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The Firehouse Arts Center is dedicated to inspiring passion through the arts. With world-class performing and visual arts, exciting interactive programs for all ages, and a state-of-the-art venue, we combine the sophistication of the culturally rich Bay Area arts landscape with the hospitality and intimacy of our own home town.



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Our popular comedy series returns this season on a new night, Wednesday, with a stellar line-up of comedians who will chase your midweek doldrums away. Check out our slate of talented comic pros who have delighted audiences all around the comedy circuit as well as on shows like *The Tonight Show* with Johnny Carson and with Jay Leno, *Late Night* with Conan O'Brien and *Comedy Central*. Take a Wednesday night break and see for yourself why our audiences say, "What a great time. I couldn't stop laughing!"



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Civic Arts Stage Company



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Based on the fairytale by Charles Perrault
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SEASON OF MUSICALS

PACIFIC COAST REPERTORY THEATRE

Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre is proud to present the 2012 - 2013 Season of Musicals. Subscription packages are now available for this exciting upcoming musical series. Purchase the same number of tickets for each of the three shows in the 2012 - 2013 season and receive a 15% subscriber discount. You will also enjoy reduced processing fees, have preferential seating to shows, share in Friends of Subscribers, and have exchange privileges for subscribers only. With Friends of Subscribers, you can purchase additional tickets to any of the PCRT Season of Musicals performances at a \$3 per ticket discount for family and friends by calling or visiting the box office.



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

November 2 - 18, 2012

The first of the series is Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, a stage musical adaptation, just re-released for production. This "Tale as Old as Time" is the perfect opportunity to bring the whole family together for a great evening of entertainment. Enjoy this classic fairy tale of pride, self-sacrifice and love.

RENT

January 25 - February 10, 2013

The series will continue with the Broadway smash hit, *RENT*. Set in the East Village of New York City, *RENT* is about falling in love, finding your voice and living for today. Winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.



SHE LOVES ME

April 12 - 28, 2013

Funny, intelligent, honest and sentimental, *She Loves Me* is a warm romantic comedy with an endearing innocence and a touch of old world elegance and nostalgia. "Possibly the most charming musical ever written."

Subscription packages are available by phone, at the box office during box office hours or online by selecting "Subscriptions".

2012 - 2013 SEASON

LATIN: **RUCKATAN LATIN TRIBE** Returns to the Firehouse Hotter than Ever!

Saturday, September 1 • 8 PM
\$15 - \$20

It's a celebration of life and music! The seven Ruckatan musicians infuse the culture of their three continents and the love of their roots into music that will make your heart want to sing and your feet want to dance. Join us to open our season with rock sounds spiced with Latin, Caribbean and World flavors and enjoy!



ROCK: THE TUBES The Ultimate Rock 'n' Roll Extravaganza

Friday & Saturday, September 7 & 8 • 8 PM **\$38 - \$48**

Back again! "Fifteen years ahead of Madonna and light years ahead of politically correct", The Tubes' show epitomizes the hilarity of popular American culture by making it into the ultimate rock 'n' roll extravaganza. From *White Punks On Dope* to songs of today, they'll launch our season with high-energy music and fun. Rock with us!

LECTURE: AN EVENING WITH AUTHOR JOHN BOESSENECKER Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture Series

Tuesday, September 11 • 7 PM **General \$10**
Members \$5 **Students & Teachers with ID \$3**

From dusty court records and forgotten memoirs, acclaimed author of *Bandido: The Life and Times of Tiburcio Vasquez*, John Boessenecker reveals the violence, banditry, and retribution of the early California frontier.



COMEDY: **MARK PITTA with Liz Grant** Comedy@Firehouse Arts Season Kick-off

Wednesday, September 12 • 7:30 PM **General \$15**

A Bay Area comedian who hit his stride in L.A., Mark Pitta has appeared on *The Tonight Show* with Johnny Carson and with Jay Leno. He's a favorite on the comedy circuit and has opened for greats such as Chris Issak, Celene Dion and Rick Springfield. His opening act, Liz Grant, has shared the stage with celebrity comedians, performed with Robin Williams, and was a writer for *George Carlin's laugh.com*. Take a comedic midweek break with Mark and Liz.

GALLERY: PLEASANTON ART LEAGUE ANNUAL MEMBERS' EXHIBIT

Harrington Art Gallery— *Donations Appreciated*

Saturday, September 15 - October 20

Reception: September 15 • 1-3 PM

This annual PAL members' exhibit features recent works in all media including watercolor, oil, pastel and photography. The Pleasanton community artwork, "Alphabet Soup", will be on display. This is a collaborative project created by kids downtown on July 14th, using the first initial of their names. The artwork will be sold by silent auction during the reception with proceeds benefiting PAL's youth scholarship fund.



CABARET: ROSLYN KIND

"Forget that Roslyn Kind is Barbra Streisand's Kid Sister"

Saturday, September 15 • 8 PM \$28 - \$38

"...She's too good—and too special—to worry about comparisons with older siblings." — *LA Times*

She's a dynamic, multi-talented entertainer who has forged a successful career in all facets of entertainment—from exciting night club shows to sold-out performances on Broadway. Come see this premiere interpreter of popular song in her Firehouse debut!

