

Holiday events

Ring in Christmas

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Now is a great time for anyone planning to enjoy holiday community events with friends and loved ones.

There are dozens of activities this weekend, from sun up to evening. Here are some of the highlights.

HOLIDAY OPERA, DEC. 13+

•North Coast Chorale presents "Amahl and the Night Visitors," a one-act opera, as well as other holiday favorites at 7 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 13 and 20, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St., Astoria.

SANTA BREAKFAST, DEC. 14

•Warrenton Community Center Advisory Board is sponsoring Breakfast with Santa from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the Commu-

nity Center, 170 S.W. Third St. Breakfast includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, plus sausage, eggs and beverages. There will be raffles for gift baskets and children can have their photos taken with Santa. Admission is \$5 for those 12 and older, \$3 for ages 6 to 12 or \$1 for those 5 and younger.

PET-LOVERS PARTY, DEC. 14

•Clatsop Animal Assistance will have its annual holiday party and fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the Lovell Showroom at Fort George Brewery, 1483 Duane St., Astoria. Vendors and donations are sought. There will be a silent auction, raffles, a bake sale and pet photos with Santa.

THE NUTCRACKER, DEC. 14

•Encore Dance Studio presents "The Nutcracker" at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center, 415 First Ave., Seaside. Admission is one

new unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.

SANTA SWIM, DEC. 14

•Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District will have a Santa Swim that's open to all ages from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Pool, 1140 Broadway, across from the library in Seaside. The movie, "Home Alone 2" will be playing, Santa will be available for photos and there will be tasty snacks. Admission is \$3 per person. For more information, call the pool front desk 503-738-3311.

HOLIDAY CONCERT, DEC. 14

•Columbia River Symphony's annual free holiday concert is at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Liberty Theatre, 1203 Commercial St. Featured guests are the Warrenton High School and Warrenton Grade School choirs. The concert includes plenty of family friendly holiday music. The symphony is an all-volunteer nonprofit performing arts group. The concert is free and guests are urged to arrive early. Doors will open an hour before showtime.

NATIVITY DISPLAYS, DEC. 14

•Seaside Community Creche Exhibit, 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1403 S. Wahanna Road. North Coast Chorale will sing beginning at 6:30 p.m.

GIFTS OF PURPOSE, DEC. 14

•Gifts That Make a Difference, which gathers 30 nonprofit groups in one space, is from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Liberty Theatre, 1203 Commercial St., Astoria. Many organizations will have items for sale that support their mission along with end of year giving opportunities.

PLUM PUDDING, DEC. 14+

•The Flavel House Museum will have its traditional Tea and Plum Pudding event in the festively decorated museum from 1 to 4 p.m. daily Dec. 14-23 and

from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 26-30. Admission is \$12 for nonmembers and \$8 for members of the Clatsop County Historical Society. It includes warm plum pudding, hot tea and a self-guided tour of the museum. Reservations are recommended for groups of eight or more. The event is sponsored by the historical society and Providence Seaside Hospital. For more information, call 503-325-2203.

GINGERBREAD TEA, DEC. 14+

•Gingerbread Tea at the Butterfield Cottage, 570 Necanicum Drive in Seaside, is at 1 p.m. Saturday. The tea is sponsored by Seaside Museum and Historical Society. It includes homemade gingerbread cake baked by the museum "grandmothers," warm drinks, candy canes and music by the North Coast Ukulele Strummers. The event will be held again at 1 p.m. Dec. 21 with musical entertainment by the Seaside Strummers.

DOWNTOWN LIGHTS, DEC. 15

•Warrenton's downtown Christmas tree lighting will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Light House Museum at the four-way stop.

NORDIC CONCERT, DEC. 15

•North Coast Symphonic Band's "Nordic Winter Fest" concert is at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Liberty Theatre. The concert features holiday music from Scandinavia. Joan Haaland Paddock, professor of music at Linfield College, will be guest conductor. The North Coast Chorale will lend their voices on several numbers. General seating admission is \$15 for adults and free for those younger than 18. Tickets are available at libertyastoria.showare.com. Doors open at 1:15 pm. with the band's Low Brass group beginning at 1:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CLASSICS, DEC. 16

•"O Holy Night: A Classical Christmas" begins at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St., Astoria. Emmy winning tenor Marco Pannuccio will perform this classic holiday concert that includes "O Holy Night," "Ave Maria," "Silver Bells" and Leonard Cohen's reflective ode, "Hallelujah." Tick-

ets are \$25 general admission or \$15 for students and available at brownpapertickets.com.

'ROCKETTES,' DEC. 20

•"The Holiday Spectacular" hosted by Encore Dance Studio begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Liberty Theater, 1203 Commercial St., Astoria. The Radio City Rockettes are the inspiration for the Warrenton dance group's performance. It's a nonticketed event, although donations will be accepted at the door for Encore Performing Arts Foundation. Doors open a half-hour before the performance.

WHITE CHRISTMAS, DEC. 21

•A "White Christmas" sing-along will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Liberty Theatre. There are many Irving Berlin classics from the 1954 film, including "The Best Things Happen When You're Dancing," "Snow," "Sisters," and the title song. Admission is \$8 and available at libertyastoria.showare.com. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

VISITS WITH SANTA

•Visits with Santa, sponsored by the Liberty Theatre and the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association, will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The event is free inside the lobby of the Liberty Theatre, 1203 Commercial St., Astoria. Parents should be sure to bring a camera to capture the moment.

SCROOGED, WEEKENDS

•"Scrooged in Astoria," loosely based on the traditional holiday tale, "A Christmas Carol," will be performed at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 22. The musical melodrama is a production of Astor Street Opry Company and held at the playhouse, 129 W. Bond St., Astoria. Tickets are \$30 for front-row, \$15 for all others and \$10 for children 10 and younger. All Friday performances are \$10. Tickets are available at asocplay.com. The ticket booth opens an hour before performances; doors open a half-hour before showtime.

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