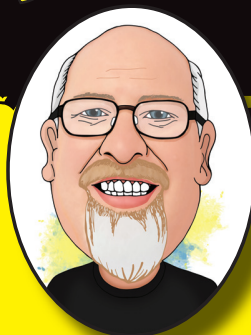


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Christmas on the Coast features Charles Suniga

Charles Suniga and the Angels come back to the coast for another special holiday performance at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. Former Florence residents and Siuslaw High School alumni Charles Suniga and Lonny Whelchel bring the sounds of the season back to the coast for a second holiday concert in December.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to see two-time Grammy nominated pianist, singer, and composer Charles Suniga and the Angels for a special holiday concert. Coming back to the Florence Events Center for the second time in as many years, Charles and the Angels will be performing traditional seasonal classics along with returning guest vocalist too.

"Last year's show was late in December, the weather was bad, it was the last weekend for Christ-

mas shopping, and Charles and I only had about two months to organize it," said Whelchel. "So we both settled for the dates we could get and the rest just sort of came together with last minute sponsors, deadlines for publications, not to mention a very late health scare, which put the performance in jeopardy briefly. With all those hurdles, 'The show must go on' became our mantra. It was a great performance."

Suniga has been performing since the age of seven, and his "Moments of Peace" series of music has received critical acclaim by music critics in the industry and also by the thousands of listeners and followers of his special brand of music. From greeting global travelers at Portland's International Airport to bringing peace and calming to parents and children at hospitals, Suniga has carved a niche in the music industry with a very distinctive style of

music.

Oregon Public Broadcasting's Columbia River Gorge Celebration featured Suniga's music in their documentary.

Suniga has been nominated twice for Grammy awards in the easy listening category, but says, "My music is not about awards or accolades within the industry, but rather reaching as many people as I can with my music."

This will be the second time for "Charles and the Angels" at the Florence Events Center.

"It's always great to come home to the coast, I just don't get to do it much anymore with my busy schedule, and coming home for the holiday's for the second time in two years is a blessing," says Suniga. "It's like a reunion every time



with family, friends and former classmates from high school who come out to see the performance."

Whelchel

added, "Last year, people from Portland, Vancouver and Spokane came down to the Oregon coast to witness the concert style performance by Charles and the Angels. For many it was their first time to the Florence area and they all just loved it — rain and all."

Reserved ticket prices are \$20 each and are on sale now at the Florence Events Center. Get tickets early for the best seats available by visiting the website eventscenter.org, or call 541-997-1994 for more information.

"Christmas on the Coast" is a Sure Hits Production in association with Moments of Peace.com.

U.S. Marines to celebrate 244th birthday Nov. 10

In honor of all local Marines and Navy Corpsmen attached to a Marine unit, a 244th birthday dinner celebration will be held at the local Elks Lodge on Saturday, Nov. 10.

A no-host cocktail hour will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. with a selection of dinner menu being served from 6 to 7 p.m. Thereafter, the Commandant's message will be read, concluding with the traditional cake cutting ceremony.

Marines have celebrated their birthday every Nov. 10 since their founding in 1775 at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia. All Marines and guests are invited to attend but are requested to inform this year's host and hostess of their intent to attend, and which menu they prefer.

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Anyone who is a compassionate person looking for a job that will provide a flexible schedule and paid continuing education, join Carol Mosman, owner of Right at Home In-Home Care & Assistance, to learn about new opportunities in Florence.

A brief presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 5, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Lane Community College Florence Center, 3149 Oak St.

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