

## LCC to close for MLK Day

Lane Community College will be closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday on Monday, Jan. 18. No classes will be held and no services will be available, unless otherwise announced by a department or program.

For more information see the academic calendar online or call Joan Aschim at 541-463-5591 or email her at aschimj@lanec.edu.

## Honoring MLK Jr. National Day of Service on Jan. 18

This year, the Baha'i community of Florence Oregon is collaborating with KXCR radio 90.7 to host a live broadcast in place of an in-person gathering, honoring the late Rev. Martin Luther King.

The event will take place Monday, Jan. 18, from 4 to 5 p.m. on 90.7 FM.

MLK Jr. Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service. It encourages all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. It brings to light Dr. King's vision and legacy of truth, love and

justice in how people serve their communities.

Monday's MLK radio program will feature "Voices of Our Community," young and old residents who will speak, recite poetry and play music.

Presenters will be doing a live Zoom call which will be streamed on KXCR 90.7 FM between 4 and 5 p.m. (KXCR's Grab Bag Hour). The Zoom program will be available to view on both KXCR and the Bahai community of Florence Oregon's Facebook pages after the broadcast.

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# Community News

## CROW announces new board members

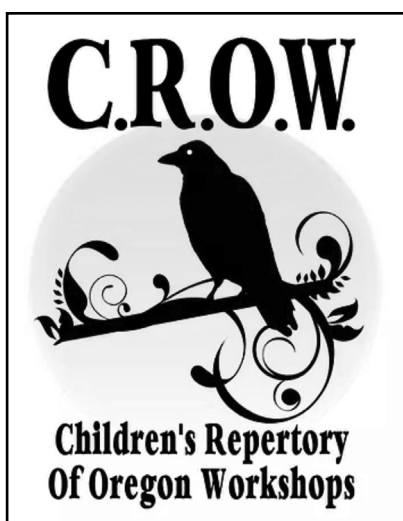
Non-profit youth theatre organization CROW (Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops) recently announced the addition of four new members to its board of directors for the 2021-22 term.

"It has been an important goal for us to expand our board, and we are excited to have accomplished this task," said Melanie Heard, CROW's Artistic Director and Founder. "We believe that continual growth, introspection and improvement are central to the long-term success of CROW. Our new board members will bring a fresh and energetic perspective to our organization, as we navigate the difficult path to re-opening post-COVID."

CROW hopes to re-open in Summer 2021, pending the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine and guidelines set forth by state government.

Meanwhile, new board members include:

- Lori Grimmert**, whose creative spirit of the arts and entertainment industry began over 30 years ago building unique experiences for software developer conferences worldwide. Taking the knowledge and experience, Grimmert refocused into distinctive guest experiences for Casinos in North America, building and directing numerous event platforms. She has driven multi-channel event revenue streams as well as managed a substantial event staff for music festivals in the Pacific Northwest. Grimmert says her true passion is "grassroots and community" and that she is excited to be



part of CROW team.

- Alicia Hickson's** introduction to CROW began in 2015 through participation in The Holly Jolly Follies. She was invited to play an elf named "Prissy," who swoons and faints over the elf, Elfis, portrayed by her husband and Siuslaw Newspaper editor, Ned Hickson. She remembers her schooldays fondly and says "Choir was composed of 4th to 8th graders and choir selection happened in 3rd grade. To be a part of it was something special so when I was selected, I was so excited. For the children of our community to have these opportunities, to be a part of something special, to be excited — that is something special."

- Jennifer Marus** lives in Florence with her partner and their 14-year-old son. During her workdays, she exercises her left-brain doing taxes

and bookkeeping for Buckwald & Hornung. During her free time, she flexes her right-brain with all sorts of creative activities, but most know her as "the belly-dancer." She has been studying Middle Eastern dance for just over a decade and has branched into other dance forms, such as Bollywood. Jennifer loves performing, and all aspects that go into creating theatre magic and "hopes to lend her support for the arts in any way she can while serving on the board for this wonderful organization."

- Amy Owens** has been involved with CROW since the beginning. When her kids were cast in their first CROW show in 2011, she volunteered to help backstage. That ultimately led to her discovering her love for the performing arts. Since then, she has performed in several shows, learned to make props, helped out with costumes, assisted with microphones and has worked backstage filling in whenever there is a need for every CROW show to date. Owens says she has "treasured the time she has gotten to spend with her children and getting to know many of the amazing kids in our local community that have participated in CROW."

Heard says, "CROW is excited to welcome Lori, Alicia, Jennifer and Amy to the board, and we are excited about what the future will hold for our children in the arts."

For more information about C.R.O.W. please visit [www.crowkids.com](http://www.crowkids.com).

## Kids and families organizations can receive up to \$50,000 in grants over two years from United Way

United Way of Lane County has opened a two-year grant opportunity for organizations and initiatives helping kids and families throughout Lane County thrive. Organizations are invited to submit Letters of Intent to apply now through Jan. 14 at 5 p.m.

These grants, called Community Support Awards, are intended to

support projects and organizations whose efforts align with one or more of United Way's four outcome Areas: family health & stability, kindergarten readiness, elementary school success and youth success. Awards may be used to deliver programs, sustain or increase organizational capacity, or enhance collaborative partnerships focused on a mutual goal.

United Way of Lane County is prioritizing proposals serving rural communities in Lane County; American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN), Asian, Black, LatinX, Multiracial, and Hawaiian/Pa-

cific Islander populations; under-represented and/or underserved populations including, but not limited to people living with physical and cognitive disabilities and LGBTQ+ people, and ALICE families (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), or families navigating poverty.

Applicants must provide services in Lane County, Ore., have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, be classified as a public entity, or have a qualified fiscal sponsor (i.e. a sponsoring tax-exempt organization). Applicants may submit more than one Letter of Inquiry. Collaborative projects involving

multiple partners are acceptable.

Interested organizations can learn more at [www.unitedwaylane.org/sup-port-award-loi](http://www.unitedwaylane.org/sup-port-award-loi).

With the vision of ensuring all children are successful in school and life, United Way brings together passionate individuals and organizations that have the knowledge and resources to get things done, engaging top leadership from every sector to develop strategies that will change systems, and invests in programs and services that address our community's current social crises. To learn more, visit [www.unitedwaylane.org](http://www.unitedwaylane.org).

## 2021 Women's March on Saturday

This year the national Women's March will sponsor a virtual event to share their vision for the future and demand the immediate care and long-term investments our communities deserve from Jan. 16 to 18, the weekend before the U.S. Presidential Inauguration.

Folks may RSVP at [act.womensmarch.com/signup/forward-together-rsvp/](http://act.womensmarch.com/signup/forward-together-rsvp/).

Locally, Florence ORganizes (FOR) is sponsoring our own event.

Families are invited to join organizers us at the corners of Highways 101 and 126 in Florence at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16.

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People are asked to bring hopeful attitudes and positive signs, and wear costumes. This year's theme is "#ForwardTogether."

Participants will practice safety, including social distancing and wearing masks.

For more information, contact Nora Kent at 541 515 8191.

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