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New Paintings by Barlow Palminteri at Salon Refu

by ALEC CLAYTON

Olympia painter Barlow Palminteri graces the walls of Salon Refu with a series of paintings of his backyard. "Everything was within 500 feet of the house," Palminteri says.

The gallery will be filled with paintings and pastel drawings. Many of the paintings are done *en plein air*, meaning on-the-spot outdoors and completed within two hours. Others are painstakingly transcribed almost inch-by-inch from sketches by using a grid for placement of each line. The artist will be showing some of his unfinished underpaintings as demonstration of this process.

The drawings and paintings are impressionistic and colorful pictures of grass, trees and flowers seen close-up and rendered in vibrant tones of violet, orange and green, in an unusual combination of loose and improvisational brushstrokes and careful rendering.

Salon Refu owner Susan Christian describes the work as "firm structure underlying deliriously beautiful surface." 0

WHAT

Barlow Palminteri paintings

WHERE

Salon Refu

114 N. Capitol Way, Olympia

WHEN

2-6 p.m. Thursday - Sunday Aug. 5-28

HOW MUCH

free

LEARN MORE

360-280-3540 / barlow-palminteri.com

Do Tell at StoryOly

by CHRISTIAN CARVAJAL

On the third Tuesday of each month, Rhythm & Rye hosts StoryOly, Olympia's fastest-growing "story slam" event.

Half the suggested donation to compete or listen goes to Olympia SafePlace.

Starting at 5:30 p.m., volunteers throw their names in a hat, and 10 are invited to tell an eight-minute autobiographical story on a pre-supplied topic. A judging panel chooses the winner. On September 19, the first 10 winners will battle it out in a "Grand Slam."

"It's going amazing," says Amy Shephard, co-founder and production manager of the event. As for the Grand Slam's theme, she explains, "We've decided to let the finalists either tell their previous story or a story of their choosing." Full disclosure: two of the qualifiers thus far have been OLY ARTS writers Christian Carvajal and Alec Clayton. Think you can do better? 0

WHAT

StoryOly

WHERE

Rhythm & Rye, 311 Capitol Way N Olympia

WHEN

6-8 p.m. June 21, July 18 and August 15

HOW MUCH

\$5-\$10 (suggested donation)

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Family Drama Comes To OLT

By ALEC CLAYTON



Cameron Waters, Bonnie Vandver, and Silver Goetz in *Other Desert Cities*

Other Desert Cities, a family drama from Pulitzer-Prize-nominee Jon Robin Baitz, opens July 8 at Olympia Little Theatre.

Other Desert Cities tells the story of Brooke Wyeth (played by Silva Goetz), whose conservative Hollywood family gathers for a Christmas reunion in Palm Springs with her father (a former Western movie star and staunch GOP politician, portrayed by Jim Patrick) and mother (Toni Murray). Brooke brought the manuscript of her memoir about her older brother, his involvement in a fatal Vietnam-War-era bombing and her view of their parents' responsibility for his suicide.

Other cast members are Cameron Waters and Bonnie Vandver.

Director Toni Holm said, "I'm a sucker for words. The dialogue is brilliant. The characters are all erudite users of language, but it never gets in the way of clarity or advancing the plot. I admire how the language rings true for anyone who's ever had a family and interacted with their parents as adults. In the end, though, the

conversation may be about politics, but it's also about family. This presents a challenge to a director. The dialogue alone will keep your attention, but this isn't a stage reading so we have to find the actions that reflect the changing emotions in the conversation." 0

WHAT *Other Desert Cities*

WHERE *Olympia Little Theatre*
1925 Miller Avenue NE

WHEN 7:55 p.m. Thursday – Saturday and
1:55 p.m. Sunday, July 8–24

HOW MUCH \$11-\$15

GET TICKETS (360) 786-9484
Olympia Little Theater Tickets

Capital Lakefair Car Show

by KRISTOPHER STEWART

On the evening of Friday, July 15, hundreds of Capital Lakefair attendees will flock to Marathon Park along Deschutes Parkway in Olympia--some in muscle cars, luxury Mercedes, or even '50s coupes--to attend Capital Lakefair's annual car show.

The event opens at 4:15 p.m. for participants in the show, but it officially begins at 5:30 p.m. and runs until 9:30 p.m., with an awards presentation at 8 p.m. Online or mail-in pre-registration for the event opened April 12 with a fee of \$25 per vehicle, and it ends on July 13 to allow walk-in entrants to join the ranks.

