Student musicians to compete in jazz

High school jazz musicians from Oregon and Washington are polishing the selections they’ll perform during the 46th annual Clark College Jazz Festival next week.

The Jan. 24-26 competition will feature 44 jazz bands and 13 vocal ensembles. It will take place in Gaiser Hall, just off Fort Vancouver Way.

Preliminary competitions will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 25 and Jan. 26. The final competitions will be held each evening at 7 p.m.

Vocal groups will compete Thursday, A and AA division jazz bands will compete Friday, and AAA and AAAA division bands will take the stage Saturday.

Admission is $5; Clark College students and children under 12 get in free.

Clark College is at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way. For more information, call the music department at 360-992-2188 or 360-992-2662.

Our readers’ views

Tutor for literacy program

The problem facing immigrants who can’t read or write in their native languages, reported Jan. 7, “English a challenge for the illiterate,” is a challenge we face right here in our community and in the Adult Literacy Program at Clark College.

We have learners from all over the world, some of whom struggle not only with speaking English but with basic literacy. They might not have attended school, having had to work instead to help support their families. Political turmoil might have disrupted the educational system in their countries. A few cultures don’t even have a written language.

And sadly, we have people born in this country with minimal reading and writing skills.

If you’re interested in helping people learn to read and write English, contact the Adult Literacy Program (alp@clark.edu; 992-2750). We will have a training next month to prepare volunteer tutors.

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Clark can’t hold on vs. Grays Harbor

The Columbian

The Clark College men’s basketball team turned an 18-point deficit into a two-point lead Wednesday but couldn’t hold on as host Grays Harbor took a 92-78 league win.

The Penguins fell to 8-7 overall, 1-2 Northwest Athletic Conference. Grays Harbor improvements to 11-3, 2-1.

Clark pulled ahead by two points with four minutes left, but the lead didn’t last long. The Chokers outrebounded their visitors 47-37 and were led by 28 points from Nick Schultens and 25 points from Quillar Marion.

Demetrick White led the Penguins with 18 points, and Louis Lee added 14 while three others also scored in double figures. Brian Martin handed out four assists to go along with his 10 points.

The Penguins play Saturday at Centralia.

Clark women win — Three players scored in double figures, leading the Clark College women’s team to a 64-51 NWAACC win at Grays Harbor.

The Penguins sit atop the conference standings with a 3-0 record.

Clark’s Mandy Wall led all scorers with 17 points, while Ashley Kitzman scored 12 and Kristina Wilson added 11. Wall also had nine rebounds, four steals, four assists and blocked a shot.

The Penguins (5-5 overall) continue conference play Saturday at Centralia.

Jazz festival slated at Clark

The 46th annual Clark College Jazz Festival is set for Thurs.-Sat., Jan. 24-26, at Gaiser Hall on the Clark College campus, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver.

The competitive high school jazz festival will feature 57 high school jazz bands and vocal jazz ensembles from Oregon and Washington.

Vocal jazz groups will compete Thurs., Jan. 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., with the final round set for 7 p.m.

Jazz bands in the A and AA divisions will compete Fri., Jan. 25, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., with finals at 7 p.m., and larger school jazz bands will compete Fri., Jan. 26, with finals at 7 p.m.

The Clark College vocal jazz ensemble, under the direction of Janet Reiter, will entertain noon and 9 p.m. Thursday, then the Clark College jazz ensemble, directed by Rich Inoue, will be featured Friday noon and 9 p.m. and Saturday at noon.

The 2 sweepstakes band features one Mous lake race and School near attle performance Saturday at 9 p.m.

A sweepstakes band not eligible to compete in the year following its victory. Admission to the jazz festival will be $5 per person per day, with children under age 12 accompanied by an adult admitted free.

More information is available by calling 992-2188, 992-2662.