

FRAA Winter Arts Festival SEAcoust presents Alexander Boldachev

This year the FRAA Winter Arts Festival will be held Saturday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the Winter Music Festival weekend at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

Curated by the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), the annual Arts Festival brings together local and regional artists and craftsmen to fill more than 30 booths with their latest creations. In addition to selling their art, over the course of the weekend select artists will demonstrate

how their art or craft is created.

A sample of the wide variety of unique creations includes works of art in wood, art for the garden, fiber creations of all kinds, glass works of art, jewelry designs in various media and handmade goodies to sample.

Admission to the Arts Festival is FREE.

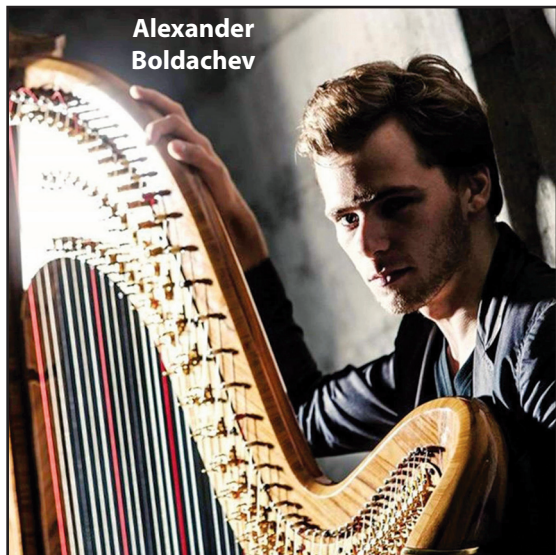
For more information on the Winter Arts Festival, contact Event Chair Claudia Brown at 541-902-1933.

For more information about FRAA, visit www.fraaoregon.org.

SEAcoust Entertainment Association continues its 2019-20 season with Russian-Swiss harpist and composer Alexander Boldachev on Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St. The ticketed concert begins at 7 p.m. It will be preceded by a pre-concert talk at 6:15 p.m.

Boldachev performs a diverse repertoire that includes classical, pop and rock music. He tours the world and thrills audiences everywhere.

He plays his own arrangements and original compositions, presenting his vision of the future for classical music. His new



electro-acoustic harp, a Salvi instrument, offers a new sound and unique

aesthetic.

Boldachev is an invited soloist of the Bolshoi Theatre and has received awards from over 10 international competitions, including a prize for culture from the European Cultural Foundation, Pro Europa.

As a composer, he has transcribed over 150 compositions for the harp and has written 30 original works, including three for harp and orchestra. He holds degrees from the Zurich University of the Arts.

Tickets are \$35 and are available now by calling the event center box office at 541-997-1994 or eventcenter.org.



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2020 photo contest offers cash prize

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for the best amateur or professional photos of fun, frolic, famous attractions, iconic buildings and beautiful scenery of Oregon's Coastal Playground.

The winner will collect a \$250 cash prize and have their submitted photo featured in the Florence Chamber of Commerce Resource Guide and other printed marketing pieces, on its website and in social media.

A panel of Chamber members will decide the winner. The winner will be announced the week of Jan. 15.

Deadline for entry is Jan. 3, 2020. For more contest information, entry forms and image release waivers, visit florencechamber.com/2019photocontest, call 541-997-3128 or email Contest@FlorenceChamber.com.

"We call this place Oregon's Coastal Playground for a reason," said Bettina Hannigan, the Chamber's executive director, "so we're looking for outstanding amateur or professional photos that convey our coastal playground theme."

"So, download your best photos from your smartphone or camera and send us your highest resolution photos showing the best of Oregon's Coastal Playground with you and your family having fun here."

Photos must be taken within 25 miles of Florence to be eligible. The contest is open to Florence-area residents and visitors from all over the world. Amateurs and professionals alike are encouraged to enter. Portrait-oriented photos stand the best chance of being used in print media, though landscape-oriented photos are also encouraged.

Ideal photos will be free of watermarks, in .jpg format, color and 1920x1080 pixels or 8MP, if possible.

By entering the contest, contestants state they have ownership and rights to submit the photo, that the photo is free of encumbrance by other entities and give the Chamber unlimited rights for the use of photos in its publicity and marketing materials.

Entrants do not give up exclusive rights for future use of the photos for their own private use.

Entrants must provide signed waivers (photo release forms) granting the Chamber permission to use the image or likeness of anyone included in the photo. Photos selected for use require a signed release by the photographer.

Entrants under the age of 18 must have written permission of a parent or guardian.

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From Day 1, parenthood is filled with cherished moments including the baby's first trip home. Each year, Florence's first born arrives home in the comfort and protection of a new child safety car seat donated by PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center. This annual tradition is among the many ways in which the PeaceHealth team is dedicated to keeping all of our precious moms and babies healthy and safe throughout the birthing journey.

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