"The car show is a staple of Lakefair," said Dennis Williams, executive director at Capital Lakefair, who became chair of the event after re-starting it in 2014. "We'll have the classics to the funky, even luxury-type cars. We see all kinds."

A History of Capital Lakefair

by ALEC CLAYTON

This year Capital Lakefair celebrates 59 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 on the lake.

In 1957, a group of downtown businessmen got together and decided to create an annual celebration at the lake. The first-year budget was only \$500.

In the early years of Lakefair, entertainment included a diving show, a hydroplane race, a baton-twirling contest, a teen dance and square dances. Events

in the early festivals centered around water activities, including water skiing, sailboat racing, swimming competitions, log rolling and water polo. The first parade in 1958 had no floats. Instead, it included a boat pulled by a car.

In the early days, instead of a Queen of Lakefair, there was a "Lady of the Lake." From the beginning of Lakefair, the princesses and the queen have always been high school students.

The annual budget for Capital Lakefair has grown from \$500 to nearly \$300,000 today. In the present day, approximately 200,000 people attend, and 10,000 to 12,000 watch the Lakefair parade.

WHAT

Capital Lakefair

WHERE

Heritage Park, Fifth Ave. at Water Street, Olympia

WHEN

July 13-17; car show 5:30-9:30 p.m., July 15; parade July 16; fireworks, approximately 10 p.m., July 17

HOW MUCH

free (but ride, booth and vendor prices vary)

LEARN MORE

Olyarts.com/lakefair/

WHAT

Capital Lakefair Car Show

WHERE

18 Franklin St. NE, Olympia

WHEN

5:30 p.m. Friday, July 15

HOW MUCH

free (\$25 entry fee to display)

LEARN MORE

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Lakefair Week 2016

by CHRISTIAN CARVAJAL



WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, NOON - 11 P.M., PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

- 12 PM Slainte & Friends
- 2:30 PM Brother B Scott
- 4 PM Backlash
- 6 PM High School Battle of the Bands
- 9 PM High Ceiling



THURSDAY, JULY 14, NOON - 11 P.M., WRISTBAND DAY

- 12 PM Primetime
- 1:30 PM QP
- 3 PM In-Definitely
- 4:30 PM SOB
- 5:45 PM Tammy B & the Hillbilly Tendencies
- 7 PM Lakefair Royal Court
- 8 PM Calaca Kings
- 9:15 PM Paul Hernandez



FRIDAY, JULY 15, 9 A.M. - MIDNIGHT, 50+ IN THE PARK DAY

- 11 AM Off Boulevard
- 1 PM Danny Vernon (Elvis!)
- 3 PM Teresa Topaz
- 4:30 PM Play Date
- 5:30-9:30 PM Lakefair Car Show
- 6:15 PM The Hand of Reason
- 7:30 PM Blue Laces
- 9 PM Craig Terrill ("The Singing Seahawk") Band



SATURDAY, JULY 16, NOON - 11 P.M., KIDS' DAY

- 12 PM Evergreen Dancers
- 1 PM Tanglefoot Cloggers
- 2 PM The Lakefair Voice contest
- 4 PM Homewreckr
- 4:45 PM – 7 PM The Grand Parade
- 7 PM Fallen Angels
- 8 PM Sin Circus
- 9 PM Blistered Earth



SUNDAY, JULY 17, NOON - 11 P.M.

- 12 PM Rhythm & Fire School
- 2:15 PM Lesman Open Mic
- 4 PM Dogger Band
- 5:10 PM Madi Hope
- 6:05 PM The Adarna
- 7:15 PM Mystery Achievement
- 8:30 PM Pigs on the Wing



Capital Lakefair High School Battle of the Bands

by KRISTOPHER STEWART

The opening night of Capital Lakefair, July 13, will bring a variety of performances to the main stage at Heritage Park, but one is set apart from the rest.

The annual "Battle of the Bands" event, which pits high school bands against each other, runs from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It features five bands from schools in the Lacey-Olympia-Tumwater area in a music competition hosted by Mark O'Brien, owner of Rhythm Fire School of Music in Lacey. The event sponsor is 94.5 ROXY-FM.

The bands will be competing for a grand prize of \$500, with a runner-up and third-place prize of \$200 and \$100, respectively.

