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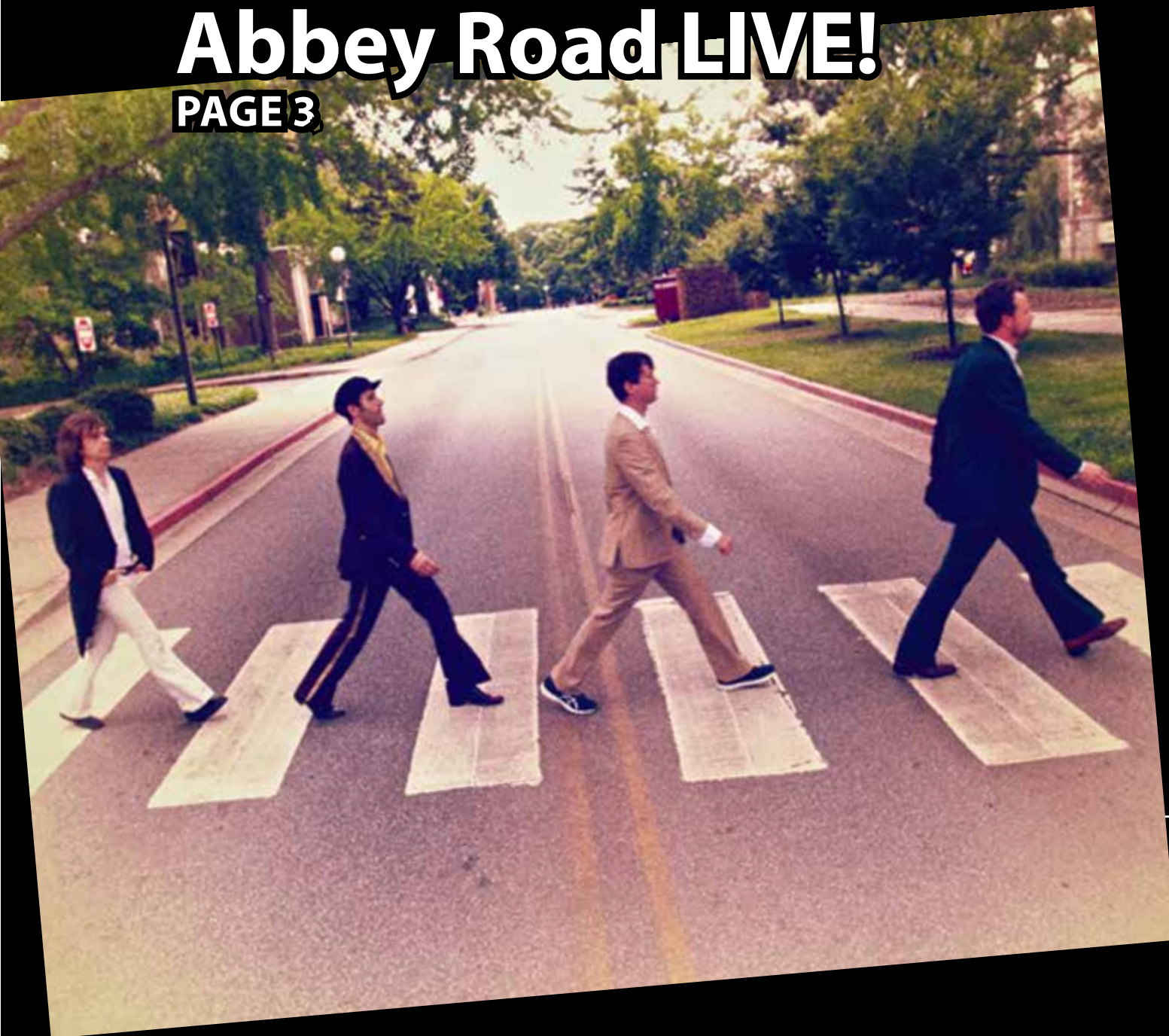
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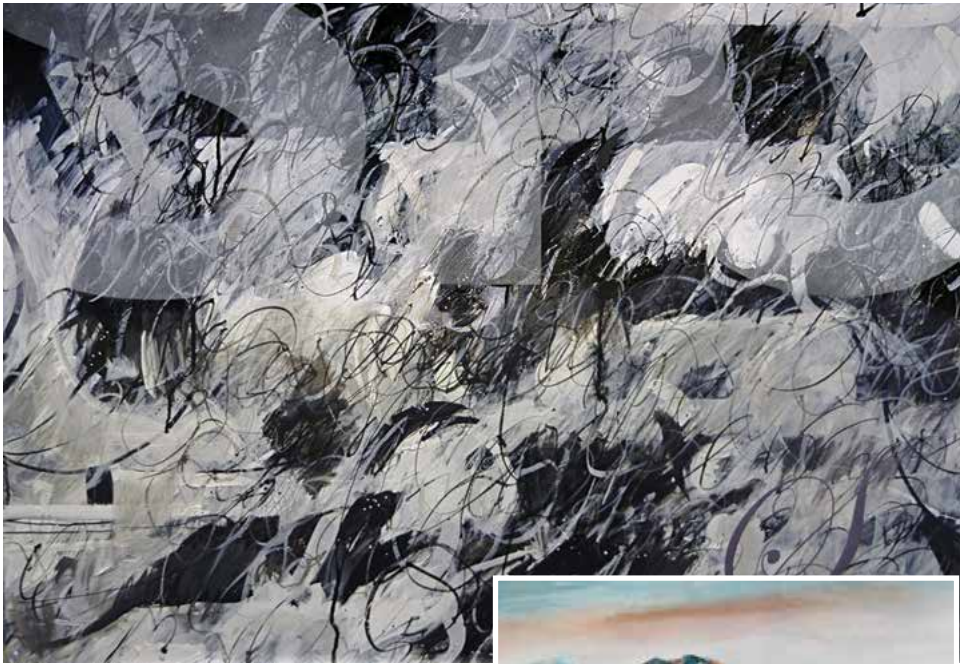
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'Visual Dynamics' 4-artist exhibit in Gallery One

