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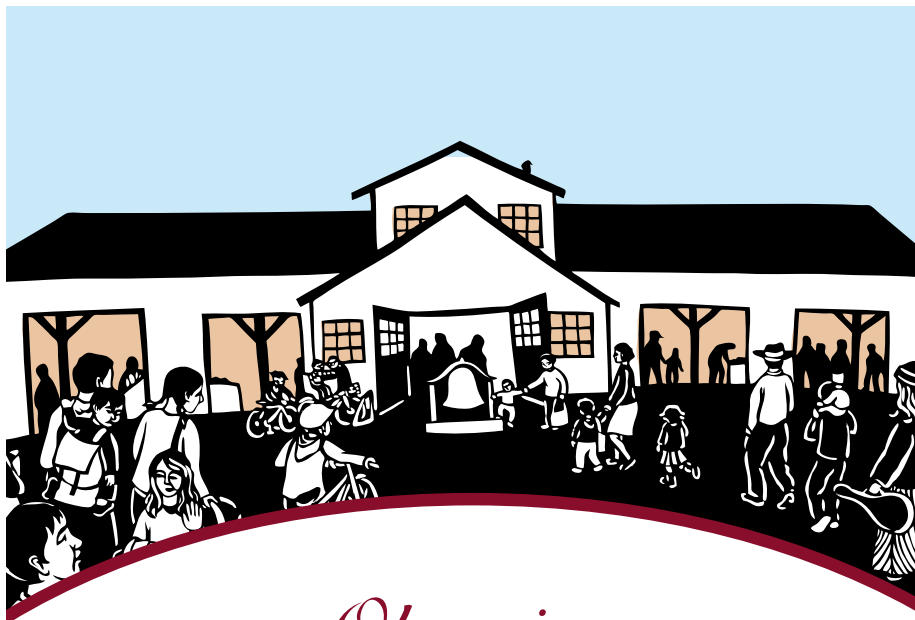
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THANK YOU FOR READING **OLY ARTS**. I'm thanking you because this issue marks our one-year anniversary as a publication, and it's due to your readership that our publication has grown and flourished over the last year. Thank you! Our first issue was delivered last summer as a small, 16-page publication intended for a quarterly schedule. We've grown up since then. **OLY ARTS** is now a 36-page, professional, print edition published six times a year, as well as a very successful, 1,200-article-strong website – OlyArts.com – updated every day with fresh news about arts and cultural events. We also now produce a daily podcast – OlyArts.com/podcast – that covers arts and culture throughout our region for thousands of listeners. Then there are our three mobile apps and a weekly e-newsletter with hundreds of subscribers. During the past year, we've given you insights into Olympia's artistic growth, news on Lacey's expanded focus on the arts, perspective on a new federal administration that endangers arts funding for the NEA and NEH and, with you, we've weathered threats to our community at The Evergreen State College. We've survived all of these, and we're stronger for it. Thank you again for all your reading and support over the past year! Here's to another wonderful year to come. Enjoy the summer of 2017 in the South Sound! – Ned Hayes, Publisher

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Summer Shakespeare in the Park: Much Ado About Nothing

By MOLLY GILMORE

After a hiatus last summer, outdoor Shakespeare by Animal Fire Theatre is back with the romantic comedy *Much Ado About Nothing*, opening June 30 in the Water Garden on the east side of the Capitol Campus. The free production will take audiences back to Hollywood during the Roaring '20s. "I'm looking for that 1920s, silent-film energy where everything is a little bit sped up," said director Jeremy Thompson of Lakewood. "It's perfect summer fare."

To wit, he's cut about 30 percent of the original text and is promising an evening of fast-paced, flowing fun that aims to help audience members forget their troubles. "We thought, 'What do we need right now more than a sense of lightness — a distraction from what's going on in our world?'" he said. "People can sit back and relax and just enjoy the silliness." (To better relax, audience members might want to bring blankets, chairs and picnics.)

As fans of the Bard know, *Much Ado* concerns bantering Beatrice (Rachel Fitzgerald) and Benedick (Brian Hatcher), whose relationship is nowhere near a fairy-tale romance. "They're not the young ingénue couple that we usually see in love stories," Thompson said in a recent phone interview. "These two characters have a history. There's a charged connection between them. They claim they want nothing to do, not only with each other, but with love at all." Also in the cast are Lynn Couch, Scott Douglas, Drew Doyle, Amanda Garcia, Atom Hill, Ryan Holmberg, LaNita Hudson, Lauren Lutz, Meigie Mabry, Mark Peterson, John Serembe and Lucia Wyss.

Thompson, director of education at Lakewood Playhouse, is new to Animal Fire but not to outdoor Shakespeare; he spent two years acting with Fairbanks (Alaska) Shakespeare Theatre. *Much Ado* will be his first Olympia production. It's also the first Animal Fire show since 2015's *King John*. After several years of performances, the all-volunteer company needed a break, said Hatcher, who, with husband Douglas, leads the company's core production team. 0



WHAT

Much Ado About Nothing

WHERE

Water Garden, Capitol Campus,
416 Sid Snyder Ave. SW, Olympia

WHEN

7 p.m. Fridays - Sundays, June 30 - July 23

HOW MUCH

Free

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Apple Tree Productions' Hairspray and Aida

By NORA KOVACS

Apple Tree Productions presents two exciting productions this summer, an adult rendition of the musical *Hairspray* in July and youth performances of *Aida* in August. The company prides itself on providing students of all ages with quality afterschool and summertime instruction in drama. During the summer, students of all ages are invited to delve into intensive study of source material, acting, vocal techniques and musical production. Director Heidi Fredericks spoke with **OLY ARTS** about this process and what viewers can look forward to in these upcoming shows.

OLY ARTS: Can you tell us a bit about Apple Tree Productions and the work that you do?

Heidi Fredericks: This is our fourth summer doing educational theater for children between the ages of 5 and 18 and our first adult musical. We also have programs throughout the year, as well as a free acting class for special-needs students. Everyone who enrolls is guaranteed a part because we believe everyone deserves their moment to shine.

OLY ARTS: Describe the preparation for *Hairspray*. What can viewers expect?

Fredericks: We will begin preparing in mid-June and perform the show in mid-July. We will have a cast of about 40 people, ages 15 and up, most of whom have some acting experience. As for the adults, we have a fantastic group of seasoned actors who are part of the local theater community here in Olympia.

WHAT

Apple Tree Productions

WHERE

Capitol Theater,
206 Fifth Ave. SE, Olympia

WHEN

Hairspray 7 p.m. Thursday – Sunday,
July 13-16;

Aida 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday,
Aug. 5-6

HOW MUCH

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OLY ARTS: What can you tell us about *Aida*?

Fredericks: The thing that is exciting about *Aida* is that it is a one-week process. The kids work five days straight from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It sounds crazy, but the kids are actually very seasoned and anxious to be challenged. It's this new level of excitement and pressure and it's been really good for them.

OLY ARTS: What is unique about working with young performers?

Fredericks: Young performers are not so set in their ways. They are open to trying new things and have a certain fearlessness that we often lose as adults. It adds an excitement to the show itself, besides the fact that they are incredibly talented. We choose shows that are edgy and difficult and show our students and the audience that risks do not have to be scary; they can be exciting. 0



First Date at Harlequin Productions

By MOLLY GILMORE



This summer, Harlequin Productions is hoping audiences will fall in love with *First Date*. The musical, which premiered at Seattle's A Contemporary Theatre in 2012 before heading to Broadway, opens June 22. The daters referred to in the title are Casey (Christie Murphy-Oldright) and Aaron (Bruce Haas), and the audience not only goes along on their blind date but also looks into their heads and their pasts.

"It's a refreshing look at romance," said director Linda Whitney, Harlequin's co-artistic director. "It has a time-stands-still aspect. Everything stops, and we check in on what's going on emotionally or mentally with the characters. Other people in their lives turn up and interject their own thoughts about how the date is going or about something in the history of the character."