"The show has definitely grown with Lakefair," said O'Brien. "More bands tried out this year than ever before." After sorting through 15 preliminary audition tapes, judges chose five groups to participate in this year's event. All are current or recently-graduated students from Tumwater, Capital, Timberline, Olympia and Curtis High School. 0

WHAT

Capital Lakefair High School Battle of the Bands

WHERE

218 Franklin St. NE, Olympia

WHEN

6 p.m. Wednesday, July 13

HOW MUCH

free

LEARN MORE

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Faust In A Florist Shop

by MOLLY GILMORE

Audrey II, the people-eating plant protagonist of Harlequin Productions' *Little Shop of Horrors*, is a role too big for one person.

If the horror-comedy rock musical is *Faust* in a florist shop, Audrey II is Mephistopheles.

Christian Doyle and Maggie Ferguson-Wagstaffe team up to play the vined villain, which grows to a height of nine feet thanks to a series of increasingly larger puppets. The cast also includes Amy Shephard as one of the Doo-

Wop Girls, an update on the Greek chorus, and former TV actor John Serembe as Mr. Mushnik, owner of the florist shop where Audrey II comes to live.

The 1982 show, based on a low-budget 1960 film by Roger Corman, is perennially popular with theaters everywhere—so much so that five cast members have done the show at least once before. This is the fourth time for Rich Garrett, who plays Orin, the sadistic dentist.

The innovative Audrey II puppets were constructed by Bruce Haasl of Olympia, who has appeared as an actor on the Harlequin stage himself and now serves as technical director at

Tacoma Musical Playhouse.

Doyle, well known for his skill with physical comedy, voices Audrey II, and Ferguson-Wagstaffe, an actress whose face will be familiar to Harlequin regulars, goes into hiding to operate the puppets. (Both appear onstage, too, in minor roles.) They are a couple offstage, and the onstage collaboration has been easy, Ferguson-Wagstaffe said. **0**

WHAT

Little Shop of Horrors

WHERE

State Theater
202 Fourth Ave. E., Olympia

WHEN

8 p.m. June 23-26, June 29-July 2 and July 7-9, 14-16, 21-23 and 28-30; 2 p.m. June 27 and July 3, 10 and 17

HOW MUCH

\$25-\$41
(the June 29 performance is pay-what-you-can)

GET TICKETS

360-786-0151 /
harlequinproductions.org

WHAT

The Last Five Years

WHERE

State Theater
202 Fourth Ave. E., Olympia

WHEN

8 p.m. Aug. 18-20 and 24-27 and Sept. 1-3 and 8-10; 2 p.m. Aug. 21 and 28 and Sept. 3

HOW MUCH

\$25-\$41
(the Aug. 24 performance is pay-what-you-can)

GET TICKETS

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harlequinproductions.org

The Last Five Years

by MOLLY GILMORE



The *Last Five Years*, opening Aug. 18 at Harlequin Productions' State Theater, tells the story of a relationship told from beginning to end—and from end to beginning.

The Jason Robert Brown musical opens with Cathy (Katherine Strohmaier) singing about the end of her marriage.

Then Jamie (Aaron Lamb) sings about their first meeting. The two characters are each on their own journey, interacting only in the middle of the show in a song about their wedding.

If the musical—which opened off-Broadway in 2002 and was made into a movie in 2015—is a definite departure from traditional theater models, this production is particularly novel.

Both Lamb, a Harlequin mainstay as both actor (*The Language Archive*) and director (*Hedda Gabler*) and Strohmaier, an adjunct professor at Cornish College who's performed at 5th Avenue Theatre and sung with the Seattle Symphony, have offstage roles, too: They're the show's musical directors and its musicians.

"We'll have a grand piano on stage, and they will literally be accompanying each other," said Linda Whitney, the show's director and Harlequin's co-artistic director. "And sometimes, they'll be at the piano together."

