

Classical guitarist performs in Cannon Beach, Astoria

Coaster Theatre to host Oct. 29 Halloween Bash

ASTORIA and CANNON BEACH — Classical guitarist Aaron Larget-Caplan will return to the North Coast this weekend.

First, Larget-Caplan will headline a Halloween Bash at the Coaster Theatre in Cannon Beach on Saturday, Oct. 29. The next day, he'll head up to Astoria for an exhilarating afternoon concert at Grace Episcopal Church.

At the Halloween Bash, Larget-Caplan will perform the concert "Legend & Dreams." Partly inspired by the Mexican holiday Dia de los Muertos, the musical program harnesses the music of six countries to explore deathly themes of transformation, legends, fantasy, night and even toe-eating monsters.

The concert will include dances, lullabies and odes from Argentina, Cuba and Uruguay by guitar composers Roland Dyens, Leo Brouwer and Agustin Barrios as well as arrangements by Larget-Caplan of music by Bach and 20th century master John Cage.

The Halloween Bash will also include a costume competition, a belly dance



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Classical guitarist Aaron Larget-Caplan will headline the Coaster Theatre's Halloween Bash Saturday, Oct. 29 in Cannon Beach and also perform Oct. 30 at Grace Episcopal Church in Astoria.

presentation, Halloween revellies, and a preview of the play "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) [Revised]." Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 or \$20 and are available online at coastertreasure.com, or call the box office at 503-436-1242.

An international touring artist from Colorado now based in Boston, Larget-Caplan recently returned from performing again in Russia, Germany and Italy. His performances have been hailed as "stunning" by Fanfare Magazine.

Larget-Caplan's Astoria performance, co-presented by the Astoria Music Festi-

val, will celebrate his most recent CD release, "The Legend of Hagoromo."

The centerpiece of his concert is the interplay among distinct works by baroque composer Bach and 20th-century modern composer Cage. Larget-Caplan will play a fascinating arrangement of two movements of the famed "Pictures in an Exhibition" by Modest Mussorgsky and an audience favorite, the Japanese tour-de-force "Legend of Hagoromo."

Keigo Fujii's "Legend of Hagoromo" is based on a Japanese legend about a fisherman who falls in love with a heavenly maiden who can fly when she wears

her feathered kimono, the hagoromo. He steals it, and drama ensues. The music is Eastern in a mode from Okinawa, Japan, but the composer studied in the West and loved rock guitar. The guitarist uses unusual techniques, including brushing, bending and scratching to highlight the piece's intense rhythmic shaping and dramatic story. The American Record Guide described Larget-Caplan's performance of the 20-minute masterpiece as "an emotional and technical tour de force."

Larget-Caplan's latest CD, "The Legend of Hagoromo," is a musical fusion built on a Japanese theme with American composers writing in an Eastern aesthetic and Japanese composers writing in a Western. It includes works by George Gershwin and Harold Arlen, as well as New Lullabies commissioned by Larget-Caplan for his New Lullaby Project. It's been hailed "an eclectic and endlessly rewarding release" by Classical Guitar.

The Astoria concert takes place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30 at Grace Episcopal Church, located at 1545 Franklin St. Tickets are \$15 at the door, with those 15 and under admitted free.



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Learn about past residents of Clatsop County on Oct. 30.

Find buried treasure at Talking Tombstones XIII

SEASIDE — The Clatsop County Historical Society, in partnership with the Seaside Museum and Historical Society, will present Talking Tombstones XIII: Buried Treasure!

Sponsored by Astoria Granite Works, this year's iteration of Talking Tombstones will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30 at the Evergreen Cemetery located on Beerman Creek Lane in Seaside; just one half mile from U.S. Highway 101.

This is a free event. Donations are welcome.

Visitors should plan to arrive no later than 3 p.m. — the deceased begin to fade

from view as the darkness of night draws near.

For more information about this event or other Clatsop County Historical Society activities, call 503-325-2203 or e-mail cchs@cumtux.org

Clatsop County Historical Society is a 501(C)(3) non-profit educational organization dedicated to preserving and presenting the history of Clatsop County Oregon and the surrounding area. The society operates the Flavel House Museum, the Clatsop County Heritage Museum, the Oregon Film Museum and the Uppertown Firefighters Museum.

Seaside rotary holds annual dinner, auction

SEASIDE — The Rotary Club of Seaside and its foundation invite the public to attend its annual dinner and auction at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29 at the Seaside Convention Center. The theme this year is "Ghoulish Gala."

This is the single largest fundraiser of the year for the Seaside Rotary Foundation and allows the foundation to assist in serving the needs of not only the local community but people worldwide.

Some examples of these programs include scholarships and international youth exchanges for high school students; upgrading the Broadway Park field lights; the alcohol-free Seaside High School Grad Night Party; the Wishing Tree program that provides holiday presents to hundreds of area families; supporting the needs of local seniors; providing water and sanitation in villages in developing

nations; and the eradication of polio worldwide.

A key component of the event are many live auction packages that attendees can bid on. Some examples to look for this year include: an Alaska cruise, an Arizona vacation, a weekend ski retreat, a North Carolina vacation, and dozens of silent auction items graciously donated by area businesses.

This year there will also be games, a pie-throwing

contest, and entertainment from the improv comedy troupe Upfront Theater, founded by Ryan Stiles from "Whose Line Is It, Anyway?"

Tickets are available. Cost is \$65 per person, and \$650 for a table of 10. Costumes are encouraged.

For questions, contact Auction Co-Chairs Raven Brown at raven@pacific.edu or 503-298-9104 and Stewart Martin at stewartmartin2@gmail.com or 503-440-1852.

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