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VISUAL ARTS

Vancouver's Downtown Association First Friday Artwalk will begin with a reception on March 6 from 5-7 pm. The First Friday Artwalk galleries are open from 5-9 p.m.



Art on the Boulevard, a fine art gallery, will open "Moments in Time" on March 6th (showing through March 28th) showcasing the pastel paintings of Steve Hill. Image: *La Strada, Siena* by Steve Hill. The First Friday evening reception on March 6th from 5 to 9 pm is open

to the public at no charge and includes an opportunity to meet Steve and enjoy complimentary light refreshments and live music. Art on the Boulevard is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and on First Fridays till 9 pm. For further information contact the gallery at 360-750-4499. See www.artontheboulevard.org for more information.

Archer Gallery at Clark College will feature a group exhibition of contemporary regional painters from February 17 to March 14. The show is "Considered Space" – a group show of artists exploring real and perceived space in paint with artists, Ben Buswell, Jesse Hayward, Mark R. Smith, Adam Sorensen, Grant Hottle, Cara Tomlinson, and Lise Graham. For info see www.clark.edu.

Aurora Gallery is open Monday through Friday and 10 to 4 on Saturday. The gallery is at 1004 Main Street. Call 360-696-0449 for more information.

Gallery 21 will feature artists Laura Skeehan and Larry Johnson. The exhibit is titled "Landscapes and More". The opening reception is Friday, March 6 during First Friday Art Walk. Regular Gallery hours are: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday thru Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and by appointment call 699-4744. The website is: www.gallery21online.com. Note the change of days opened, Wednesday thru Friday instead of Tuesday thru Friday.

North Bank Artist Gallery's March show is "Layering". Marie Pearson will feature an oil painting, Deborah Stafford will show a collage, Kathy Youde will sew a tapestry and Ruthie Macha Petty will embroider. The show opens First Friday, March 6, with a reception from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. This event is free and open to the public. The show continues through March 31. The gallery is open Tuesday – Saturday, 11:30am – 4:30pm. The gallery is open Tuesday –

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Second Story Gallery opens a new show from March 6-28. The Second Story Gallery presents digital photography by Kirsten Muskat, “Dog Treats–Celebrating the Joy of Dogs”. The show begins with a reception Friday, March 6, from 5 to 8 p.m., part of the Camas merchants’ “First Friday” celebration. The gallery is located in the Camas Public Library, 625 NE Fourth Ave., and is open during regular library hours, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 834-4692

The Sixth Street Gallery's presents its Fourth Annual National Photography Show. This year's show contains more digital photographs than ever before - a sign of the times, for better or for worse. The Opening Reception is on First Friday, March 6, from 5-9 p.m. The show runs March 1 - 29, 2009. March's show theme is “The People We Meet”. Sixth Street Gallery is an all-volunteer, cooperative gallery located in the heart of downtown Vancouver. For more information, please visit www.SixthStreetGallery.com.

Washington State University Vancouver's art exhibits art work made by preschool children in the Child Development Program at Washington State University Vancouver will be on display in the university library gallery through April 24. The artwork created by the CDP children, from ages 3 to 5, shows their curiosity and creativity. The children have used both traditional and non-traditional art media in unique ways, always exploring and experimenting as they go. There will be examples of creative art, and art that focuses on fine art, photography, literature and nature. The Child Development program serves a diverse group of families. The CDP students are children of WSU Vancouver faculty, staff, students and other Clark County residents. The children represent a wide range of backgrounds and cultures. Their artwork reflects their individuality and personal interpretations of the world around them. Entry to campus exhibits is free. WSU Vancouver

galleries are open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. Parking is available at parking meters or in the blue lot for \$3. For info see www.vancouver.wsu.edu.

White Sturgeon Art Gallery in honor of World Water Day 2009, is proud to present the work of



nationally recognized and Photolucida nominated photographer Gloria Baker Feinstein. Her

collection of photographs from Uganda include images from Buyongi and Kajjansi, Uganda where she and her husband have founded “Change the Truth”, a not for profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children in Uganda, in particular those at St. Mary Kevin Orphanage Motherhood in the small town of Kajjansi. The exhibition of this stunning collection of photographs runs March 7 through April 25, 2009. Admission is free. White Sturgeon Gallery hours are 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Saturday. The gallery is located in the Water Resources Education Center at 4600 SE Columbia Way in Vancouver, Washington. www.cityofvancouver.us/watercenter.com

Nevado Gallery invites you to view unique abstract art of Barbara K. Matkowski's First Friday Event in CAMAS, WA. On Friday, March 6th 2009 the abstract and contemporary artist, Barbara K. Matkowski, will launch her two-week Solo Show and Studio Sale at the Nevado Art Gallery in Camas, Washington March 6th-14th, 2009.