Using minimal costuming, simple sets and projections to set the scene, the production will focus on the heart of each character's story. "It's a more abstract treatment," Whitney said. "It's already an abstract show, so why not?" **0**



Creative Theatre Experience

by MOLLY GILMORE

This summer marks the 36th season of children’s theater programs and performances by Creative Theatre Experience at Olympia High School. The program is run by Kathy Dorgan, drama director at OHS. Classes are offered in art, drama, music and other aspects of the performing arts. “CTE’s mission,” said Dorgan, “is to promote growth through experience in the visual and

performing arts, and our youth-mentoring-youth approach is powerful. Our 10 high-school and college-age interns, who are themselves veteran CTE students, work with groups of kids from first through 12th grade in theater, art, music and dance performance to give them the best possible experience at CTE. Art changes lives, and I see it every summer at CTE.” 0

WHAT
ArtsFest Summer Dreaming
July 21-23

A Midsummer Night’s Dream
and Twelfth Night July 28-30
Schoolhouse Rock Live! Aug 4-6

WHERE
Olympia High School
1302 North St. SE, Olympia

WHEN
7 p.m. Thursday – Saturday,
July 21- Aug. 6; 1 p.m. Aug. 6

HOW MUCH
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WHAT
Seussical and a concert version
of Evita

WHERE
Tumwater High School
Performing Arts Center
700 Israel Rd., Tumwater

WHEN
Seussical 7 p.m. July 28-30 and
2 p.m. July 30 and 31; *Evita* 7
p.m. Aug. 6 and 7

HOW MUCH
\$5 for students, \$8 otherwise

GET TICKETS
360-359-6685 / heidilf8@gmail.com

Apple Tree Productions

by MOLLY GILMORE

Apple Tree Productions’ summer season offers two musicals that aim to create a professional-theater experience for young actors and audiences alike. *Seussical*, based on the works of Dr. Seuss and starring youth aged 5-18, is the season’s big offering.

“It’s really bright and fun,” said Apple Tree founder Heidi Fredericks. “I have a 20-month-old who loves the show, and my 70-year-old father, who doesn’t always love to see plays, always comes to see *Seussical* when I do it.”

The show features professional sets, lighting and costumes and a cast that includes students who’ve been doing theater for years.

Apple Tree is also producing an abridged concert version of *Evita*, starring students 13-18. The students will prepare the show--and learn about the history behind it--in a single week.

Apple Tree also produces musicals for schools, and it offers a free summer acting class for students with special needs. 0

Capital Lakefair Princess Power

by MOLLY GILMORE

Olympians probably aren't acquainted with many royals. But every year, Capital Lakefair gives the South Sound its own royal court, chosen in the spring from among junior girls at local high schools.

Here's a look at the royal court for Capital Lakefair 2016:



Jaclyn "Jackie" Deshaye, 17
Lakefair Queen
Olympia High School

"To me, Lakefair is not only an amazing program filled with opportunities to meet new people in the area... but it is also an adventure I cannot wait to begin. I am proud and honored to be representing a school, city and people that I love so much. As the Queen, my

goal is to be a role model not only for the parade and event attendees, but to my peers and princesses through my smile, poise and attitude, all skills I hope to acquire as the year comes by."

Goal: "I want to be happy and make others happy. Also, I want to own a pet tortoise."

Favorite quote: "Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success."--Albert Schweitzer

Favorite queen: Barbra Streisand, the real queen



Erin Hobbs, 17
Lake Fair Princess
Timberline High School

"There are so many opportunities I have been given... I now have the chance to inspire other little girls, and leave a lasting impact on the community that has raised me. As a hopeful pediatric nurse, the amount of service projects we have that involve working with children fills my heart with such excitement."

Goal: "I want to become a pediatric nurse. I would like to touch and inspire as many lives as I can, to be kind, generous and happy."

Favorite quote: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

--Martin Luther King Jr.

Favorite princess: Ariel



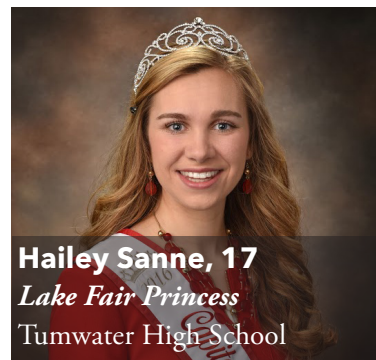
Rachel Pierson, 17
Lake Fair Princess
North Thurston High School

"I hope to become a positive role model, along with help from my other fabulous court members, for little girls and boys to look up to... Becoming a Lakefair Princess has made me realize that anything is possible, and I want that message to come across to every single child I get the privilege of meeting. I want to inspire them to chase after their dreams, no matter how large and grand they might be."

Goal: "One goal is to become a lawyer and open my own practice. Another is to truly make a difference in the world and leave my mark."