Those people — Casey's best friend (Kyle Henick) and Aaron's ex-girlfriend (Carolyn Willems Van Dijk) — are played by an ensemble cast that also includes Will Lippman, Eleise Moore and Evan Sullivan. Those actors play people in the New York City cafe where the couple meets and then transform at key moments. "They add a hat or a scarf and become these other characters," Whitney said. "It happens in a snap. They come into these numbers and then step out of them and just become people in the cafe again." The musical numbers, which echo rock and a bit of rap, cover everything from awkward pauses to pre-date, online detective work.

If *First Date* sounds like the theatrical version of a chick flick, so does its backstory: It was written by longtime friends who were inspired by years of conversations about their romantic trials and tribulations. The twist is that the real-life characters who turned their bad dates into career success are men; the book is by Austin Winsberg and the score by Michael Weiner and Alan Zachary. 0

WHAT

First Date

WHERE

Harlequin Productions' State Theater,
202 Fourth Ave. E, Olympia

WHEN

8 p.m. Thursdays – Saturdays,
June 22 – July 22;
2 p.m. Sundays, June 25 – July 16

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Camps and Creativity at Olympia Family Theater

By KELLI SAMSON

At the start of every summer, Olympia Family Theater's production season ends, making way for the training of future thespians. The audiences and rhythms of the past nine months change. Rehearsal schedules give way for day camps, and guests switch from theater patrons to children aged 5 to 12.

OFT's expanded its offerings and truly has something for every camper. Each session culminates in some type of performance. For the youngest children, there are camps available for just half the day. For kids a little older, the camps run for six hours. This year, things go even later for teenagers interested in improvisation, as those sessions are offered in the evenings. "Teens who participate in improv this summer will have the opportunity to be part of a teen troupe next school year," explains artistic director Jen Ryle. "They will meet once a week, culminating in a public performance here."

New to the lineup this year is technical theater. Campers get to focus on things like costuming and set design instead of acting. Stagecraft campers will be the crew for the tandem sessions' performances. "With these workshops and camps, it's less about the performance at the end and more about the process," says Ryle. There will be two daytime productions offered over the summer season, *Chicken Little* and *Mother Goose*, but they'll be weekend performances instead of the usual week-day shows.

Ryle has nothing but praise for her teaching staff. Additions this summer are Ryan Campeau and Claribel Gross. Campeau is a student in Evergreen's master's-in-teaching program. Gross recently earned her master's degree in fine arts from Sarah Lawrence. She and Amy Shephard lead the *Cat in the Hat* camp in August, in both English and Spanish. Campeau and Gross have experience working in other countries, in theater and with kids.

For future reference, OFT offers an early-bird discount for campers. There's also a discount for families registering more than one child, and scholarships are available. The cutoff dates for these have, however, passed for this camp season. Many camps are already full, but some have space available. 0

WHAT

Chicken Little

WHERE

Olympia Family Theater,
612 Fourth Ave. E, Olympia

WHEN

10:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday,
July 8-9

HOW MUCH

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The Lion King on Stage in Olympia

By NED HAYES

In summer 2017, Creative Theatre Experience will showcase two mainstage productions among other experiences for young performers. CTE first offered an engaged introduction to theater for first-through-12th-grade students in 1981 and is now in its 37th year. The dates are the six weeks from June 26 to Aug. 5. CTE offers four opportunities for youth to participate:

- » **ARTS FESTIVAL** is for students in first through seventh grade. This workshop teaches dance, music, theater and visual art and culminates in stage performances.
- » **SPOTLIGHT** is for students in sixth through 12th grade and yields a non-musical production.
- » **SHOWCASE** is for students in sixth through 12th grade and yields a musical production.
- » **PRODUCTION CREW** is for students in sixth through 12th grade who wish to work behind the scenes on costumes, lighting, sound and building and painting the sets.



CTE performers in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in Summer 2016 production.

Disney's *The Lion King Jr.* is this year's mainstage, musical showcase for older students and features direction by local, professional actor and director Jason Haws. Two non-musical plays will also be staged, Qui Nguyen's *She Kills Monsters* and Jonathan Rand's *Crazytown*.

Dorgan has led the CTE team as artistic director since 2003, joined each year by directors Haws and Paul Purvine plus a talented staff and paid summer interns. They produce a quality, artistic-learning experience that teaches skills for use both on and off the stage. Over 200 children are part of the program every summer. "What I love about it," says Dorgan, "is that it is not about putting on shows. It's a full day of arts immersion for kids from first to 12th grade. They take classes in art, music, theater and dance. They take master classes, have recitals — and oh, yeah, they also get to be in a show. It's unlike any program I know of, and with the youth-mentoring-youth philosophy, it builds leadership and interpersonal skills, too. I'm so proud of CTE." 0



WHAT

Creative Theatre Experience

WHERE

Olympia High School,
1302 North St. SE, Olympia

WHEN

Arts Festival 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, July 20 and 21, 1 p.m. Saturday, July 22;

She Kills Monsters and *Crazytown* 7 p.m. Thursday – Saturday, July 27-29;

The Lion King Jr. 7 p.m. Thursday – Saturday Aug. 3-5, 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5 Olympia High School

HOW MUCH

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| Capital Lakefair Mainstage Entertainment

Wednesday, July 12

Public Employee Appreciation Day - Heritage Park, noon – 11 p.m.

Noon – 1:15 p.m.	Debbi's Dance
1-3 p.m.	Raindance open mic with Mike Burdoff
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Dan Walker, acoustic guitar
5-6 p.m.	Zumba
(5:30-8:30 p.m.	Lakefair Car Show)
6:30-10:30 p.m.	ROXY-FM High School Battle of the Bands

Thursday, July 13

1-3 p.m.	Raindance open mic with Mike Burdoff
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Acoustic act
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Lisa Ramsauer, singer-songwriter
7-8 p.m.	Lakefair Court speeches
8:30-10 p.m.	Primetime Band, country and oldies

Friday, July 14

50+ in the Park - Heritage Park, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

9-10:45 a.m.	Music sponsored by Motor Car
11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	Entertainment Explosion, senior variety
1-2:15 p.m.	Danny Vernon, "The Illusion of Elvis"
3:30-4:30 p.m.	RAW
5-6 p.m.	Dark Palms, post-punk
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Guilty Smoke, grunge rock
8-9 p.m.	HellBelly, hard rock
9:30-10:30 p.m.	The STUNTMEN, punk

Saturday, July 15

Kids' Day - Sylvester Park, noon – 4 p.m.

3-4 p.m.	Motor Car, blues rock
4-7 p.m.	Lakefair Grand Parade
7-7:30 p.m.	Baby and the Nobodies, punk
8-9 p.m.	Paul Hernandez, blues rock
9:30-10:30 p.m.	Vicci Martinez, singer-songwriter

Sunday, July 16

Noon – 1 p.m.	U.S. Martial Arts Center demonstration
1-2 p.m.	Jiu-jitsu demonstration
2-3:30 p.m.	Rhythm Fire School of Music students
4-5 p.m.	Dan & Shannon Music, acoustic duo
6-7:30 p.m.	The Adarna, rock (see article, page 12)
8-10 p.m.	Porky and the Beans, rock
10 p.m.	Grand Finale Fireworks





Capital Lakefair



The Adarna at Capital Lakefair

By JONAH BARRETT



This July will see the return of Seattle rock band The Adarna to Lakefair, playing during the final hours of the last day of the festival. The Adarna describe its genre as “Jet City rock,” because Seattle is the birthplace of both the band and the Boeing company. The Adarna’s performance at Lakefair will be part of its seventh national tour, named “The Dollars and Dignity Tour.” Stops along this tour include a collection of West Coast cities and a number of performances along the Southern border, as well as a gig at the largest heavy-metal and rock festival in the country: Rocklahoma. The Dollars and Dignity Tour runs from May 12 to August 26.