Barbara K. Matkowski's art offers an endless source of visual stories and inspiration. Her current works present a continual reference to the elements which inspire the compositions. This event in Camas is a monthly “block party” of sorts.

MUSIC

The *Clark College Vocal Jazz Ensemble* and "Friends" will present a concert on March 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Decker Theatre on the college campus. Featured high school vocal jazz ensembles include Prairie High School (Monika Tabor, director), Battle Ground High School (Darcy Schmitt, director) and Kingsway Christian High School (Randy Frasier, director). The concert will also feature Northwest recording jazz vocalist, Tobaj, a Latin/contemporary singer specializing in vocal improvisation. The Clark College ensemble and Tobaj will be joined by well-known jazz instrumentalists Jim Fischer, pianist, Dan Presley, bassist, and drummer, Dave Averre. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Clark College Music Department at 360-992-2662.

The *Clark College Orchestra*, Dr. Donald Appert, Music Director/Conductor, will present its winter concert entitled "A European Tour" on Wednesday, March 11, in the Royal Durst Theatre of the Vancouver School of Arts & Academics, 3101 Main St. Featured on the program will be the world premiere of Vancouver composer Matt Doran's Symphony No. 5 for Orchestra. Masterpieces from the French repertoire to be performed will be Berlioz - Overture to Les Franc Juges, Ravel - Mother Goose Suite, and Dukas - The Sorcerer's Apprentice. The performance is at 7:30 p.m. and admission is free and open to the public. Donations to the Orchestra General Fund will be accepted at the door. www.clark.edu.

Two area treble choirs will be guests of the *Clark College Chorale and Women's Choral Ensemble in a duet of concerts*. Thursday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. the Prairie High School Symphonic Women's Chorale joins the Clark College groups in Gaiser Hall. Tuesday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m., the three choirs of the Vancouver Girls' Choir, performing Don Gato, London Bridge, Ol' Dan Tucker, The Wind and Yo Le Canto Todo El Dia, directed by Janet Lindsley, will be the featured guests joining the Clark

choirs at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 426 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver. Admission to both concerts is free. March 12 all donations will go to the Clark Chorale and Women's Ensemble. For more information, please contact Peggy Winston at 360-992-2662.

The *Clark College Concert Choir*, under the direction of April Duvic, and Concert Band, under the direction of Richard Inouye, invite you to join us for "Britain and Beyond," a musical tour of the British Isles on Friday, March 13, 2009, 7:30 p.m. in the Royal Durst Theatre, Vancouver School of Arts and Academics, 3101 Main Street, Vancouver. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call Peggy Winston at 360-992-2662.

Live at the Fries new show opens a concert with Rebecca Kilgore and Susanna Mars titled "Who's on First", March 13 and 14 at 8 pm. Dave Frishberg will be on piano. Susanna Mars returns for a second appearance at Live at the Fries! She will be performing with Rebecca Kilgore and Dave Frishberg. Members of the Thomas Rheingans Ensemble will perform a short set to kick off the show. Concert rock violinist, Aaron Meyer and his band will be Saturday, March 18 at 8 pm. Concert rock violinist Aaron Meyer performs cutting edge original music and arrangements with virtuosity and passion. For more info see, www.rivergoose.com/fries/main.html.

The *Old Liberty Theater* show on March 14 with Three Together and Rite of Spring. March 15, the Jay Ungar and Molly Mason Family Band will be featured. On March 27, an Inquiring Minds Program will feature, "Joan Wolfberg performs and Eleanor Roosevelt", In celebration of National Women's History Month and on March 28, The Animals 8th Annual Music for the Animals Fundraiser Bands: Fading by Nine and The Anything in G String Band will be the program. For info see www.oldlibertytheater.com

Mark your calendar: the *Vancouver USA Singers* will be at Skyview March 24. For more info see www.vancouveringers.org.

Bravo! Vancouver is celebrating the A French Connection Sunday, April 5th, 2009 at 3:00 pm. Composers have often reserved the Requiem as the musical form through which their deepest emotions and most beautiful melodies. Inspired by the ancient music of Gregorian chant, two of the most beautiful pieces of choral music are the Requiems by French composers Gabriel Faure (1888) and Maurice Durufle (1947). Please join the Bravo! Vancouver Chorale, Washington Chamber Orchestra and guest soloists for these inspirational choral masterpieces. For info see www.bravoconcerts.com. Tickets can be reserved by calling WSSB, (360) 696-6321 ext. 120

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's April concert will feature the symphony and the winner of the Young Artist's Competition on April 18 and 17. Finalists are;

Piano:

Stephanie Cai of Lake Oswego, OR

Mighten Yip, Portland, OR

Mary Stone, Washougal, WA

Strings:

Kelly Talim, violin from Portland, OR

Sarah Kang, cello from Clackamas, OR

John Lee, viola from Beaverton, OR

Brass/Woodwinds/Percussion:

