

SHO NEWS

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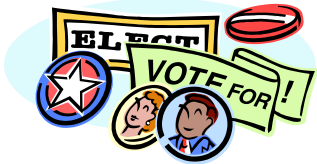
Annual Meeting 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, 2008 The Studio

It's that special time again when **SHO** members meet, greet and eat—and, oh yes, take care of the business of this great organization!

You'll enjoy delicious repast from Cravings Fine Foods, at no cost to members!



You'll exercise your "SHO-vote" for officers!



Nominations can be made from the floor, too!

And be ready for other surprises!!

Bring guests—the cost for them is \$15 each. However, if a guest joins **SHO** at this meeting, the repast is free!!

Important:

Make your reservation by Thursday, June 5, 2008, with Sharon MacDonald:
phone 683-7638
e-mail sharonmac37@comcast.net

Be sure to make your reservation in time for this once-a-year event!

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Mission Statement

Support HultCenter Operations (**SHO**) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide outreach, education and community service for Eugene's HultCenter for the Performing Arts.

Mark your calendar: May 13, 2008!

On, Tuesday the 13th, the next mystery trip will begin with all participants gathering at 10:30 a.m. at the Starbucks at the West 11th Avenue Fred Meyer store. The cost will be \$5.

Reservations are required by May 12. Call Iva May Van Noy at 689-0624 or e-mail her at thedoglad4@netzero.com

Be ready for destinations unknown as the exciting adventure begins!

New furnishings complete

By the time you're reading this, the major re-furnishings in the Hult lobby should be complete and in use.

Already in place are the banners over the **SHO** desk, the benches in the lobby and at entrances to the mezzanine and balcony levels, and the stands used by ticket takers at the entrances to the theaters.

The remaining features are the new **SHO** desk and the concession counters in the lobby and on the concourse level. New flooring in these areas has already been installed. Also previously installed were the flat screen monitors in the lobby, the ticket kiosk in the Sixth Street entrance, and new indoor plants.

The banners were created by JLN Designs and manufactured by Signs of the Times, both Eugene firms. Corporate Express manufactured the benches and ticket stands, and Forefront Designs constructed the counters and desk. Both firms are Springfield companies

SHO has provided the upgraded features through a grant from the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation of Portland.

SHO Officers to be elected at annual meeting

Officers to be voted on at the annual meeting on June 10 are:

Judy Collins, President
Paula Charboneau, Vice President
Marilyn Mullanix, Secretary
Ruth Wisner, Treasurer.

Have you met Sied Imani?

The personable usher is shown in front of one of the new ticket stands in front of the entrance to the Soreng Theater. (The new stands were provided by **SHO**.)

Sied often ushers at the **SHO**case concerts on Thursdays. When not doing that, he teaches Spanish at Lane Community College. Multi-lingual, Sied speaks Farsi, Greek, Spanish, Italian, and English.



Photo by Dick Doering

Performing Arts Student of the Month

Written by Beate Galda; photographed by Rudy Fecteau

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Erinn Ames, 18, a senior at Willamette High School, is a talented musician and composer. She has studied piano with Sandy Hull for the past two and a half years, and has completed the OMTA Syllabus Level VII in musicianship, theory and performance.

She is the student director and pianist for the Willamette High School Choir. In addition to performing with the Choir, she is currently composing a four-part choral piece for them.

She plays piano for her church once a month, and has given piano recitals. Last year she performed in the OMTA Junior Bach Festival at Lane Community College and in the OMTA Spring Festival held at Northwest Christian College. Erinn has also played the flute since sixth-grade, and has played in the Willamette High School Band and Marching Band. In addition to her music, she is writing a novel.

Erinn plans to attend Lane Community College in the fall to study music theory and composition for two years before transferring to the University of Oregon. She hopes to become a composer of film music.

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In May **SHO** is honoring **Zoe, David and Daphne Garcia**, talented 18-year-old seniors at Pleasant Hill High School. Zoe plays upright and electric bass, flute, and also sings. David sings, plays tenor sax, bass clarinet, flute, octave mandolin, tin whistle, guitar and keyboards. Daphne plays trombone, guitar and sings. The three siblings have been members of Pleasant Hill's top jazz band, Solar Jazz, since their freshman year.

Zoe plays bass for PHHS's vocal group, Ascensions, as well, and Daphne plays in the high school's Wind Ensemble. With Solar Jazz, Ascensions and the Wind Ensemble, they have performed in many events, including festivals at Fullerton, Mt. Hood CC, LCC, George Fox University, Clackamas, and Bellevue, Washington. They recently played at Disneyland for the second time with Solar Jazz. In addition to jazz, all three are members of the popular Celtic band Tonn Nua, which has released two CDs and has performed at numerous venues throughout the Northwest.