Favorite quote: "Life is too short to be anything but happy."--José Harris

Favorite princess: Rapunzel



Hailey Sanne, 17
Lake Fair Princess
Tumwater High School

"I am so excited for this upcoming year and can't wait to see what God has in store for me in this new journey ahead.... Throughout the next year I hope to be an encouragement and positive role model to other little girls and everyone else I come into contact with throughout my Lakefair experience."

Goal: "I want to go to cosmetology school and revive my hair license after high school."

Favorite quote: "Have courage and be kind." This is something my mother has always said to me, and it's a quote from the new movie Cinderella.

Favorite princess: Belle



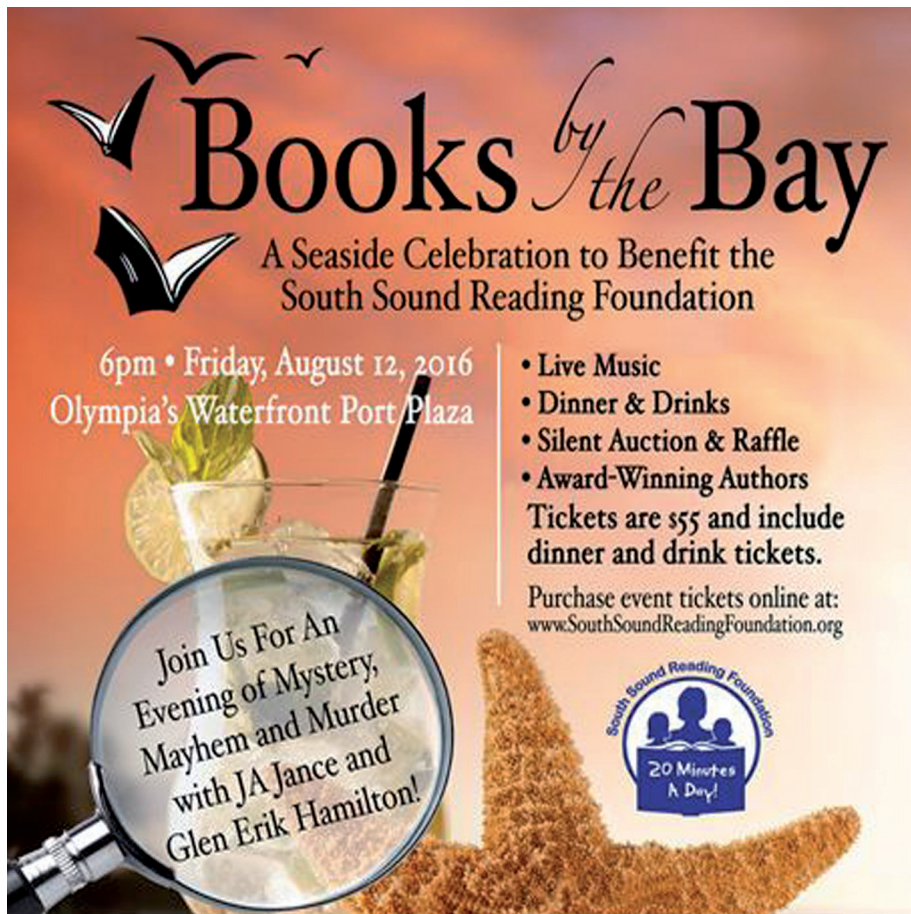
Tyjai Shaw, 18
Lake Fair Princess
South Sound High School

"I am proud to represent not only my school, but also this county, and I will not disappoint. I know that this will not only be a year to remember, but also one of many lessons. I cannot wait for the adventures in the near future with my fellow princesses."

Goal: I want to live a happy, free, successful life doing something I love and to be able to take care of my family.

Favorite quote: "Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony."--Gandhi

Favorite princess: "My favorite Disney character is Nani Pelekai from Lilo & Stitch."



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Country All-Stars: Nashville Tribute Band

by GUY BERGSTROM

Bands come and go—but The Nashville Tribute Band has endured for more than 12 years and 500 shows around the world. Now they're bringing that show to Olympia on July 14.

Founder Jason Deere is an award-winning songwriter and producer, and he explained that the members of the band are unusual, too, featuring a rotating list of all-stars. The lineup coming to Olympia includes Grammy winner Dan Truman of the group Diamond Rio, Tim Gates from Due West, Brad Hull, Matt Lopez and the Truman Brothers, Ben and Chad.