Ted Schaller, alto saxophone, Lake Oswego, OR

Matthew Slaughter, flute, Portland, OR

Jessica Woolf, oboe, Lake Oswego, OR. Students

named above will receive the following scholarship amounts: First place \$1,500; second place \$750; third place \$250. The three category winners will then perform in concert with The VSO at Skyview High School Concert Hall in Vancouver on April 18 & 19. Admission is free and open to the public. Tickets are available by calling the symphony office at (360) 735-7278 or at the box office one hour before concert times. For information see

www.vancouverSymphony.org

The **Camas Performing Arts Series** continues with "The Bottom Line Duo" on April 18 at 7 pm at the Joyce Garver Theater in Camas. The concert is light humor with serious music. For info see www.eccgas.org.

THEATER

Christian Youth Theater performances of "The Sounds of Music" will begin February 27 to March 8 at Fort Vancouver High School. The hills of Austria are alive with music as an unruly nun; Maria comes to the VonTrapp family as the governess for seven children. For info see www.cytvanport.org or call 360-750-8550.

Clark College Theater will be presenting "The Sound of Music". The dinner shows are February 20- 28, 2009. The non-dinner shows are February 26 and March 5-7, Gaiser Hall at Clark College. The play director is Tami Gray-Stipe and the vocal director is April Duvic. The publication depicts the harrowing escape of the von Trapp family from the Germans over the mountains into Switzerland. For info see www.clark.edu.

The **Slocum House Theater's** will present the "Crazy Quilt Club" from March 6-29. Set in 1925, two couples, Julia and Fred and Willy and Jane, are happily married and the best of friends. However, Julia and Jane are becoming bored so when a postcard arrives with news of an imminent visit from Maurice, handsome Frenchman carrying strong ties from the past of both Julia and Jane, they begin to plan their adventure into infidelity. Call 360-696-2427 or visit www.slocumhouse.com for more information.

Magenta Children's Theater's first play in the Magenta Theater (606 Main Street) will be a "Midsummer Night's Dream". The play opens on March 12 to 21 at 7:00pm each night and on March 21; the matinee begins at 2 pm. For info see www.magentatheater.com

Camas High School will perform The Sound of Music at the CHS Theatre March 13, 14, 19, 20, 21. The show will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students with ASB and seniors.

DANCE

Columbia Dance completed the 17th annual Weiler Choreography Competition on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at Columbia Dance Center. 12 choreographic works were presented by pre-professional choreographers aged 10-23 years from the greater Vancouver/Portland area.

The Weiler Choreography Competition was created to encourage pre-professional choreographers to present their creative works in a supportive, educational atmosphere, before an audience, and to receive individual constructive feedback from the judges. Judges were Laura Cannon, Heather Jackson and Katarina Svetlova.

First Place winner: Lia Mrazek for "A Father's Movement"

Second Place winner: Moriah Smith for "Angel"

Third Place winner: Tia Chen for "Vicissitude"

Laureate Division: Emily Abramson for "Fragments of Our Shattered Lives"

Junior Division: Anna Dickson for "Ta Douleur"

The prize monies are to be used to further the choreographer's dance education. Cash prizes were awarded to the first place winner in the amount of \$500 and to the second place, third place, and Laureate winners in the amount of \$250. Sponsors for these prizes are Sherrie Weiler and Jan and Winston Asai. The sponsor for the Junior Division prize is DanceTogs. The Columbia Dance Festival Spring Repertory Concert is Saturday, April 25, 2009 and Sunday, April 26, 2009 at the Royal Durst Theatre.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 20-March 7: Clark College Theater does "The Sound of Music"

February 27-March 8: CYT performs "The Sound of Music"

March 6: First Friday Art Walk in Vancouver and Camas

March 6-29: Slocum House Theater presents "Crazy Quilt Club"

March 10: Clark College Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Decker Theater at Clark

March 11: Clark College Orchestra at Vancouver Arts and Academics

March 12: Clark College Chorale and Women's Choral Ensemble, 7:00 pm at Prairie High,

March 12-21: Magenta Children's Theater presents "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

March 13-21: Camas High School performs "The Sound of Music"

March 13: Clark College Concert Choir, 7:30 pm, Vancouver Arts and Academics

March 13-14: Live at the Fries concerts, 8 pm

March 17: Old Liberty Theater Show

March 17: Clark College Chorale with Vancouver Girls Choir, 7: 30 pm at St Lukes Episcopal Church

March 24: Vancouver USA Singers

March 27: Old Liberty Theater show with "Eleanor Roosevelt"

April 5: Bravo!Vancouver's French Connection

April 17-18: Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Concert and Young Artists Competition Winner

April 18: Camas Performing Arts Series, "The Bottom Line Duo"