Prior to that, The Adarna toured internationally from December 2015 to January 2016, performing in southwest Asia for U.S. troops as part of its Project Gratitude tour. Project Gratitude, The Adarna’s first international tour, was sponsored by Armed Forces Entertainment and served as an opportunity to show gratitude to the brave men and women who are unable to spend the holidays with their loved ones. The Adarna was started by musicians Andreka Jasek and William Perry More, who were soon joined by “Murdock” and Oliver Spencer. The band takes its name from a mythical bird in Filipino folklore called the Ibong Adarna, a phoenix-like avian with a long, colorful tail and lyrical abilities to cure any illness. In reality, Olympians can grab the chance to see The Adarna perform at Lakefair on July 16, with a fireworks finale sure to cure anyone’s rock-and-roll fever. 0

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WHAT

The Adarna

WHERE

Capital Lakefair,
218 Franklin St. NE, Olympia

WHEN

6 p.m. Sunday, July 16

HOW MUCH

Free

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Lakefair’s Royal Court

By **CHRISTINA BUTCHER**

With a mission to build and celebrate community in Thurston County, Capital Lakefair awards scholarships to outstanding young women each year and inaugurates them into the Lakefair Royal Court. This year, five well-deserving, high-school juniors were awarded scholarships, and **OLY ARTS** spoke with them to learn how they plan to take on the world.



AVA BRACKENBURY
Olympia High School

“I’m very happy to be on the court and I hope to spread the love and openness that Olympia embodies and make genuine connections with other communities.”

FUTURE PLANS: “I want to go into medicine. I’m not sure in what way exactly, but at the moment being a dentist is at the top of my list.” 0



MARGARET DOYLE
Lakefair Queen
Capital High School

“Being elected to the Lakefair court ... is an honor, but it’s also a lot of hard work. As the Lakefair Queen, I want to leave a positive, lasting impact on my community through my work with service clubs and different organizations.”

FUTURE PLANS: “I plan on majoring in English and then continuing on to law school, and (then) hopefully becoming a criminal prosecutor or an immigration lawyer. Once I retire ... I’m hoping to open a bakery.” 0



ELIZABETH HIROTAKA
Black Hills High School

“My hope ... is to make a positive difference in my community and inspire others to do the same. I also hope that young girls look at me as a positive example for them to follow.”

FUTURE PLANS: “I would like to study politics and business. I would like to use what I learn in college to be a part of women’s empowerment, not only nationally but internationally, and make a difference beyond my community.” 0



MALINDA LYON
Avanti High School

“I have learned to strive to be active in our community and in serving others, so I am excited to see how I can carry that out with my new Lakefair family and in other communities.”

FUTURE PLANS: “I cannot wait for the adventures we will take to other communities, the people we will meet there, and the memories that will be made.” *(Quotes for Ms. Lyon provided by Capital Lakefair.)* 0



JAYLA SIMMONS
North Thurston High School

“I was very excited and grateful for the opportunity to make more connections with people in my neighborhood and community. I want to do more for my community and have fun. I want to make this something that everyone can enjoy.”

FUTURE PLANS: “I would really like to go to Stanford or Harvard to get a communication degree and then go to law school and eventually become a family lawyer.” 0

WHAT
Capital Lakefair Grand Parade

WHERE
Capital Way at 20th Ave. to
Fifth Ave. at Simmons St.

WHEN
5 p.m. Saturday, July 15

HOW MUCH
Free

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Capital Lakefair



A History of Capital Lakefair

By ALEC CLAYTON

This year Capital Lakefair celebrates 60 years of service to our community and the communities around Olympia. The history of Lakefair begins with the lake itself: Capital Lake was built as an artificial structure in 1950. Swimming, boating and other activities took place in the lake. In 1957, a group of downtown businessmen decided to create an annual celebration there.

In Lakefair's early years, entertainment included a baton-twirling contest, a diving show, a hydroplane race, square dances and a teen dance. Early festivals focused on water activities, including log rolling, sailboat racing, swimming competitions, water polo and water skiing. The first parade in 1958 had no floats. Instead, it included a boat pulled by a car. It boasted, not a Lakefair Queen, but a "Lady of the Lake." But from the very beginning, Lakefair's princesses and queens have always been local high-school students.

Lakefair's first-year budget was only \$500, but its annual budget has grown to nearly \$300,000. Nowadays about 200,000 people attend, and 10,000 to 12,000 watch the Lakefair Grand Parade. 0

WHAT

Capital Lakefair

WHERE

Heritage Park, Fifth Ave.
at Water St., Olympia

WHEN

July 12-16
Car show 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 14
Lakefair Grand Parade 5 p.m. Saturday, July 15;
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HIGH SIERRA JAZZ BAND

by Alec Clayton



Three Rivers, California at the entrance to the Sequoia National Park is a long way from New Orleans, but it's home to The High Sierra Jazz Band. Listeners to the band can focus on the stage, close their eyes and be transported into Preservation Hall on Bourbon Street to listen to authentic Dixieland jazz. The High Sierra Jazz Band has been together with mostly original members since it first performed in 1976. This traditional, hot-jazz band will kick off this year's edition of the annual Lacey in Tune outdoor concert series. With a honky-tonk piano played in the style of Jelly Roll Morton plus traditional banjo, drums and a brass section of cornet, euphonium, trumpet, trombone and tuba, the band will have listeners marching in the park. High Sierra Jazz Band's latest album is appropriately titled *40 Years and Counting*. Following its appearance at Lacey in Tune, it'll play the 27th-annual America's Classic Jazz Festival, June 22-25 at Saint Martin's University. 0

WHAT: High Sierra Jazz Band
WHERE: Huntamer Park
WHEN: Noon Wednesday, June 21
HOW MUCH: Free
LEARN MORE: 360-491-0857
 highsierrajazzband.com

THE BRASS PATRIOTS

by Christina Butcher



Some bands are as diverse in their musical abilities as their members are. The Brass Patriots, a 16-member, military-music ensemble led by Chief Warrant Officer Scott Pierson, is absolutely one of those bands. The ensemble plays a wide variety of music, including formal and ceremonial music, street brass-band music, instrumental renditions of pop songs, groove music and hymns. The Patriots consider themselves "musical ambassadors" who perform at civic events, military functions, public schools, sporting events and universities during annual summer tours. The ensemble is part of the larger 133rd Army Band out of Camp Murray, Washington, formed in 1924 under the Washington Army National Guard. It was the only all-African-American Army National Guard Band in the U.S. until the Armed Forces were desegregated in 1948. 0

WHAT: The Brass Patriots
WHERE: Huntamer Park
WHEN: Noon Wednesday, June 28
HOW MUCH: Free
LEARN MORE: 360-491-0857
 ci.lacey.wa.us

SCOTT COSSU

by Molly Gilmore



Nationally known pianist Scott Cossu, who recently received a lifetime-achievement award from One World Music Radio, was one of the original Windham Hill artists. He keeps a sense of humor about his place in the new-age canon, describing his music as "new-and-improved age" and "heavy mental." His latest recording, last year's *Safe in Your Arms*, includes re-recorded versions of some of his new-age classics along with new compositions in the same style. Cossu will perform in Lacey with drummer Steve Banks and guitarist Lonnie Mardis. The concert will strike an upbeat note, Cossu said, with a set list of blues, boogie-woogie and jazz tunes along with up-tempo, new-age selections. He'll even play the mambo. 0

WHAT: Scott Cossu
WHERE: Huntamer Park
WHEN: Noon Wednesday, July 5
HOW MUCH: Free
LEARN MORE: 360-491-0857
 scottcossu.com

BLUES COUNTY SHERIFF

by Alec Clayton



Get ready for a toe-tapping extravaganza from old-style-blues band Blues County Sheriff. Band members say they live to have fun and put on a great show. "Forget the myth that blues is sad music," they say. "Our blues will make you dance. Expect humor and lots of audience interaction. Nothing is more exhilarating than band members roaming in the audience. It always happens. It is wildly popular. We demonstrate with every performance that when the band has fun, the audience has fun." Blues County Sheriff was a hit at last year's Music in the Park and looks to make a similar impact this year at Lacey in Tune. 0