Upon graduation they plan to study in the Portland area: Zoe attending Lewis and Clark, David at Reed College, and Daphne at Pacific or PSU. Although none of them plans to major in music, they definitely do plan on continuing their musical interests in the Portland music scene.

Four members nominated for Board positions

Nominees to be voted on at annual meeting on June 10

Four **SHO** members have been nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for the next three years. They are: Patti Baumberger, Dianna Bressler, Marilyn Mullanix and Iva May Van Noy.

Going off the board are Dick Doering, Barbara Carter, Sharon MacDonald and Katie Weber.

SHO members may request that a nominee be added to the slate for any member-at-large position, provided that the nominee has agreed to the nomination. Only nominations received by the nominating committee a minimum of ten days before the annual meeting will appear on the ballot.

Members of the nominating committee are Dolly Cook, Katie Weber, Sharon MacDonald and Dick Doering.

Nominations for at-large positions may be made from the floor at the annual meeting with the approval of the nominee. The voter shall write votes for such nominees in the at-large section of the ballot.

Secretary takes on new responsibility

Marian Spath, who has served as **SHO** Board Secretary for the past two years, has been nominated, and will accept, if elected, the position as co-president of the Eugene-Lane Branch of the American Association of University Women, effective July 1. She will continue to serve as editor of the branch newsletter.

With the announcement of the possible new position, Marian has submitted her resignation from the Board, as well as from her post as **SHO** Newsletter editor.

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If elected to the Board, Marilyn Mullanix has been nominated to serve as secretary for the next three years.

Usher resignation pending

One of the Hult Center's energetic young ushers will be leaving soon for the San Francisco area. Kevin Stacy, who has been an usher at the Hult since August 2005, has been named Executive Director of the San Mateo Masterworks Chorale Society. The society/choir is a non-profit organization associated with the College of San Mateo. Kevin's new position begins June 1.



Photo by Dick Doering

Since starting at the Hult, Kevin has filled many ushering positions, has been a Hult parking garage attendant, and frequently ushers at the Thursday noon **SHO**case concerts. He has also handled marketing for the Eugene Concert Choir and has sung with the Eugene Symphony Chorus.

Kevin is a graduate of the University of Kansas, and received a Master of Science degree in Arts Administration, specializing in performing arts management, at the University of Oregon. He is also certified in non-profit management.

Amber Lunch Dennis, who is on the programming staff at the Hult, has high praise for Kevin. She said he is "just delightful" to work with, and he makes people feel good about everything he does. Besides being very knowledgeable about events and performers at the Hult, Amber says that Kevin is always eager to do what is needed and makes people feel welcome with his kindness.

Member nominated for Board position

Joanne Ledet has been nominated to fill the unexpired term of Marian Spath, who has submitted her resignation. Joanne will be voted on by the Board of Directors at their regular May meeting.

Two young men make the Hult shine

If you want to thank someone for keeping the Hult Center in neat and shipshape condition, both inside and out, extend your appreciation to the custodial staff. Among the dedicated workers are two young men who excel in their work.

They are (*left below*) Nick Hiaasen and (*right below*) Jake Evans.



Photo by Dick Doering

Both previously worked in mills before joining the Hult staff in April 2007. Norval Meashintubby, lead custodian at the Hult, has said the pair are “real good workers.” Further praise has come from fellow custodian Gary Braatz, who says the two are very professional in their work and fit right in.

Nick, 25, is a life-long resident of Springfield and went to Thurston High School. His wife is a financial counselor at Peace Health. They are parents of three children, including a four-month old son. Nick is an outdoorsman who enjoys fishing and hunting.

(*please see next column*)

Hiking is a favorite pastime of Jake, 33, but gardening is his big passion. He and his wife, a registered nurse at Peace Health, have a two-year-old daughter.

From polishing the concourse railing to shoveling snow and ice and in general helping to keep the Hult Center the bright gem of Eugene, the “Nick and Jake team” are two of the bright stars on the Hult custodial staff.

Meet the Nominees.....

Patti Baumberger

Burbank, California’s, loss was Eugene’s gain when Patti moved here in 2004. Once here, it didn’t take her long to get involved in a variety of volunteer opportunities. First off, Patti volunteered with the Relief Nursery and in the SMART reading program. She is a member of the Newcomers Group of Eugene/Springfield, and is also an avid square dancer. Patti, who has a brother living in Eugene and a son in Illinois, has recently become a member of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, and is actively involved in the Foster Care Puppy Program for Greenhill Humane Society.