Throughout July, the FEC will feature a special, four-artist exhibit titled: "Visual Dynamics: An Evolving Conversation." The show highlights the artwork of South Coast artists Pat Snyder of Coos Bay, Susan Lehman of Bandon, Janne LaVelle of Lakeside and Wendy Ralston-Burger of North Bend.

The group's first show together, titled "Then and Now," was hosted at Pacific Park Gallery in Coos Bay, where the exhibit received accolades for its combination of experimental paintings in oil, acrylics and collages. A special artists' reception will be held Saturday, July 9, at the FEC, as part of the Second Saturday Art Walk, from 3 to 5 p.m.



FEC to offer exhibit opportunities for local artists

Florence Events Center will have several opportunities for artists to display their talents in Gallery One and Five during the fall and winter of 2016 and continuing in 2017.

The FEC Gallery Committee, as part of Friends of the FEC, is giving artists advance notice of upcoming exhibits, as well as offering new and creative challenges to artists. The first special exhibit will take place in October and November. This will be the second annual Artistic Visions Award Show. Artists can display up to three pieces of artwork, including 2-D, photography and 3-D.

Cash awards will be given to winners in each category, as well as honorable mention ribbons. Qualified jurors from outside the Florence area will judge this show.

In December, the FEC will offer a new exhibit encouraging people to "Give Art this Christmas." Artists will be asked to submit works that are \$100 or less, and a fun reception will be planned with live music, refreshments and photos with Santa.

January and February of 2017 will be third annual "For the Love of Animals" exhibit, with a reception held to benefit the Florence Area Humane Society. Pet photos are always a fun part of this event. March and April will be a patriotic themed exhibit, with a reception benefiting DAV and the Oregon Coast Military Heritage Museum.