WHAT: Blues County Sheriff
WHERE: Huntamer Park
WHEN: Noon Wednesday, July 12
HOW MUCH: Free
LEARN MORE: 205-979-0666
 bluescounty.com



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MISSYG BAND

by Adam McKinney



While there are certainly plenty of talented country artists in America these days, there was a golden age for country music that ran from roughly the late '50s through the '70s. It was in these times that the so-called "outlaw country" of people like Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson and Willie Nelson got its start. It was also during this time that inimitable voices like Emmylou Harris and Dolly Parton emerged on the scene. MissyG Band is cut from the same cloth as Harris and Parton, deftly finding the delicate balance between old-fashioned, string-heavy country and warm-hearted pop. Anchored by Missy Guthrie's inviting voice and fleshed out with husband Paul Guthrie on bass and keys, Barb Crowell on pedal steel guitar, Rick Lewis on percussion and multi-instrumentalist Paul Wieneke, MissyG Band is skilled at bouncing between rollicking, barroom odes and misty-eyed strolls through nostalgic pasts. 0

WHAT: MissyG Band

WHERE: Huntamer Park

WHEN: Noon Wednesday, June 22

HOW MUCH: Free

LEARN MORE: 360-357-8948

missygband.com

THE OLSON BROS BAND

by Christian Carvajal



The Olson brothers of Olympia, Isaac and Luke, formed a country act in 2011. They won the 2013 Capital Lakefair Battle of the Bands and a national songwriting contest with "Sunrise," an original song they performed at the Grand Ole Opry. That song was inspired by the natural beauty of western Washington. Drummer Seth Bowman, bassist Milo Mullen and Reece Wonio on the banjo round out the band. Its debut album, *Lookin' at You*, features both "Sunrise" and a successful radio single, "Dangerous." Last year, the brothers' summer schedule included over 50 shows, one of which was an opening gig for chart-topper Craig Morgan ("That's What I Love About Sunday"). Catch them free on their way up. 0

WHAT: The Olson Bros Band

WHERE: Huntamer Park

WHEN: 7 p.m. Saturday, July 15

HOW MUCH: Free

LEARN MORE: 360-357-8948

theolsonbrosband.com

BLAZE AND KELLY

by Adam McKinney



Sometimes it's easy to hear the connection two artists share with each other, meaning they're so on the same page that the authorial voice seems to be coming from one mind. Blaze and Kelly have been writing and performing together since 2004, and that history comes across in the way their voices intermingle so effortlessly. The folk-rock duo thrives on the strength of its crystal-clear harmonies, lending weight to songs that tend toward the melancholy without ever wallowing in sadness. Rather, Niccole Blaze and Mo Kelly's music is unabashedly optimistic, always preferring to look at the world in a charitable way. *Life is Beautiful*, the title of their 2009 album, really does seem to be how they feel about things, even when times are tough. Blaze and Kelly know how to cut loose, especially when their more country-leaning tendencies come to the fore. 0

WHAT: Blaze and Kelly

WHERE: Huntamer Park

WHEN: Noon Wednesday, July 19

HOW MUCH: Free

LEARN MORE: 360-491-0857

facebook.com/BlazeandKelly

SUNDAE + MR. GOESSL

by Adam McKinney



Ideally, duos should possess the kind of magnetism and presence that let you forget the lack of a big backing band. Simon and Garfunkel clearly had that quality. After a listen to Sundae + Mr. Goessl, one can hear their love for each other melding with their musical prowess to create the effect of a lone spotlight illuminating two people who have the ability to transfix any audience. Tapping into the sounds of vintage jazz and western swing, the husband-and-wife duo transcend the label of a retro, nostalgia act, breathing new life and compelling energy into what are mostly covers from the '30s with some originals sprinkled in. Jason Goessl's guitar work is delicate and complex without ever coming across as showy, while Kate "Sundae" Voss' vocals are smooth as glass. To hear their beautiful melodies drift out on a summer day would go down like sweet cherry wine. 0

WHAT: Sundae + Mr. Goessl

WHERE: Huntamer Park

WHEN: Noon Wednesday, July 26

HOW MUCH: Free

LEARN MORE: 360-491-0857

sundaeandmrgoessl.com



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SPIKE AND THE IMPALERS

by Christina Butcher



Spike and the Impalers, the classic-rock, alter-ego band comprising radio hosts Spike O'Neill and Bob Rivers of *The Bob Rivers Show* on KJR (95.7 FM), brings pure entertainment to the stage. Along with Rivers and O'Neill, the Seattle-based cover band includes Scott Adams, Steve Hanna, Jeff Kathan, Susan Kendall-Morais, Manuel Morais and Lynn Sorensen. Spike and the Impalers started playing together in 2002 after O'Neill and Rivers held auditions for the band across the Puget Sound area. The group is best known for its "Twisted Tunes" parody and tribute songs. Its self-titled debut album was released in 2009. The popular morning radio program that launched it, *The Bob Rivers Show*, was broadcast for 25 years in Seattle before ending in 2014. 0

WHAT: Spike and the Impalers

WHERE: Huntamer Park

WHEN: 7 p.m. Saturday, July 29

HOW MUCH: Free

LEARN MORE: 360-491-0857

facebook.com/spikeandtheimpalers

DMITRI MATHENY

by Nora Kovacs



Sit back and relax with the soulful sound of a modern jazz legend as part of the Lacey in Tune summer-concert series. Award-winning horn player Dmitri Matheny will conclude the series with his smooth charm and masterful form on the flugelhorn. Born in Nashville, Tennessee and raised between Georgia and Arizona, Matheny has been playing music since the age of 5. He's known among jazz audiences as the protégé of jazz trumpeter and flugelhorn player Art Farmer, who actually left his copper-bell flugelhorn to Matheny upon Farmer's passing in 1999. Farmer's lyricism and tonality can still be heard in Matheny's work, which he's performed internationally from recording studios on the West Coast to Carnegie Hall. 0

WHAT: Dmitri Matheny

WHERE: Huntamer Park

WHEN: Noon Wednesday, August 2

HOW MUCH: Free

LEARN MORE: 360-491-0857

dmitrimatheny.com

JOHN WELSH BAND

by Adam McKinney



With cultures mixing and matching with increasing amorousness, it's only natural for music to spread like dandelion flowers from one side of the world to another. It's because of this cross-pollination that we arrive at groups like the John Welsh Band. A multicultural outfit, the John Welsh Band incorporates sounds of folk rock, Latin America, reggae, surf and West Africa. It's an eminently listenable stew, perfect for an outdoor show in the summer — which the audience will surely appreciate when the John Welsh Band swings through Lacey for its outdoor concert series. This is upbeat music that comes off at times like a sunnier Paul Simon. Welsh's voice resembles Simon's, furthering the link between two artists who embraced world music. Courage Eigbike (best name ever?), Nathan Larsen, Devin Modugno, James Stobbe and Chris Welsh round out the rest of the group, lending the band's vibrant songs an irresistible energy. 0

WHAT: John Welsh Band

WHERE: Huntamer Park

WHEN: 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5

HOW MUCH: Free

LEARN MORE: 360-491-0857

johnwelshband.com



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ABBEY ROAD LIVE

by Molly Gilmore



Olympia Music in the Park concerts most often feature local and regional acts, but this year's series opens with a performance by Beatles tribute act Abbey Road Live, all the way from Athens, Georgia. The band, which will be in the Northwest to play at the Oregon Country Fair, neither dresses like the Fab Four nor attempts to exactly reproduce the album version of each song. Rather, it pays tribute to the essence of the music. This foursome has a repertoire of more than 100 Beatles tunes from hits to rarities, and incorporates clarinet and sitar into its shows. *U.S. News and World Report* described Abbey Road Live as "one of the world's premier Beatles cover bands." The band last played Music in the Park in 2015. (Despite the similar name, this is not the band that performed a Beatles tribute show in 2015 and 2016 at The Washington Center for the Performing Arts; that was the southern California-based Abbey Road.)