Dianna Bressler

As another newcomer to Eugene, Dianna came across the volunteer page on the Hult website. After a tour of the Hult Center, she became eager to participate and become involved in doing something worthwhile, meeting interesting people, and making new friends in Eugene. In addition to becoming a member of **SHO**, Dianna participates with BRING Recycling and with *Ballet Fantastique*. Moving to Eugene from Eastern Washington to be near her son Joe, she enjoys traveling, gardening, cooking, and fixing up her new home. Dianna is also looking for a golfing group to join.

Joanne Ledet

Joanne lived in Eugene for nine years, moved away, and then returned in 1990 with no intention of moving again. As a new member of **SHO**, she is welcoming the opportunity to promote and further the arts and entertainment in (*please see next page*)

Eugene. Recently retired from technical engineering, Joanne still fills in for her former employer during busy seasons. When not working, she enjoys hiking, snowshoeing, traveling, reading, and occasionally playing bridge. Spending time with her two children and two grandchildren is also a high priority on her list of things to do.

Marilyn Mullanix

After growing up in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Marilyn has lived in Eugene for over forty years. She and her late husband had a financial services business for many years. Following the sale of the business, Marilyn went to work for Sacred Heart Medical Center as a marketing specialist. After her husband's death, she retired from Peace Health. Five years later she married Bill Mullanix, and the couple lives in Southwest Eugene with their two cats. Marilyn has a son, who lives in Düsseldorf, Germany, and a daughter in Eugene. The busy Marilyn is a member of the American Association of University Women, the Delta Grove Book Club, and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland. More about Marilyn can be found on her blog, so you may check with her about that.

Iva May Van Noy

Born in Roseburg, Oregon, Iva May has spent most of her life in the Springfield area. She attended Oregon State University, the University of Oregon, and University Business College. After working in San Francisco for seven years, she returned to this area, continuing to work in bookkeeping and personnel departments. Iva May has been a **SHO** member for four years, and worked on the Hult's 25th Anniversary, as well as organizing Mystery Trips. Other interests include working with Adopt-A-Pet, being a mentor at Madison Middle School, and cheering as a Daisy Duck.

Let's give **SHO members a great big round of applause!**

*Statistics tell what **SHO** volunteers accomplish for the Hult Center*

Volunteers who participate:

58 (125 total membership)

Areas where volunteers serve:

- ❖ Hand out programs
- ❖ Greet patrons entering lobby and give directions where needed
- ❖ Staff Information Desk
- ❖ Operate elevator to assist patrons with disabilities
- ❖ Check-out assisted listening devices to patrons
- ❖ Give tours of the facility
- ❖ Produce weekly half-hour concerts in the lobby
- ❖ Honor outstanding high school students in the performing arts
- ❖ Staff Administration Desk for vacation relief
- ❖ Assist with school-bus parking for students coming to a daytime event
- ❖ Provide safe street crossings for students coming to an event
- ❖ Give "peeks" in the theaters to help patrons locate seating preferences

Time commitment expected: Volunteers average about six hours a month, or 72 hours a year; some volunteer considerably more time.

Money saved for Hult Center:

- ❖ Purchased bicycle racks (\$400)
- ❖ Purchased 20 assisted listening devices (\$25 each)
- ❖ Provided information/display kiosk (\$11,000)
- ❖ Provided TV monitor in lobby

With grants totaling \$110,000, upgraded facilities in the lobby:

- ❖ Cushioned benches
- ❖ Fully-equipped concessions counter
- ❖ New Information Desk and gift center
- ❖ New ticket deposit boxes

Backstage at *Mamma Mia!* Captions and pictures by Dick Doering.

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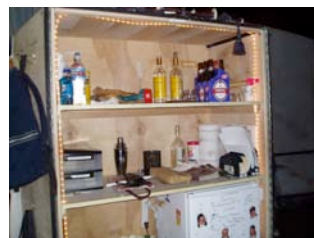
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Legend:

- 1---Some of the props used in the show
- 2---Props and make-up table used for quick touch-ups
- 3---Prop and equipment cases
- 4---Bruce Hartnell, Hult stagehand, does some maintenance on equipment used in the show
- 5---Show and Hult stage crews make adjustments after opening night
- 6---Prop cabinet
- 7---The backsides of sets aren't quite as pretty as the front that the audience sees
- 8---Units of the set roll on tracks for ease of movement onstage
- 9---Not much room for performers to move between props and equipment
- 10--Tangle of cables connecting to lighting and stage equipment
- 11--Alex Fountain, Hult stagehand, points to Eugene on map of show's itinerary
- 12-- One of the trailers used to haul props, equipment and costumes

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