Publicity and details on each of the upcoming exhibits will be available the month prior, and applications will also be available at that time at www.eventcenter.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY:

Gallery One art reception — July 9
Abbey Road LIVE! Concert and dance — July 9
Van Fans Ice Cream Social — July 16
234th Army Band concert — July 23
Cavy Show — July 30

AUGUST:

Lane Blood Drive — Aug. 8
Second Star Festival — Aug. 13 and 14
Coin Show — Aug. 20 and 21

ONGOING EVENTS:

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Abbey Road LIVE! tribute concert, dance

The Abbey Road LIVE! tribute band will feature Beatles tunes in a rocking musical program Saturday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m. US News and World Report has called Beatles tribute band Abbey Road LIVE! "One of the world's premier Beatles cover bands."

Since 2002, Abbey Road LIVE! has been rocking the music of the Beatles at clubs, theatres, festivals, and private events. Initially a tribute to the monumental "Abbey Road" album, the band has expanded its scope to include more than 100 Beatles tunes, from all eras of the Fab Four's career. The band specializes in complete, start-to-finish album performances of masterpieces such as "Abbey Road," "Magical Mystery Tour," "Rubber Soul," "Revolver" and "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band."

Abbey Road LIVE! is not your typical Beatles look-alike tribute act; don't expect mop-top haircuts and vintage Rickenbacker guitars. Rather, this show is about bringing to life some of the more mature and complex Beatles material in a raw & spirited fashion, while remaining true to the original recordings. Combining attention to detail with a creative exuberance, the band always delights its audiences with its diverse repertoire of hits and more obscure favorites.

Abbey Road LIVE! is made up of four all-star musicians from the infamous Athens, Ga., music scene that gave the world R.E.M., Widespread Panic and the B-52s. Collectively, the band members have recorded and toured regularly with Cosmic Charlie, Charlie Mars and Fuzzy Sprouts. Individual band members have also collaborated with acts such as Indigo Girls, Juliana Hatfield, Mike Houser (Widespread Panic), Danielle Howle and Lemonheads.

While the four lads from Athens generally perform as a quartet, they have also been known to recruit the "Magical Mystery Horns" and the "Lonely Hearts Strings," lending authentic accompaniment to the more elaborately orchestrated tunes. The latest addition to the Abbey Road LIVE! musical arsenal is a real Indian sitar and tablas.

At a typical Abbey Road LIVE! show, audiences young and old can be found gleefully singing along with every word, many in utter disbelief at getting to hear this monumental music performed live; something that even the Beatles themselves never did, since they stopped touring in 1966.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$12 for ages 12 and under, and are available at the FEC box office, by calling 541-997-1994 or online at www.eventcenter.org.



Oregon's 234th Army Band to play July 23

The 234th Army Band will perform a free concert at the Florence Events Center on Saturday, July 23, beginning at 2 p.m. A limited number of advance tickets will be available from the FEC box office.

American military bands have been present since colonial days. Prior to the signing of the Declaration of Independence, colonial soldiers marched to the sound of fife and drum. Later, in the Civil War, soldiers depended on musicians to entertain them, position them in battle, and spur them on to victory. Military bands play at both military and civilian official functions, entertain American troops worldwide, assist community relations between civilian and military, and have been decorated for their performance in battle.

On June 20, 1919, "Oregon's Own" band was organized and federally recognized as the Band Section, Service Company, 162nd Infantry Regiment. The band remained a part of the 162d Infantry Regiment until 1940. The band was inducted into Federal service on September 16, 1940 in Portland. Band members saw service in the South Pacific and received campaign participation credit for the Luzon, New Guinea and Southern Philippines campaigns. After receiving the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation for service during World War II, the band was deactivated in 1946 on Okinawa, and redesignated the 234th Army Band on May 17, 1947. At that time, the 234th was organized and federally recognized in Portland OR, and attached to the state militia. Over the years, since 1947, the band has provided musical support for Oregon troops, toured the state, and entertained many Oregonians.

The mission of an Army band is to "provide music throughout the spectrum of military operations to instill in our forces the will to fight and win, foster the support of our citizens, and promote our national interests at home and abroad." (Army Regulation 220-90) There are many ways in which the 234th Army Band carries out this mission.

