

# Community News

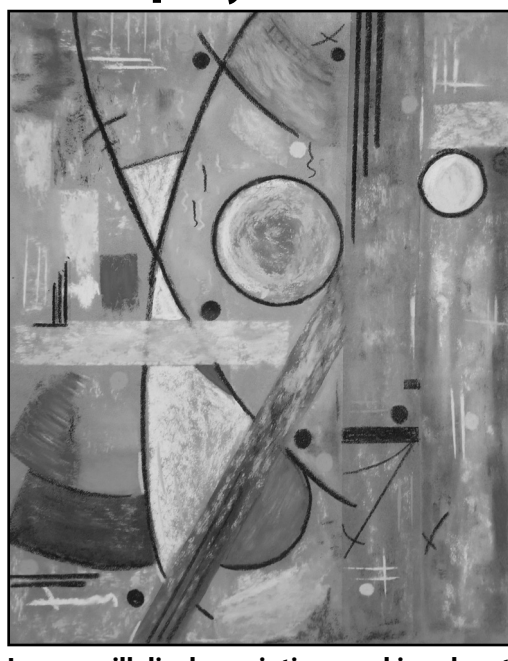
## Eclectic artistry on display at Florence Visitors Center

Stunning acrylic abstract paintings and her "Avec Le Temps" international jewelry collection are part of a new art exhibit by featured artist Gigi Lissan from The Studios at Jayne Smoley Design. In addition, Lissan's art will be on display at the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center, 290 Highway 101, through June 1.

The Studios at Jayne Smoley Design, 1458 First St., regularly features Lissan's art. Her jewelry collection can be seen at Bonjour Boutique, 1336 Bay St. in Historic Old Town Florence.

"It is such a pleasure to exhibit at the Visitors Center," said Lissan. "People from all over the state, the country and even the world, stop in there every day. The chamber has done so much over the years to advance the talents of local artists and present them to locals and tourists alike. I'm honored to be a part of it."

According to Chamber President/CEO Bettina Hannigan, "The Studios has provided us many great artists' exhibits in the past and we are excited to show Gigi's paintings and jewelry at our visitors center. She has such an



Lissan will display paintings and jewelry at the Florence Visitors Center through June 1.

arresting flair to her work, and I invite everyone to come appreciate such local talent — while wearing masks and with proper distancing, of course."

Raised in the South of France, Lissan moved to Los Angeles in 1978. She then founded "France Exchange School" where art was a large part of the curriculum and brought her L.A.'s "Family Choice Award."

In 2014, Lissan and her husband Allen decided to escape Los Angeles and moved to Florence where she established her "atelier" (workshop). She divides her time between her paintings and her jewelry collection, both of which have sold in France and the U.S.

Lissan's paintings are often inspired by Sam Francis, Jackson Pollock, Kupka, Zao Wou-Ki and other impressionists.

"Sometimes shapes, lines, colors bounce around in my head and are often projected in my work, frequently based on geometric abstraction," said Lissan.

For the past three decades, her intriguing jewelry collection "Avec Le Temps" (With Time) has incorporated mechanical elements from clocks and broken or abandoned objects. She often mixes the old with the new in creating her imaginative one-of-a-kind wearable works of art.

For more information on Lissan and her work, visit [www.facebook.com/gislenegilissan](http://www.facebook.com/gislenegilissan).

To learn more about joining or volunteering with the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, visit [FlorenceChamber.com](http://FlorenceChamber.com).

## CROW awards Graduating Senior Scholarship

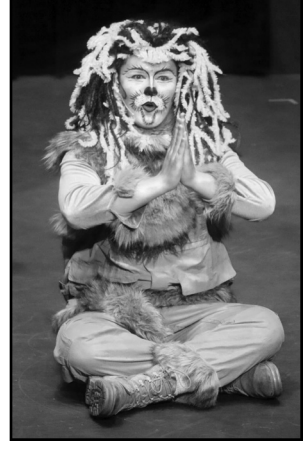
The CROW (Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops) Board of Directors announced this week that William Owens will receive the 2021 CROW Graduating Senior Scholarship.

"William is the epitome of a 'CROW kid,'" said CROW Artistic Director Melanie Heard. "He started with us when he was only seven years old and he went on to play Chip in our first main-stage production — 'Beauty

and the Beast.' Over the years, he honed his fine arts skills, while maintaining academic excellence.

In spring 2019, William played Lion in CROW's production of "The Wiz," as well as Sky in Last Resort Players' "Mamma Mia!" that November.

"William is a role model



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(From left) William Owens played Chip the teacup in "Beauty and the Beast," CROW's first mainstage musical at the Florence Events Center and Lion in "The Wiz."

to so many of our younger kids, and they have always looked up to him," Heard said.

William will receive \$250 to help him with expenses as he starts down his next path in life.

"We are beyond proud of William, and could not be more excited to be able

to announce that he is this year's scholarship winner," Heard added. "Bravo, kiddo. Keep roaring loudly, and even though life is a jungle sometimes ... remember that your CROW family always has your back."

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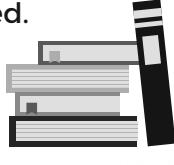


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<b>GODZILLA VS. KONG</b> - 113 MIN - "A crowd-pleasing, smash-'em-up monster flick and a straight-up action picture par excellence."	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	12:45 PM 3:40 PM 6:30 PM			1:15 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:15 PM 4:15 PM 7:15 PM
<b>LAND</b> - PG-13 89 MIN - "Raw but beautiful, rich story about deep sadness, isolation, and healing through nature." Film Threat	5:10 PM	5:10 PM	3:45 PM			4:15 PM	4:30 PM
<b>MINARI</b> - Nominated for 6 Oscars, Including Best Picture, Best Actor - PG-13 115 MIN	3:45 PM	3:45 PM	3:30 PM				
<b>THE MARKSMAN</b> - PG-13 108 MIN - "Neeson delivers an Eastwood-style performance while also revealing an emotional vulnerability that proves fully relatable." Hollywood Reporter	12:45 PM 6:45 PM	12:45 PM 6:45 PM	1:00 PM 6:00 PM			1:30 PM 6:45 PM	7:15 PM
<b>THE MOLE AGENT</b> - Oscar Nominee NR 84 MIN - "A perfect film." The Playlist	12:30 PM	12:30 PM	1:15 PM			1:00 PM	1:45 PM
Siuslaw News Presents "THE STORY OF PLASTIC" Celebrating Earth Day 2021 95 MIN - FREE with your advance ticket							1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM
<b>THE UNHOLY</b> - Stars Jeffrey Dean Morgan PG-13 102 MIN - "The Unholy is a good tight scary commercial theological horror film." Variety	1:15 PM 4:15 PM 7:15 PM	1:15 PM 4:15 PM 7:15 PM	1:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:40 PM			1:30 PM 4:30 PM 7:15 PM	1:30 PM 7:30 PM
<b>TOM &amp; JERRY</b> - PG 101 MIN - "First and foremost, cute. Animated animals – cats, a mouse, a rat, a dog, a goldfish, singing pigeons, peacocks and elephants – in live-action with real people New York city cute." Movie Nation	2:40 PM 7:30 PM	2:40 PM 7:30 PM	6:20 PM			3:45 PM 6:30 PM	4:45 PM

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
APRIL 17	APRIL 18	APRIL 19	APRIL 20	APRIL 21	APRIL 22	APRIL 23
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