"Everyone in the band has other obligations as artists, songwriters and record producers, so there are times when all seven of us cannot make a show," Deere said. "What's the glue? To play this music. We love to play it onstage together. We love the people we meet and the stories they tell. We are all at points in our careers where we wouldn't do it if we didn't love it."

While they're a country band, that changing lineup makes it a bit different.

"Every guy in the band has very different backgrounds and loves when it comes to our musical history and what we like to listen to," Deere said. "I can hear everything from jazz to country to pop to Latin influences on our albums. We like the potpourri in the end result."

Their specialty is gospel-country. In Olympia, they'll be playing from their latest album, with each song from the point of view of a different character who interacted with Jesus: a blind man on the street, John the

Baptist, the Apostle Peter and the soldier and the thief at the crucifixion.

"We love to walk in the shoes of historical figures and to see their situations from their eyes," Deere said. "To encourage people to not only imagine themselves standing in the middle of these incredible stories, but to feel, smell, see, taste and hear as much of the reality of those situations as possible. Then the stories come alive to them, and to us, and they start to really mean something and to teach us something." 0

WHAT

The Nashville Tribute Band

WHERE

Washington Center for the Performing Arts
512 Washington St. SE, Olympia

WHEN

7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 14

HOW MUCH

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RANDY LINDER BAND

by Kelli Samson

Still like that old-time rock and roll? The Randy Linder Band has the music to soothe your soul.

After performing for 40 years, Linder gives all ages a true rock-concert experience. “We play classic rock music because it’s the music I grew up with and my favorite to listen to,” explains Linder. The band’s fan base includes Linder’s generation and those who followed, having been exposed to classic rock by their parents. The Randy Linder Band covers everyone from Springsteen to The Rolling Stones and can be found in Olympia’s Sylvester Park on July sixth at 7 p.m.

WHAT: *The Randy Linder Band*
WHEN: 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 6
HOW MUCH: free
WHAT TO BRING: old records off the shelf

OLSON BROTHERS BAND

by Alec Clayton

The Olson Brothers, Luke and Isaac Olson, are a country band from Olympia. They won the 2013 Capital Lakefair Battle of the Bands and a national songwriting contest with “Sunrise,” the original song they got to play at the Grand Ole Opry. Drummer Seth Bowman, bassist Milo Mullen and Reece Wonio on the banjo round out the band.

Sylvester Park is an outdoor venue with seating in the grass, so bring blankets or folding chairs. Check the weather report and bring sunscreen if needed. No alcohol is allowed, but picnicking on the lawn is fine.

WHAT: *Olson Brothers Band*
WHEN: 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 13
HOW MUCH: free
WHAT TO BRING: your cowboy hat and boots



PUMPHOUSE

by Christian Carvajal

Pumphouse is an Olympia-based rock band that draws from the sock-hop days of the '50s all the way up to the bar rock of the 21st century. They play tight because they are tight: band decisions are made as a collective. So when drummer-vocalist Terry Brodsky, bassist Ed Hess, keyboard-vocalists Steve Mazepa and Maria Shimshock, guitarist Bill Seibold and guitarist-vocalist Wayne Vertheen hit the stage, audiences are assured of an accessibly good time. “The Pumphouse goal,” they say very simply, “is to get everyone on their feet and dancing.” By opening with an Annie-Lennox-style cover of “Can’t Get Next to You,” all five of their voices ring loud and proud.

WHAT: *Pumphouse*
WHEN: 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 20
HOW MUCH: free
WHAT TO BRING: boogie shoes



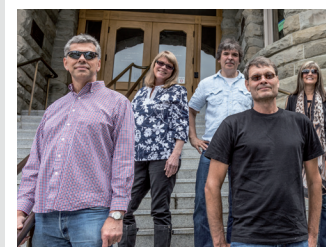
THE OLY ARTS MUSIC IN THE PARK

SWING 49

by Alec Clayton

The gypsy-jazz band Swing 49 performs for Olympia’s Music in the Park this summer. Self-described as offering soulful vocal jazz, virtuosic guitar solos and funky horn lines, Swing 49 is Jacqueline Schafer, vocals; Tovi Newman, guitar; Forest Wilson, guitar; Logan Bean, trumpet and Joe Eunice, bass. Calling Olympia home, they recently played at Ben Moore’s and Pizzeria La Gitana. The band’s latest album, *The Devil Club Blues*, was released in April.