On a regular basis, the band provides



musical support at military functions, such as Military Academy graduations, change of command ceremonies, parades, and mobilization and demobilization ceremonies. Between brass quintet performances, funerals that call for a bugler, and ceremonial band missions, the 234th continues to be a busy unit. In TY10, the 234th Army Band was recognized as having the highest operational tempo in the reserve band system. The 234th has also performed for gubernatorial inaugurations, opening ceremonies for the Oregon State Fair and State Games of Oregon, and dedication ceremonies for the Veteran's Hospital.

In 2005, soldiers from the 234th Army Band deployed to Louisiana to assist those who experienced the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Among the band's favorite assignments is presenting music to communities throughout Oregon.

After 26 years of being stationed at the Portland Air National Guard Base, effective 26 October, 2011, the 234th Army Band's station was official changed to the newly



constructed 41st Infantry Division Armed Forces Reserve Center at Camp Withycombe. 15300 SE Industrial Way, Clackamas, Ore..

The 234th Army Band is truly "Oregon's Own."

Get the 'scoop' at the Van Fans Ice Cream Social



The Van Fans annual Ice Cream Social fundraiser will bring Florence residents and Van Fan members together for an afternoon of ice cream, pie and other treats while supporting the Cancer Van for the Florence community.

The social will take place Saturday, July 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door. There will be homemade pie and ice cream served by BJ's Ice Cream, with hot and cold beverages available.

The Friends of Florence Van Fans,

a non-political volunteer organization, is sponsoring this event.

All proceeds donated go to support the van that transports cancer patients daily to Eugene and Springfield for radiation treatment. This service is free of charge to the community. Come and spend a relaxing afternoon enjoying pie and ice cream and listening to music, while helping a fellow neighbor or friend in need.

For more information, call Mary Fuestenberg at 541-997-1564.



SEAcoast announces exciting 2016-17 season lineup

“Since its beginning 36 years ago, SEA has brought top quality performers to Florence audiences,” said Linda Gargis, SEA board vice-president. “This upcoming season continues that tradition. We have seven fantastic shows, including midweek concerts, plus a new ‘Dinner and a Show’ package available for season ticket holders.”

In the new season, four of SEA’s concerts will be held on Wednesday nights with a nod to the increased weekend demands in the Florence community.

“SEA is a big supporter of the Florence Events Center,” said Gargis. “By scheduling Wednesday shows, we are not only helping

keep the FEC active midweek, we were able to book several acts that would have been unavailable on weekends due to scheduling, travel issues and cost.”

The season opens Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m., with “Cantus,” one of the premier vocal groups in the United States. This all-male ensemble will highlight the camaraderie, bonding and honor of the Armed Forces. SEA will partner with local veterans groups to help set the tone for Veterans Day.

The holiday season kicks off Nov. 18 with the incomparable musical group “Pink Martini.” Oregon’s own “little orchestra”



will provide two performances at the FEC: Friday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m., as part of the SEA season, and again on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m., in partnership with the Friends of the Florence Event Center.

SEA season ticket holders will have reserved seats for Nov. 18 as part of the regular season ticket package.

Single tickets for the Friday or Saturday shows will be \$49.

The Joe Trio will entertain on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017, at 7 p.m., bringing their humor, versatility and wit to the FEC stage. The three tremendously musical, classically trained players (piano, cello, and violin) will bring all a fresh appreciation for the standard concert repertoire (think “Beethoven meets The Pink Panther”) while entertaining the audience with humor and spontaneity.

Celebrate Mardi Gras a couple of days early with “Bria Skonberg’s New Orleans Jazz Band” during a Sunday afternoon tea dance Feb. 26, 2017, at 4 p.m. Bria is a specialist in classic American hot jazz. She leads her band, wails on the trumpet, and beautifully vocalizes jazz standards with energy and pizzazz.

SEA is providing Florence fans of brass with a much-needed dose of energy with the Dallas Brass on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at 7 p.m. The quintet masters all aspects of the brass repertoire: classical, Dixieland, swing, show tunes and more as they provide a musical travelogue through American instrumental history.

On Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at 7 p.m., SEA presents “Barrage 8,” a high-energy dose of modern string instruments and movement. Their innovative stage performance blends wonderfully with their musical talent — and strings like you have never heard them before.

