

Bored? Winter blahs? Perk up with a variety of entertainment

Eugene Ionesco's theatre of the absurd, Prokofiev's classic tale of Peter and the Wolf, and a rock n' roll star who's drafted into the U.S. Army provide a veritable kaleidoscope of area entertainment.

The Bald Soprano

Ionesco's *The Bald Soprano* and *The Lesson* will be pre-

sented at Pacific University on February 8, 9, 10, 14, 15 and 16, at 7:30 p.m., in Tom Miles Theatre in Warner Hall, with a matinee performance on Sunday, February 10 at 2:30 p.m.

Directed by Abby Needham for her senior presentation theatre thesis, Ionesco's theatre of the absurd comments on the human condition and the barriers presented with our language as a means of communication.

Tickets will be on sale at the door at \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors.

For more information, call the Pacific University Box Office at 503-359-2918.

Peter and the Wolf

The Magic Circle Mime Company's popular combination of visual theatrics and symphonic music will bring Prokofiev's classic tale of *Peter and the Wolf* to life in an Oregon Symphony Kids Concert on Sunday, February 10, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

Seattle Symphony Assistant Conductor Alastair Willis will

conduct the concert, which will begin with Suppé's Overture to *The Light Cavalry*. The engaging tale of Peter, the Bird, the Cat, the Duck, the Grandfather, the Hunters and the Wolf will then become an exciting theatrical experience as Peter tries to capture a wolf that threatens orchestra and audience members alike.

Ticket prices range from \$5 to \$29 for adults and \$5 to \$22 for children 12 and younger. They are available at the Oregon Symphony Ticket Office, 923 SW Washington, or may be charged by phone at 503-228-1353. Tickets are also available at Ticketmaster outlets at 503-790-ARTS or Ticketmaster Online through the Symphony's website at

www.orsymphony.org

Bye Bye Birdie

Longview Stageworks will present the Tony Award-winning, patriotic musical comedy, *Bye Bye Birdie* from February 8 through 17 at the Columbia Theatre for the Performing Arts in Longview, Washington.

Performances are Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m., with matinees on Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Tickets for the evening shows are \$15 for adults, with a 10 percent discount for seniors and students; matinees are \$9.00.

For more information and tickets, call 360-575-8499 or 888-423-8499.

Banks Firefighters set annual breakfast

The annual breakfast of the Banks Volunteer Firefighter Association will be Sunday, March 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in the Banks High School Cafeteria. Tickets are available at the door.

Breakfast will include pancakes, ham or sausage, eggs, fruit, coffee, milk or orange juice.

Firefighters will also offer free fire engine rides to children and free blood pressure checks for adults.

For more information, call 503-324-6262.

Storm downs transmission line

Although two to three feet of snow fell in higher parts of the West Oregon Electric Cooperative service area from Jan. 26 to Jan. 28, the longest power outage occurred in the comparatively low-lying Chapman area.

Loss of the transmission line from Warren to the Chapman substation left about 500 Co-op members without power for eight or nine hours on Sunday, Jan. 27, reported WOEC General Manager Russell Green. Power was restored by midnight Sunday to most of the

area, with the remaining 25 to 50 members back on line by Monday noon.

Though mostly of brief duration, outages were widespread from Elsie to North Plains, with most of the trouble areas located north of the Sunset Highway in the hills around Green Mountain, Bacona and Banks, and toward Chapman. Throughout the system, crews worked around the clock until all service was restored, and had power to all but about 100 members by midnight Sunday.

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