WHAT: *Swing 49*
WHEN: 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 27
HOW MUCH: free
WHAT TO BRING: your gypsy soul and wandering heart



BLIND FACSIMILE

by Alec Clayton

The classic-rock band Blind Facsimile, aka Blind Fax, is Debra Stensager (vocals), Lorraine Stensager (keyboards), Tim Stensager (keyboards), Brian Ferris (guitar), Evan Ogden (backing vocals), and Vince Chavez (bass). Calling the band “captures the heart of classic rock, playing music defined generations. This band’s tight harmonies, driving guitar and solid rhythm grooves tell its message. Blind Fax has contributed to rock music, which contrasts our respect for the artists with From Steely Dan, the Beatles, Franklin and many more, the band bring back songs that are special memories for us all.

WHAT: *Blind Facsimile*
WHEN: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 20
HOW MUCH: free
WHAT TO BRING: 60’s style and tie-dyed T-shirt

IN THE PARK GUIDE

BLUES COUNTY SHERIFF

by Alec Clayton

On Aug. 5, Music in the Park moves to the Port Plaza at Percival Landing for a show 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.”

WHAT: *Blues County Sheriff*

WHERE: *Port Plaza, the waterfront between Anthony’s Home Port Restaurant and the Market Center, Columbia St. NW, Olympia*

WHEN: *7-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5*

HOW MUCH: *free*

WHAT TO BRING: *your dancing shoes and blues attitude*



FACSIMILE

by Alec Clayton

Classic-rock band Blind Facsimile, led by Deb Rutter and Tim Stensager (vocals), Tim Stensager (vocals), Brian Ferris (guitar, vocals), Evan Ogden (drums), and Chavez (bass). Chavez says the band “captures the heart and soul of rock, playing music which generations. This band crafts harmonies, driving guitar riffs, rhythm grooves to deliver a classic, which contributes to the artists we feature. From the Beatles, Aretha and many more, let the oldies back songs that made memories for us all.”

WHAT: *Blind Facsimile*

WHEN: *7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3*

HOW MUCH: *free*

WHAT TO BRING: *60’s sensibility and T-shirt*



DBST

by Christian Carvajal

In only five short years, Olympia funksters DBST have graduated from playing downtown dive bars to share stages with the likes of Joe Doria, Monophonics, Blue Lotus, and Eldridge Gravy and the Court Supreme. This sexy sextet mixes blues, rock and funk grooves to please the most discriminating of tastes. Composer and frontman Sam Pohl leads drummer Alek Gayton, bassist-guitarists David Minar Himlie and Dave Van Zandt, percussionist Aaron Shively, and singer and horn player Danielle Westbrook. Their tagline is “electro soul so heavy it could grant sentience to an automaton,” and if that wakes up Skynet, so be it. The mother ship is landing.

WHAT: *DBST*

WHEN: *7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 10*

HOW MUCH: *free*

WHAT TO BRING: *gotta have that funk*

THE TICKLED PINKS

by Jennifer Crain

The Tickled Pinks, a New-York-based swing vocal trio and band, returns to Olympia as part of the Music in the Park series in Sylvester Park on August 17 at 7:00 p.m. The group, founded in 2009, performs classic tunes in the style of The Andrews Sisters, such as “Straighten Up and Fly Right,” “Rum and Coca-Cola,” and “Apple Blossom Time.” They also perform their own arrangements of songs by Amy Winehouse and The Kinks. The Olympia Music in the Park performance is the first stop on their West Coast tour. Vocals are by Karla Moheno, Kate Sland and Stephanie Layton. Instrumentals are by Dylan Charles, Yan Falmagne and Tracey Hooker.

WHAT: *The Tickled Pinks*

WHEN: *7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 17*

HOW MUCH: *free*

WHAT TO BRING: *blankets and picnic baskets*



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THE 56TH ARMY BAND

by Alec Clayton

Keeping with a long-standing tradition, Music in the Park’s season ends with a live concert from The 56th Army Band. Based at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, the band plays many local and regional venues. Recently, for example, it appeared at Seattle’s Rock and Roll Marathon and performed a concert at Portland’s Rose Festival. The 56th plays traditional concert and marching music, plus breakout ensembles: the Brass Quintet, Woodwind Quintet, Jazz Combo, Rock Band, Brass Band, Dixie Band, and Full Big Jazz Band.

WHAT: *The 56th Army Band*

WHEN: *7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24*

HOW MUCH: *free*

WHAT TO BRING: *your patriotic spirit and American Flag*