On Wednesday, May 24, 2017, at 7 p.m., it will be an incomparable night for keyboard fans: dueling pianos when “The Piano Caméléons” will ring out the SEA season on two grand pianos, expertly manned by a



pair of virtuoso pianists. They revisit great classic pieces with interpretations touched by traditional jazz, world beat and other influences.

It will be a spectacle for the eyes, ears and soul.

Ticket packages for new season-ticket holders go on sale July 8, continuing through July 31, with single ticket sales available Aug. 1 at 9 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Florence Events Center box office, 715 Quince St., or by phone at 541-997-1994 during regular business hours.

Artist profiles, show times, links to video clips, and more are available at www.SEAcoastEA.org.



Fans of cavies, this show is for you



invited to see why we love our animals, and why we have so much fun.”

Though there are 13 breeds of Guinea pig, only a few breeds are commonly found off the show table as pets. The short-hair, Abyssinian, Peruvian and Sheltie (aka Silkie) breeds are those most frequently seen as pets.

Here’s a quick look at how to determine the difference: Short Haired: The short coated cavy, often called the American, Self, or English — has consistently short, glossy hair without a part; Abyssinian: Known for its short, rough coat that has cowlicked rosettes of hair; Peruvian: The Peruvian is the progenitor of all modern long-haired breeds, being a Guinea pig with hair that grows long continuously all over its body, sometimes to an excess of 20 inches; Silkie or Sheltie: A Silkie has long hair that flows back over its body and never forward over the face (as in the Peruvian); Texel: Like a Silkie, but with curls.

The show will be a unique opportunity to see and interact with the many breeds



The Florence Events Center will be alive with the happy squeal of Cavies (Guinea pigs) and their enthusiasts when the Oregon Cavy Breeders Society hosts a Cavy Show July 30 at the FEC, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Local owners and breeders will be bringing their favorite cavies to be judged and assessed for their quality. Top winners will be awarded prizes. In addition there will be a free youth cavy show open to the public.

“Our youth have some beautiful examples of cavies,” said last year’s organizer Manetta Deggleman. “Everyone is

of this popular animal, as well as see what determines the best of the best in the eyes of professional breeders.

“We welcome questions about our little friends at this show or any of our many shows around the state,” said Deggleman.

That jingling means it’s time for the 19th annual Coin show

Man has used some form of coin in exchange for goods and services for more than 2,000 years, from the Romans to the Aztecs. At the 19th annual Coin and Stamp Show, nearly 50 vendors from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California and as far away as Connecticut will be exhibiting, trading and selling coins from around the world. On hand will be U.S. territorial gold coins, as well as coins from Greece, Italy, the Middle East and more.

“Buy, Sell or Trade” is the theme. For anyone who is new to coin collecting, or who has never been to a major coin show, here are a few tips to make the show more enjoyable:

- Plan to arrive early in the day rather than later. This will allow plenty of time to look at all the exhibits and talk with dealers.

- Bring a good coin guide with prices for reference. There will be many coin dealers at the show. Find out who can offer the best value by having the current pricing chart handy and visible.

- Bring a notebook or use the memo function in your smart phone to keep track of contact information for dealers you may want to contact again in the future.

The show will be held Saturday, Aug. 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 21., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is free to the public and coin appraisals will be available.

For more information, contact Dennis Hankins at 541-401-0949, or Terry Woodward at 541-997-2682.



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'Never Land' comes to town during 2nd Star Festival



Come experience creative inspiration and whimsy when the 2nd Star Festival presents its second annual cultural arts celebration honoring creativity in all its forms Aug. 13 and 14. The event will highlight artisans, authors, illustrators, musical performers, storytelling and puppetry. It is an experience for all ages to be mesmerized and immersed in a land of imagination and inspiration. "What an amazing event filled with incredible vendors, wonderful performances and abounding with creative energy," said Brian W. Parker, a visitor to

last year's festival. "I can't wait to bring my family back again this year."

