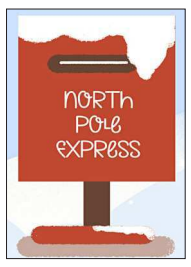
Letters to Santa



Kids of all ages can drop off letters to Santa Claus at the North Pole Express Mail Drop Box, at the Siuslaw River Bridge Interpretive Center on Bay Street in Historic Old Town Florence, now through Dec. 19.

People are asked to include their mailing address so local elves can help Santa answer each letter. Learn more at ci.florence.or.us/community/2021-letters-santa.

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Community News

CROW announces auditions for 'Frozen Jr.'

CROW is very excited to announce open auditions for a "concert style" production of Disney's "Frozen Jr." The show will be presented April 22, 23 and 24 at the Florence Events Center.

"Frozen Jr." is based on the 2018 Broadway musical, and brings Elsa, Anna, Olaf, Hans, Kristoff and the magical land of Arendelle to life, onstage. The show features all of the memorable songs from the animated film, with music and lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, plus five new songs written for the Broadway production.

A story of true love and acceptance between sisters, "Frozen Jr." expands upon the emotional relationship and journey between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood.

CROW was founded in 2011, is a Florence-based 501(c)3 organization, and is dedicated to giving back to the community by providing quality performing arts experiences to local youth. CROW will present this sparkling show with full costuming, lighting, and some special effects, BUT limited staging. The show will also be livestreamed for audience members who are not comfortable sitting in the theatre.

"We are reducing stage movement as a safety precaution," said CROW Artistic Director, Melanie Heard. "We want the kids to know in advance that there won't be any large dance numbers, but that we will still make it fun and exciting for them. We will still give the show the full CROW treatment!"

Cast size will be smaller for this production. Rehearsal commitments will be reduced, compared to CROW's larger scale productions. Masks will be required for auditions and rehearsals. Additional COVID precautions will be taken, and the CROW Board of Directors is currently developing a safety plan to keep all kids healthy during the experience of the show.

Auditions will be held at CROW Center for the Performing Arts, 3120 Highway 101, on Jan. 10 and 11 at 6:30 p.m. Invited Callbacks will be held on Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Hopefuls will need to bring 16-32 bars, or about one minute from a song, that they would like to sing (sheet music or a CD, MP3 track with no background voices are acceptable), and a headshot/resume if they have one. If you don't know a song, "Happy Birthday" or "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" are acceptable.

Those asked to come to callbacks will sing from the score, and read scenes from the script.

There are roles for ages 7-22+, and all youth are encouraged to try out regardless of previous stage experience. A character breakdown is available on CROW's website (www.crowkids.com) on the "Frozen Jr." page.

Rehearsals for "Frozen Jr." will begin mid-January and are generally held weeknights from 6:30 to 8:45 pm. Interested families are strongly encouraged to check out the CROW website for all of the information needed to prepare for the audition.

"We encourage you to let your fears go, and come audition for this show!"

Questions can be emailed to Heard at crowtheatrekids@yahoo.com.

Church to hold Christmas Eve candlelight service

New Life Lutheran Church, 2100 Spruce St., will hold an in-person candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. For those wishing to view from home, the service can also be viewed online at florencenewlifelutheran.org.

Pastor Paul Strike will officiate.

Traditionally, all attendees receive a candle which will be lit from a single source, representing the light that Christ brought into the world. The theme of the service is faith and fellowship. The community is invited and warmly welcomed to attend regardless of church affiliation.

COVID protocols will be observed.

For more information, call 541-997-8113.

Wind ensemble presents Seasonal Celebration today

The Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble will present its annual Holiday Concert on Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Community Baptist Church, 4590 Highway 101, at 2 p.m. Proceeds from the concert will benefit Florence Food Share.

The program will draw heavily on traditional favorites plus a few lively, non-seasonal numbers.

Please note that Oregon's indoor masking and social distancing protocols still apply.

The concert is free, but a donation of $5 per person and $10 per family would be appreciated, with all proceeds going to Florence's food pantry. Non-perishable food items will also be collected.

The Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble, under the leadership of Principal Conductor David Olson, is composed of about 35 professional and amateur musicians from the central Oregon Coast and Willamette Valley, and has provided concert band entertainment for more than two decades.

The band plays several concerts per year.

No auditions are required to join the Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble. Rehearsals are Monday nights during the school year, alternately in Waldport and Florence. Most of the members are adults, but high school students are welcome to join.

Learn more at snaggle-bunnytribe.net/PCWE_Home.

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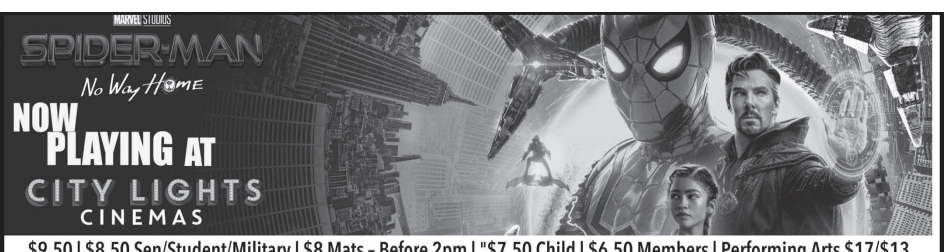

$9.50 | $8.50 Sen/Student/Military | $8 Mats – Before 2pm | "$7.50 Child | $6.50 Members | Performing Arts $17/$13

December 17 - 23	FRI 17	SAT 18	SUN 19	MON 20	TUE 21	WED 22	THU 23
BELFAST – PG-13 98 MIN – "This is the best movie I've seen so far in 2021." Chi Sun-Times	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	12:00 PM	12:20 PM		
C'MON C'MON – R 108 MIN – "C'mon C'mon is a great big bear hug wrapped in celluloid." The Independent	7:10 PM	7:10 PM	7:10 PM	2:10 PM			
ENCANTO - PG 99 MIN – "A triumph in every category: art, songs and heart." AP	1:10 PM 4:00 PM 7:10 PM	1:10 PM 4:00 PM 7:10 PM	1:10 PM 4:00 PM 7:10 PM	3:35 PM 6:45 PM	2:35 PM 7:20 PM		
JULIA - PG-13 90 MIN – "It's an easygoing, highly enjoyable look at the life and considerable influence of Julia Child."	4:10 PM	4:10 PM	4:20 PM	4:35 PM	5:00 PM		
THE MATRIX RESURRECTIONS R 148 MIN - Plagued by strange memories, Neo's life takes an unexpected turn when he finds himself back inside the Matrix.						12:30 PM 3:50 PM 7:00 PM	12:30 PM 3:50 PM 7:00 PM
SING 2 - PG 112 MIN - Buster Moon, and his all-star cast of performers prepare to launch their most dazzling stage extravaganza yet …						12:50 PM 3:30 PM 7:20 PM	12:50 PM 4:00 PM 7:10 PM
SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME – PG-13 150 MIN – "A consistently entertaining superhero entry, tying up two decades' of loose ends in the process." Variety	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:20 PM 3:45 PM 7:00 PM	12:00 PM 3:20 PM 6:40 PM	12:10 PM 3:30 PM 6:50 PM	12:10 PM 3:30 PM 6:50 PM
WEST SIDE STORY – PG-13 150 MIN – "Soaring. Exhilarating. Magical. Heartbreaking. Unforgettable." Chi Sun-Times	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM	12:10 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM	12:10 PM 3:20 PM 6:30 PM	12:10 PM 3:50 PM 7:10 PM	12:40 PM 4:00 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM

Special Events:	FRI 17	SAT 18	SUN 19	MON 20	TUE 21	WED 22	THU 23
BOLSHOI BALLET: THE NUTCRACKER NR 135 MIN – The holiday classic returns.			11:00 AM			6:00 PM	
ARTHUR CHRISTMAS PG 97 MIN – Presented by Kiwanis Tickets are FREE and available at the box office					1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM		

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