WHAT: Abbey Road Live
WHEN: 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 5
HOW MUCH: Free
LEARN MORE: 360-357-8948
abbeyroadlive.com

MISTY MAMAS

by Christina Butcher



There aren't many bluegrass bands that can rival Misty Mamas in dishing up traditional, folksy music with mesmerizing harmonies and hip-slapping rhythms. Based out of Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington, Misty Mamas comprises Katherine Nitsch on vocals and guitar; April Parker on vocals, mandolin and accordion; Eileen Rocci on vocals and upright bass and Tony Rocci on guitar, mandolin and vocals. The band started playing together in 2005 but has over four decades of collective experience in the music industry. With a homestyle vibe (complete with "Misty Mamas Home Cookin'" recipes on the band website) and a family-friendly repertoire of bluegrass, country, folk, gospel and old-time music, Misty Mamas is the perfect band to listen to while relaxing in the park. The band's first album, *Wild Rose of the Mountain*, was released in March 2009.

WHAT: Misty Mamas
WHEN: 7 p.m. Sunday, July 9
HOW MUCH: Free
LEARN MORE: 360-357-8948
mistymamas.com

KISSY FLICK

by Kelli Samson



Kissy Flick makes its Music in the Park debut with a sound the duo describes as eclectic as Olympia. It's a blend of Americana, jazz, pop, and roots music that sounds like Jack Johnson himself put it together. Tenino couple James and Kissy Flick met nearly a decade ago. "Our musical collaboration came about pretty organically," shares Kissy. "James would always be riffing on his guitar around the house, and soon I found myself humming a melody from the other room. Melody gave way to lyrics, and before you knew it we had written an album's worth of songs." Their first album, *Look @ Life*, was released in 2015. The Flicks recorded and produced it themselves. This summer will also find them playing at Olympia Farmers Market and Yelm's Cosmic Symposium and UFOFest in July.

WHAT: Kissy Flick
WHEN: 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, July 12
HOW MUCH: Free
LEARN MORE: 360-357-8948
kissyflick.com

HARUMPH

by Nora Kovacs



After releasing its debut album *Threes* this past February, Oklahomabased, Americana-and-jazz band Harumph brings its vintage-sounding tunes to Olympia's Music in the Park. Formed by Olympia native Kate Dinsmore, who leads the group with her effortlessly robust vocals, and composer-pianist David Leach, Harumph is a contemporary twist on old-fashioned sounds that transport a crowd to a smoke-filled jazz bar of a time long past. Since Dinsmore and Leach first linked up in 2008, Harumph has expanded to include Kiel Dehnert on drums, Trevor Galvin on saxophone and Marcus Spitz on trumpet. The result is a mélange of sweet vocals, mid-century Memphis guitar and jazzy undertones from the horn section.

WHAT: Harumph
WHEN: 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, July 26
HOW MUCH: Free
LEARN MORE: 360-357-8948
harumphmusic.com

NATE BOTS

by Rosemary Ponn



Portland singer-songwriter Nate Botsford has been playing guitar since he was a kid. He made it big in the music world when he won at the national competition Project X before scoring the role of Billy Mann (Chris Pink) on the song "Moment" and launching his 2016 tour. Botsford's songs as "bluegrass with a little bit of funk" (KPTV), and his guitar vibe that gives a down-home honky-tonk feel to Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan, and Jim Morrison — plus his grandfather's influences. He comes after a summer tour and Seattle's Cent

WHAT: Nate Botsford
WHEN: 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, Aug. 3
HOW MUCH: Free
LEARN MORE: facebook.com/NathanBotsford



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DAVID CORREA

by Rosemary Ponnekanti



David Correa has been blending Spanish guitar with Afro-Cuban and Latin rhythms since 1999, tucking in a bit of Middle Eastern influence for extra spice. His San Francisco-based band regularly tours the western United States, winning three Norbay awards in a row for best Latin band. This March, Correa won best performing artist in Napa County in the *North Bay Bohemian* readers’ and writers’ poll. Called “dynamically rhythmic, deeply melodic” by SmoothJazz.com, Correa blends a flamenco technique with a Southwestern feel for songs like “Hacienda” and “Veracruzana.” Signed with Baja/TRS records and currently planning a new CD release this Christmas, the guitarist brings his four-piece-band to Olympia as part of a summer tour of California, Utah and Washington. 0

WHAT: David Correa

WHEN: 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 9

HOW MUCH: Free

LEARN MORE: 360-357-8948
davidcorreaandcascada.com

WALLY & THE BEAVES AT PORT PLAZA

by Kelli Samson



Pull your poodle skirts and saddle shoes out of the closet and get ready for an old-fashioned sock hop to celebrate the golden age of rock. This event will be at the Port Plaza as part of Olympia’s Music in the Park. The 90-minute concert will open with Danny Vernon, a world-famous Elvis impersonator. Following Vernon is our region’s costumed go-to for golden oldies since 2011, Wally & the Beaves. Wally & the Beaves comprises Osama Afifi, David Christensen, Mark Devos, Wayne Ledbetter, Randy Linder, Wade Reeves, Danny Vernon and Keely Whitney with frequent guest musicians. Fans are encouraged to show up in their ’50s and ’60s attire, ready to hit the dance floor. “Our fans are like family,” shares Ledbetter. Get there early. 0

WHAT: Wally & the Beaves

WHERE: Port Plaza Park,

701 Columbia St. NW, Olympia

WHEN: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4

HOW MUCH: Free

LEARN MORE: 425-277-1420
thewallys.net

TOO MANY COOKS

by Alec Clayton



There’ll be Too Many Cooks at Music in the Park, and that has nothing to do with food. “Too Many Cooks” (in quotation marks) was a rock song written by Willie Dixon and performed by Mick Jagger. Too Many Cooks (no quotation marks) is a rock trio from Gig Harbor, Washington. It came together at the regular, blues-jam sessions at the Sunset Grill in Gig Harbor. Led by guitarist and singer Steve Stefanowicz with drummer Gary Marcello and bassist Bill Oden, this Too Many Cooks plays driving blues and rock with harmonies from Oden and Stefanowicz reminiscent of the Beatles with a touch of Simon and Garfunkel. Writing for *The Weekly Volcano* a few years back, Angela Jossy described Stefanowicz’s music as having “deft and seemingly effortless guitar skills and clear and gentle vocals.” Expect smooth, harmonious, rocking music from just the right amount of Too Many Cooks in Sylvester Park. 0

WHAT: Too Many Cooks

WHEN: 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 16

HOW MUCH: Free

LEARN MORE: 360-357-8948
stevetunes.com

THE COMMANDERS

by Jennifer Crain



Music in the Park comes to a lively conclusion with The Commanders, the 18-member jazz ensemble of the Air Force Band of the Golden West. The band, stationed at Travis Air Force Base in the San Francisco Bay area, is the only active-duty Air Force band west of the Rocky Mountains. The ensemble, according to percussionist Senior Airman Joseph Ganzelli, “carries on the American musical tradition of the great big bands, yet offers a lot beyond the big-band sound.” Led by Senior Airman David Julian on lead trombone, the group delivers top-notch improvisations. Crowds will enjoy the showstopping vocals of Senior Airman Stephanie Allen performing bop, swing and traditional tunes plus Broadway hits and patriotic selections. 0

WHAT: The Commanders

WHERE: Port Plaza Park,

701 Columbia St. NW, Olympia

WHEN: 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19

HOW MUCH: Free

LEARN MORE: 360-357-8948
bandofthegoldenwest.af.mil

Hot Grooves at America's Classic Jazz Festival

By ADAM MCKINNEY

Few genres inspire more passion and reverence for tradition than jazz. A quintessentially American art form, jazz and its permutations have been around in one form or another since the late 19th century, with roots in New Orleans. In the '40s, jazz found a vibrant resurgence in the form of so-called "Dixieland jazz," which updated the form while harkening back to its origins. The upright bass became the low end of choice, as other string instruments found their way into the repertoire.