Following a fun, exciting, successful first year at the FEC in 2015, festivities for 2016 will include opportunities for participants to be captivated by many unique areas of creativity meant to inspire and encourage. Artisan booths will offer unique ink stamps for attendees to collect in their "passports" as they wind their way through the indoor Goblin Market, where travelers can meet guest artists Charles Mason and Tayliss Forge from the show, "Steampunk'd." They can also meet Eugene interactive steampunk artist Joe Mross, who will be displaying some of his unique creations.

Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be catered by Florence eatery, Mon Ami Cafe.

Talks from the Flight Deck's stories and musical performances on the theater stage will inspire and encourage all those who find a seat in the audience. Take a step through the gates of The Tesla Field in the outdoor area, where visitors will find mermaids, pirates,



beautiful Siuslaw River.

For more information, visit www.2ndstarfestival.com for complete details, including a list of artisans, sponsors and guest artists.

Tickets will be available by calling the Florence Events Center at 541-997-1994 or toll free at 1-888-968-4086. Children ages 12 and under are will be admitted free. Tickets for adults (ages 13 and older) are \$10 a day or \$15 for both days. Concert ticket are \$25. A weekend package including both days and concert is available for \$35 per person.

face painting, demonstrations, workshops, a gaming area, a vardo acoustic music stage, Nymbol's Secret Garden, Fooble the Dragon and a beer garden sponsored by local WildCraft Cider Works.

Come for a fun-filled, inspiring weekend of creative wonder — and don't be afraid to dress up!

Saturday and Sunday, the festival will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for all of the daytime activities. Then, at 7:30 p.m., on Saturday evening, The Nathaniel Johnstone Band will take the main stage, along with the opening act: magician Matt Van Zee.

The festival is within walking distance to Florence's Old Town district, along the



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Festival of Books preparing for September

The annual Florence Festival of Books, a book fair for authors and publishers, will take place Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with preliminary events on Friday to compliment the book festival. The event is hosted by the Friends of the FEC and the FFOB planning committee.

Though the festival is more than two months away, the planning committee is already hard at work. Committee members include chairman and Siuslaw Public Library director Meg Spencer, along with FFOB founders Connie Bradley and Judy Fleagle.

Now in its sixth year, the book fair continues to be a popular gathering for authors, publishers and potential future authors. The public is invited to this free event to meet the authors and have their books signed.

The book fair continues to adapt and grow each year to enhance the literacy event.



The book fair will feature at least six publishers. In addition, writers are invited to bring their manuscripts for a chance to meet with publishers representing many genres: fiction, non-fiction, memoir, children's literature, fantasy, mystery, young adult, poetry and more. Nearly 20 of the authors in attendance will be local residents.

Kevin Rhodes, events center director, said the annual event has grown every year. "It's not only a good opportunity for increased exposure for the authors and publishers, but it serves as a great networking tool as well."

On Friday, Sept. 23, at 3 p.m., a panel of authors will speak on the topic "My first book: the process of idea to print." Different authors will discuss their unique journey of the first book and how it made its way to a printed publication.

The event will take place in the FEC theater and is free to attend.

At 7 p.m. that evening, suspense thriller author Phillip Margolin will be the featured keynote speaker for the festival. Margolin has written 19 novels, many of them New York Times bestsellers, including the recent "Woman with a Gun," "Worthy Brown's Daughter," "Sleight of Hand" and the "Washington Trilogy."

Each displays a unique, compelling insider's view of criminal behavior, which comes from his long background

as a criminal defense attorney who has handled 30 murder cases. Winner of the Distinguished Northwest Writer Award, Margolin lives in Portland, Ore.

Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door for the conversation with Phillip Margolin.

Registration for authors and publishers for the Florence Festival of Books is now open through the Festival website at www.florencefestivalofbooks.org.

For more information, contact Jennifer Connor at the FEC at 541-997-1994 or email Meg Spencer at meg@siuslawlibrary.org.



Photo cutline: Florence Festival of Books planning committee members (from left, sitting): Karen Nichols, Judy Fleagle, Connie Bradley and Kevin Mittge; (Standing, from left): Bonnie MacDuffee, Jennifer Connor and chairman Meg Spencer. (Not pictured is Ellen Traylor)