

Vancouver, Portland host free arts events



Pianist Antonio Di Cristofano is the guest soloist with the Clark College Orchestra on Sunday.

Clark College concerts offer variety:

Clark College's music programs wrap up their seasons with free concerts over the coming week that will showcase several musical genres. The groups offer a variety of styles, ranging from jazz to orchestral works.

The Clark College Vocal Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble will perform tonight. The groups will cap the evening by performing together.

On Sunday, the Clark College Orchestra will perform works by several European composers. The concert will spotlight Italian pianist Antonio Di Cristofano as a soloist on the U.S. premiere of Domenico Bartolucci's "Piano Concerto in Mi."

The Clark College Concert Choir and Concert Band perform Wednesday. The Concert Choir will sing American spirituals and hymns. The Concert Band will perform traditional and contemporary wind music compositions.

The Clark College Women's Choral Ensemble concludes the series of concerts on June 12. Highlights include performances of Jerry Weseley Harris' "Music, When Soft Voices Die" and "Suite de Lorca" by Einojuhani Rautavaara.

When: 7:30 tonight, Sunday, Wednesday and June 12.

Where: Tonight's performance is at Clark College's Gaiser Hall, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver.

The Sunday and Wednesday concerts are at the Vancouver School of Arts and Academics' Royal Durst Theatre, 3101 Main St., Vancouver.

The June 12 performance is at First United Methodist Church, 401 E. 33rd St., Vancouver.

Admission: Free. Donations to the Clark College Music Department are accepted tonight, and donations to the Clark College Orchestra General Fund will be accepted at the Sunday concert.

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On the Web: clark.edu.

Production mixes Shakespeare, high school:

Theater fans strapped for time and money are in luck this evening in downtown Vancouver. Magenta Theater is offering free 15-minute performances of "Can't Always Get What You Want."

The production, which was written using lines from

various Shakespeare plays, is set in a high school in the 1980s. It touches on love triangles, secrets and magic.

When: 5-8 tonight. Several productions will take place over the three-hour stretch.

Where: Magenta Theater, 606 Main St., Vancouver.

Admission: Free.

Telephone: 360-635-4358.

On the Web: magentatheater.com.

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Are you looking for ways to have fun without spending a lot of money this week?

Several free arts events offer a blend of theater and music throughout Clark County this week. In Portland, the Rose Festival's popular Fleet Week wraps up this weekend, offering visitors up-close looks at several ships docked on the Willamette River.

Here are a few ideas for having free or frugal fun:

On the
cheap!



Free and
frugal fun.



Fleet Week

Fleet Week wraps up this weekend:

Those curious about what life is like aboard military ships can take free tours aboard the vessels this weekend as the Rose Festival's Fleet Week wraps up.

Naval vessels from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard and the Canadian Maritime Forces will be open for tours, which will be offered daily through Sunday.

When: Today through Sunday; public tours will be on a first-come, first-served basis from 9-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m. daily.

Where: Along the Tom McCall Waterfront Park's esplanade seawall, between the Steel Bridge and Waterfront Village.

The park is on Naito Parkway, between Southwest Harrison Street and Northwest Glisan Street, in Portland.

Admission: Free.

Telephone: 503-227-2681.

On the Web: rosefestival.org.