Dixieland jazz has remained an immensely popular riff on the form. It's this music in particular that the Greater Olympia Dixieland Jazz

Society aims to uphold. It accomplishes this through camps fostering the love of the craft in the next generation, and through events like America's Classic Jazz Festival, now entering its 27th year. Unfolding over four days near the end of June, America's Classic Jazz Festival features a panoply of jazz artists and outfits in various styles across four stages on the Saint Martin's University campus. Another goal of the Greater Olympia Dixieland Jazz Society is encouraging the audience to participate: Three of the festival's venues are dedicated to dancing, while one is all about listening. There's simply no room to delve into all the amazing musicians that'll be participating, but here are some standouts who demand your attention.



Joe Smith and the Spicy Pickles will play several sets over the course of the festival. The Denver-based group makes a dizzyingly vivacious swing that recalls Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. It seems unthinkable that anyone could resist shaking a leg or two when these guys hit the stage.

Yerba Buena Stompers are led by John Gill, who some might know as a member of Woody Allen's New Orleans Jazz Band. The Stompers are committed to the kind of jaunty, New Orleans-indebted jazz that one might expect to hear upon walking into any gin joint in the 1940s.

Josh Duffee and the Graystone Monarchs are not to be missed. Duffee, a world-renowned percussionist, leads an orchestra through the sounds of hot jazz.

Really, though, the best suggestion is to wander through the festival and let your ears lead you wherever the grooves are the hottest. 0

WHAT

America's Classic Jazz Festival

WHERE

Marcus Pavilion,
Saint Martin's University
5300 Pacific Ave. SE, Lacey

WHEN

Thursday – Sunday, June 22-25

HOW MUCH

\$15-\$500

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Summer Movie Nights

By OLY ARTS STAFF

Summers are the joyful peak of the year in the Pacific Northwest. To soak up summer evenings, many people enjoy movies under the stars. In Lacey, Tumwater and Olympia's west side, three local venues provide generally family-friendly cinema experiences. Movies start at dusk, but often guests can arrive early to enjoy food, live music and other events.

All movies are free of charge.

TUMWATER

Tumwater Parks and Recreation brings four movies to the outdoor cinema at the Tumwater Valley Golf Course. Movies are shown on the first four Friday evenings in August.

WHAT

Screen on the Green

WHERE

Tumwater Valley Golf Course,
4611 Tumwater Valley Drive SE,
Tumwater

LEARN MORE

360-754-4160

WHEN

Friday, Aug. 4: The Lego Batman
Movie (PG)
Friday, Aug. 11: Trolls (PG)
Friday, Aug. 18: Sing (PG)
Friday, Aug. 25: Rogue One (PG-13)

LACEY

Throughout the summer, Lacey Parks and Recreation provides concerts and movies on Saturday nights. Come early for food and live music and stay for a late-night movie.

WHAT

Lacey in Tune Movies at Dusk

WHERE

Huntamer Park,
618 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey

LEARN MORE

360-491-0857

WHEN

Saturday, July 15: The Lego Batman
Movie (PG)
Saturday, July 22: Zootopia (PG)
Saturday, July 29: School of Rock
(PG-13)
Saturday, Aug. 5: Sing (PG)



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WHAT

West Central Park Project Free Summer Movies

WHERE

West Central Park,
155 Division St. NW, Olympia

LEARN MORE

360-491-0857

WHEN

Monday, July 3: The Fifth Element (PG-13)

Monday, July 10: Idiocracy (R)

Monday, July 17: Monty Python and the Holy Grail (PG)

Monday, July 24: A Mighty Wind (PG-13)

Monday, July 31: Despicable Me (PG)

Monday, Aug. 7: Hook (PG)

Monday, Aug. 14: Babe: Pig in the City (G)

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Books by the Bay: A Party at Port Plaza

By NED HAYES

“Books by the Bay,” an annual music and literary party, will fill the Port Plaza on July 28. The event, which expands every year, is a fundraiser for the activities of the 16-year-old South Sound Reading Foundation. Three years ago, the Reading Foundation moved Books by the Bay to the Port Plaza. Along with silent auctions and book signings, the event now includes buffet-style food service, an open bar, appearances by notable Northwest writers and a live band that entertains hundreds of attendees.

Food will be provided by Ramblin Jack’s. Author appearances and readings include Peter Stark, nonfiction author of *The Last Empty Places*, and Jim Lynch, famous for his Northwest-themed novels including *The Highest Tide* and last year’s *Before the Wind*.

Offering this year’s music will be South Sound musical luminaries Vince Brown and Lavon Hardison performing under the name “Red & Ruby.” Hardison won the prestigious Seattle-Kobe Sister City Jazz Vocalist Audition at Dimitriou’s Jazz Alley in Seattle in 2016 and appears regularly on national stages.

“Authors, live music, appetizers and literacy games are all on the agenda,” says Jennifer Williamson Forster, the foundation’s executive director. “Guests are asked to bring a children’s book along with the ticket fee to help fund our foundation. We will also have a silent auction that is literacy-themed. It’s going to be a great night.” Please note that this event is reserved for guests aged 21 and older. 0

WHAT

Books by the Bay

WHERE

Port Plaza Park,
701 Columbia St. NW, Olympia

WHEN

7 p.m. Friday, July 28

HOW MUCH

\$60

LEARN MORE

360-412-4499
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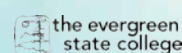
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David Sedaris



David Sedaris has kept a diary for the last 40 years, and this summer, we can all read it. Sedaris has an eye for every bizarre detail. No day

is boring when you're David Sedaris.

HOMEGOING

Yaa Gyasi

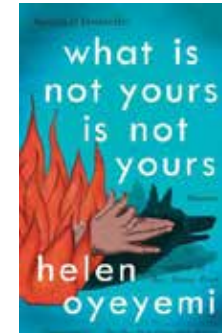


This is one of the best novels I've read this year. Two half-sisters are born in 18th-century Ghana, and each chapter traces one of

their descendants to the modern day.

WHAT IS NOT YOURS IS NOT YOURS

Helen Oyeyemi



A plug for our store book club: We're reading this book on June 22 at 7 p.m. These are nine casually linked, somewhat fantastical

stories around the themes of search and retrieval.

THE HATE U GIVE

Angie Thomas

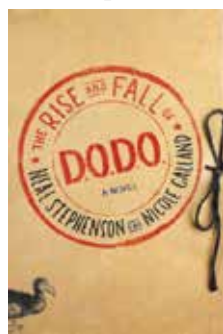


It's the young-adult book of the summer, in which 16-year-old Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend by a white cop.

This is a book for right now. It will tear you open.

THE RISE AND FALL OF D.O.D.O.

Neal Stephenson and Nicole Galland

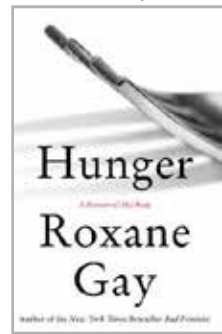


This is the perfect summer book, described as "a near-future thriller combining history, science, magic, mystery, intrigue and

adventure that questions the very foundations of the modern world."

HUNGER

Roxane Gay

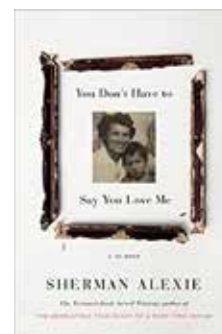


Gay is an important voice, and this memoir, an exploration of her struggles with her body, food and self-image, will be widely discussed. I'm

taking this one on vacation. It's a perfect book-club selection.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY YOU LOVE ME

Sherman Alexie



Family relationships are always complicated but this highly anticipated memoir by Sherman Alexie will set the standard

for complicated mothers. I'm taking this one on vacation, too.

Andrea Y. Griffith, a former medical librarian, is the owner of *Browsers Bookshop* in downtown Olympia. She's realizing her dream of foisting books she loves on other readers and finds it ridiculously fun. She lives with her husband, two daughters and her dog, George.

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A Taste of Olympia Farmers Market

By Molly Gilmore

Looking for something to do this weekend — or any other weekend, for that matter? There's a veritable festival happening year round at The Olympia Farmers Market, said Mary DiMatteo, the market's community-outreach manager. "We have live music, food, ice cream, seven distinct restaurants and over 100 vendors from the local area all under one roof. If that's not a festival, I don't know what is."

The music happens from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day the market is open — Thursdays through Sundays through October, Saturdays and Sundays in November and December and Saturdays in January through March — and features many well-known, local bands. Coming up are Joey Capoccia of The Pine Hearts June 23 and Climate Change June 24.

Before and after the scheduled musicians, buskers are welcome to perform at both ends of the market, where they stand on blue musical notes. "It's a cool program," DiMatteo said. "It's a great opportunity for smaller groups or people who play solo, classical instruments to be able to musically engage the community." Groups of three and fewer are welcome, as are youth performers.

Special events coming up at the market include the Berry Harvest Celebration, scheduled for June 17 and 18 if the berries are ripe and ready. In honor of the beginning of the season, the market serves strawberry shortcake, and all proceeds benefit the Holiday Market Food Drive, which provides fresh food to families in need. On Market Kids' Day, July 22, the market will offer free activities on such topics as conservation and nutrition.

An annual highlight on the market's calendar is Taste of the Market, a fundraising feast held by Friends of Olympia Farmers Market. Set for August 15, the Taste showcases food and beverages from local bakeries, breweries, coffee roasters, restaurants and wineries. 0

WHAT

Taste of the Market

WHERE

The Olympia Farmers Market,
700 Capitol Way N, Olympia

WHEN

5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15

W MUCH

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Fungi for the Whole Family

By Christian Carvajal

Perhaps making up for the pervasive aroma of fertilizer wafting from its mushroom farm in Lacey, Ostrom's is one of the primary sponsors of the Pacific Northwest Mushroom Festival. This year the event marks its 10th anniversary, and it's grown — well, like a mushroom. Proceeds benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of Thurston County, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Homeless Backpacks, the South Sound Reading Foundation and other worthy organizations.



After half-mile and five-kilometer “glow runs” Friday night, the festival proper gets underway Saturday morning with Ian Dobson's steel-drumming in the “Kids' Zone.” The first of a full lineup of culinary entertainers is Chef Dan Thiessen of Walla Walla's Wine Country Culinary Institute, followed by Ryan Ross of Supper Corps, Chris Herrera of California Culinary Academy, Main & Vine's John D'Alelio, Leanne Willard from The Bayview School of Cooking and Food Network *Extreme Chef* winner Chef Amadeus. “It's one of my favorite events,” says Amadeus, “because of the hospitality, the new flavors, the people, the community ... I get inspired by the flavors I try before the event.” Amadeus and friends will be joined by food educators including popular garden-segment host Ciscoe Morris, recording on site, and Graham Kerr, the British ex-hotelier best known for his 1969-1971 series *The Galloping Gourmet*.

Among entertainers featured in the Kids' Zone and the wine-and-beer tent are The Bobbers, the “back-porch blues” of Mike “Burdman” Burdoff, blues singer Rava McLaine, River Ridge Taiko Drums, country singer Anna Robinson, guitarist Andrew Rosie and Tacoma-based, Irish band Sláinte (pronounced “SLANCH-uh”).

Perhaps the biggest-ticket item each year is the “Shroom Feast,” for which chefs from all over the region offer culinary creations highlighting mouth-watering fungi. Yes, there'll be bistro-style mushroom soup from Forza; mushroom-dusted, alder-smoked New York strip steak from Lucky Eagle Casino and mushroom sliders from Hawks Prairie Rotary. But keep an eye (and nose) out for fanciful, fungal showcases like gumbo with oyster mushrooms and chorizo-and-blue-cheese-stuffed mushrooms from Beau Legs Fish 'n' Chip, Hawks Prairie Rotary's mushroom rice pudding with dulce de leche and pear, Lucky Eagle's truffle-curry-infused taffy and chocolate-and-mushroom mini treats from Miss Moffett's Mystical Cupcakes. Past festivals even served cones of mushroom ice cream. 0

WHAT

Pacific Northwest Mushroom Festival

WHERE

Regional Athletic Complex,
8345 Steilacoom Rd. SE, Olympia

WHEN

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday and
Sunday, July 29 and 30

HOW MUCH

Free - \$5

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Get Your Fingers Messy at the South Sound BBQ Festival

By KELLI SAMSON

The Lacey Chamber of Commerce hosts the South Sound BBQ Festival as a finale to Lacey Days. This will culminate the celebration of the city's 50th anniversary. For fans of traditional, slow-cooked barbecue or anyone who ever wanted to be in an eating contest, this event is not to be missed. Now in its seventh year, the South Sound BBQ Festival got its start in the parking lot of Cabela's. After outgrowing that space, the festival partnered with the city of Lacey and moved to Huntamer Park.

The Lacey Chamber is particularly excited to welcome the Ricardo's food truck and Veritas Coffee. Returning this year is Chris Lester of The Tailgate BBQ, 2016 winner of the people's-choice award. Other food vendors represent ice-cream giant Ben and Jerry's, Fun Foods and the Nisqually Red Wind Casino, to name a few. Many types of businesses join together for the festival, such as the Kevin Hayward Insurance Agency and Tenino's Muse: Inspired Wedding and Event Design, along with representatives of numerous national chains.

Guests of all ages can participate in a chicken-eating contest sponsored by America's Credit Union. That begins at 1 p.m. on the main stage. Participants sign up on the day of the festival.

Pit from all over the state will showcase their prowess in the professional cook-off sponsored by the Pacific Northwest BBQ Association. Prizes include bragging rights for an entire year, cash, ribbons and the opportunity to move on to bigger competitions in Kansas and Texas.

Lacey hosts a concert series on the main stage all day long, with music ranging from the 1960s through today. Guests can bring blankets and spread out on the lawn. For adults, the festival boasts a beer-and-wine garden from noon to 8 p.m. at the Hub near Ricardo's Restaurant. Lacey Fire District #3 will make a visit to the kids' zone with a fire engine, and the Washington National Guard will display a Humvee. Admission and parking are free. Leashed dogs are allowed. 0

WHAT

South Sound BBQ Festival

WHERE

Huntamer Park,
618 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey

WHEN

11 a.m. Saturday, July 8

HOW MUCH

Free

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Summer Scoops: The Best Frozen Treats in Olympia

By JENNIFER CRAIN



Grandpa's Soda Fountain Ice Cream Shop

Drue and Larry Brown's 1950s-style shop features a long bar where customers order banana splits, dipped cones, floats, milkshakes and sundaes. It typically has nine flavors of hard ice creams and 24 flavors of soft serve available. Waffle cones are cooked and rolled right in the shop. 0

WHAT

Ice cream, soft serve

WHERE

208 Fourth Ave. W, Olympia

WHEN

3-9 p.m. Mondays – Thursdays,
3-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays
(watch for extended summer hours)

HOW MUCH

\$3.35-\$7.99

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Hawley's Gelato and Coffee

Owner LuWana Hawley says the family shop serves 18 flavors made by Nutty Squirrel, a small company in Seattle. The Italian-style gelato is made with regional milk and other local ingredients. Look for the popular strawberry sorbetto. Hawley's also offers 10 varieties of fudge and a full range of espresso drinks made from coffee roasted in Centralia. 0

WHAT

Espresso, fudge, gelato, sorbetto

WHERE

511 Washington St. SE, Olympia

WHEN

11 a.m.- 10 p.m. weekdays,
11 a.m. – 11 p.m. Fridays and
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HOW MUCH

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Olympic Mountain Ice Cream

The 33-year-old Skokomish Valley ice-cream company is the wholesaler of choice for many businesses that sell by the scoop. Co-owner Bev Black says Olympic Mountain has created more than 200 flavors, such as Coconut Almond Fudge Swirl and White Chocolate Espresso Flake. Their sorbets, especially blackberry, are legend. 0

WHAT

Ice cream, sorbet

WHERE

Grandpa's, i.talia Pizzeria, The Painted Plate, Phoebe's Café, Sidewalk Café Traditions Café, Vic's Pizzeria and the delis at Bayview and Ralph's Thriftway

WHEN

Varies by vendor

HOW MUCH

Varies by vendor

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Sofie's Scoops

New last fall, this shop features gelato made in-house from Tunawerth Creamery's milk plus local herbs and produce. It offers 12 flavors including non-dairy and diabetic-friendly options. It makes its waffle cones from scratch. Try the "Waffle-ato," a hot, brioche waffle topped with a scoop of gelato. Operators Sophia Landis and Christopher Proctor experimented with flavors every day for a year. Says Landis, "It's made with so much caring, education and craftsmanship." 0

WHAT

Gelato, sorbetto

WHERE

222 Capitol Way N, Olympia (inside 222 Market)

WHEN

noon – 8 p.m. Tuesdays – Sundays (watch for summer hours)

HOW MUCH

\$4-\$7

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Summer Splash at Hands On Children's Museum

By MOLLY GILMORE

This summer at the Hands On Children's Museum, kids can fight fires, meet superheroes, climb a rock wall and explore the wonders of outer space. All this and more are part of the museum's second-annual "Summer Splash," a summer-long series of special events and activities that last year drew 7,500 more visitors to the museum than in summers past. "It's really going to be a fun summer," said Patty Belmonte, the museum's executive director.

The event begins with the Fire Rescue Spectacular on June 24. "We're really trying to create a festival feel for this day," Belmonte said. Vehicles from Olympia's fire and police departments, along with a vintage fire engine, will be parked on the street in front of the museum. There'll be firehouse hot dogs for sale, and the fire department will hand out mini ice cream cones. In the museum's Outdoor Discovery Center, kids can spray water from a fire hose and join a bucket brigade. Inside the museum, they can make fire hats. The fire-rescue fun will continue till the end of June.

Come July, the museum will focus on "Superheroes and Stunts," with special events including Extreme Pogo Shows July 6-8, a rock wall to climb July 18 and 19, The Super Collies stunt shows July 21 and 22 and the opportunity to meet costumed superheroes July 22 and 23. On August 5 there'll be a camp-themed, evening event with s'mores and ranger talks. August also brings a visiting planetarium from the Museum of Flight (August 11 and 12) and activities themed around the solar eclipse (August 19 and 20). 0

WHAT

Fire Rescue Spectacular

WHERE

Hands On Children's Museum,
414 Jefferson St. NE, Olympia

WHEN

10 a.m. Saturday, June 24

HOW MUCH

Free to explore firefighting
vehicles;

\$10.95-\$12.95 for full event

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Hit the Midway at the Thurston County Fair

By JONAH BARRETT

Every year in the first week of August, the Thurston County Fair arrives in Lacey for a period of five days. Guests from all over Thurston County are attracted to the event, with about 28,000 attending overall. The fair is a family-oriented endeavor. Crowds attend to experience a lick of nostalgic taste, as the fair advertises itself as old-fashioned. “Every year we try to have something for everyone,” said the fair’s event coordinator, Theresa Reid. “We have a variety of entertainment including our ‘Live and Local’ concert series featuring local artists. As always we have the fair favorites: animals, carnival rides and of course, fair food. The Thurston County Fair is very proud to have many local food vendors featured at the fair.” A dedicated staff of volunteers maintains the fair, with thousands of hours volunteered every year to bring the event to reality. “The fair would not happen without the huge volunteer support we have,” said Reid. “There is something for everyone who wants to be part of the Thurston County Fair.”

Under the name Mutual Aid Fair, the first fair was held 146 years ago in 1871. That event occurred in a building known as the Columbia Hall, known today as 4th Avenue Tavern. The purpose of the Mutual Aid Fair was to assist farmers and agriculture while encouraging immigration. This tradition of education rings true to this day. “The fair is a place to showcase what Thurston County has to offer: the people, talent, art, food and businesses,” said Reid. “The fair is also a place for education. Visitors can learn about animals, flowers, quilts, butter-making and photography. Hands-on demonstrations and exhibits allow visitors, adults and children, to try their hand at things they may have never tried.”



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WHAT
Thurston County Fair

WHERE
Thurston County Fairgrounds,
3054 Carpenter Rd. SE, Lacey

WHEN
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Wednesday - Saturday, Aug. 2-5,
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 6

HOW MUCH
Free - \$7

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Food, Fun and Fireworks on the Fourth of July

By CHRISTIAN CARVAJAL

Every Fourth of July the city of Tumwater pulls out all the stops. Start with the obvious: The Thunder Valley Fireworks Show is, according to festival organizers, the biggest in Thurston County. It's certainly impressive — but so are the entertainment and events that precede it. Little ones relish conquering inflatable slides, a pirate ship and the Mickey Mouse Clubhouse. Older kids and teens roam freely between a bungee run, inflatable obstacle courses, a field-goal challenge, a “Vertical Rush” slide, a wrecking ball, and the intriguingly entitled “Human Foosball.” Kids join their adults for miniature golf, roving magic acts and musicians, and face-painting overseen by Hands On Children's Museum. Meanwhile, a DJ plays top-40 music suitable for guests of every age. It's why Bruno Mars was born.

What's a fair without food? Start with brisket, hot dogs and pulled pork from The Tailgate BBQ. Add burgers from Big Daddy's, chicken-bulgogi skewers from Bus 49, Mexican fare from Gringo Maniac, exotic and vegan items from The Jerky Gal and the savory, eastern flavors of Pattaya Thai. Wash it down with Pony Espresso, then move on to dessert. There's kettle corn from Grandad's, elephant ears from Hungarian Kitchen, Johnny's Ice Cream, McNashton's Shave Ice and, to finish on a healthier note, apricots and cherries from Fardell Farms LLC. Yum! Now, where's that antacid kiosk when we need it?



WHAT

Tumwater Artesian Family Festival

WHERE

Tumwater Valley Golf Course,
4611 Tumwater Valley Drive SE, Tumwater

WHEN

6 p.m. Tuesday, July 4

HOW MUCH

Free admission, \$10 event parking

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Illusionist Jeff Evans does a full act at 6:30 p.m. on the “Family Entertainment Stage,” followed by L-Bow the Clown juggling props at 7:30 and fire two hours later. (Note the wisdom of saving fire-juggling for last.) Meanwhile, the true showstopper appears overhead at 8:45. Explains Marisa Worden, recreation marketing specialist for City of Tumwater, “I’d say something that really sets the Artesian Family Festival apart is the addition of the Kapowsin Air Sports Skydivers, diving right into the festival ... The last of three skydivers unfurls the American flag as he or she descends. Kids attending the festival have a chance to enter our ‘Drop Zone’ contest as well. They fill out an entry form and whichever form the skydivers land closest to is a winner.” Happy Fourth, Thurston County! 0

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Friday, JAN 19, 8:00 PM



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Sunday, JAN 21, 2:00 PM



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Tuesday, JAN 23, 7:30 PM



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Thursday, JAN 25, 7:30 PM
Friday, JAN 26, 7:30 PM



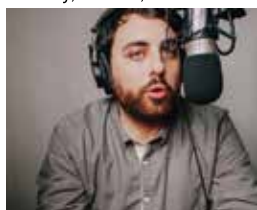
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Sunday, APR 15, 2:00 PM



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