BLUES: LEE OSKAR HARMONICAS

Mark Hummel's Blues Harmonica Blowout
Featuring Lee Oskar, James Harman,
Kenny Neal & Little Charlie

Sunday, September 16 • 7:30 PM \$12 - \$30

Inspired by the Chicago school of blues, Mark Hummel and his band of "blues survivors" deliver their own jumpin', rockin', swingin' brand of West Coast blues music. Hummel returns to the Firehouse with an all-star line-up to deliver his trademark harmonica sound and wrap up your weekend with high emotion and style.



POP ROCK: HOWIE DAY – Sound the Alarm!

Wednesday, September 19 • 7:30 PM \$12 - \$25

Singer/Songwriter Howie Day introduces his much-anticipated second album, *Sound the Alarm!* A stunning collection of emotionally resonant, melody-minded pop-rock gems that have earned Day a legion of devoted fans, *Sound the Alarm!* comes after more than a decade of touring worldwide. During that time, Day became known for his powerful one-man shows, connecting with audiences through charm, humor, the strength of his songwriting, and a warm tenor voice that "soars into fluttering, high registers, but also grates with real, pleading grit."

ACOUSTIC GUITAR: TODD HALLAWELL

Presented by **LIVERMORE ROTARY**

Friday, September 21 • 7:30 PM \$40

Todd Hallawell has received multiple awards including the prestigious National Fingerstyle Guitar Championship in Winfield, Kansas. Todd is well known in the music world and his recordings and productions have been selected for both film and theater. Proceeds to benefit local projects of the Livermore Rotary.



FOLK: COUNTRY JOE McDONALD **100th Anniversary Tribute to Woody Guthrie**

Saturday, September 22 • 7:30 PM \$15 - \$25

This year, we're celebrating the 100th birthday of Woody Guthrie and the 11th year of Country Joe McDonald's amazing tribute to that country icon. McDonald brings the Guthrie songs to life, opening with "This Land Is Your Land," and continuing with his famous Dust Bowl ballads, children's songs, country songs and union songs. All you country music fans, come to the Firehouse for an evening of musical nostalgia and unforgettable entertainment by one of the best!

COUNTRY: MINDY SMITH

Celebrating "Giant Leap"

Sunday, September 23 • 7:30 PM \$18 - \$28

Join us in celebrating the summer release of country singer/songwriter Mindy Smith's fifth album and first as an independent artist. In "Giant Leap", this acclaimed Nashville-based artist showcases her timeless sound and music with songs such as "Closer", "Take Me Back" and "Pretending the Stars". Hear why the *New York Times* wrote, "Her voice carves melodies so sharp and fine you can almost see them..." and *USA Today* added "Smith's best songs sound like little miracles."



THEATER: Pleasanton Senior Players present **YOU CAN'T GET THERE FROM HERE**

Friday, September 28 • 7 PM

Saturday/Sunday September 29 & 30 • 2 PM

\$9 Advance \$10 Door

The Pleasanton Senior Players return to the Firehouse Arts Center with the "You Can't Get There From Here," a comedy about a small town Bed & Breakfast, and a giant pothole that keeps people in town for a night (or two, or more!). Add to the mix, an investigative reporter who eventually falls in love with the owner of the B&B, and you have the ingredients for a perfectly imperfect romance and comedy. A great evening of fun for all!



AMERICANA/BLUEGRASS: HOT BUTTERED RUM - Very Tasty!

Friday, October 5 • 8 PM \$15 - \$25

What a treat! Hot Buttered Rum (the name conceived around a campfire in the Sierras) is a plugged-in, percussive powerhouse that is sure to wow you. The group's "Left-Coast" rock reveals access to jazz, country, and world music that few can match. Join us in celebrating

the band's new album, *Limbs Akimbo*, a tremendous, minimalist pop album full of hints, teases, and cameos of the band's complex musical personality. Delicious!

ROCK: ASIA - Featuring John Payne

Saturday, October 6 • 8 PM \$35 - \$45

With John Payne as front musician, ASIA has released 8 stunning studio albums, several live albums, a live DVD and toured the world extensively for 14 years. Their Firehouse show will feature songs from the band's upcoming release, "Americana", songs from the John Payne era, and hits from the classic era - "Heat of the Moment," "Soul Survivor" and "Only Time will Tell." Don't miss them! Come to downtown Pleasanton and rock with ASIA at the Firehouse!



WORLD MUSIC: PERLA BATALLA A Haunting Vocal Blend of Contemporary American and Spanish Tradition

Sunday, October 7 • 2 PM \$12 - \$25

First delighting Pleasanton audiences in 2000, Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter Perla Batalla brings to the Firehouse songs that reflect her rich bicultural personal and musical heritage. Taking the timeless songs heard growing up and molding their rhythmic and melodic forms, she creates a stunning cross-pollination of trend and Spanish tradition. "... Batalla's music caresses... a born storyteller with a rambunctious sense of humor..." – *Los Angeles Times*

LECTURE: AN EVENING WITH TV HORROR HOST JOHN STANLEY

Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture Series

Tuesday, October 9 • 7 PM General \$10

Members \$5 Students & Teachers with ID \$3

Legendary San Francisco Bay-area TV horror host and "Creature Features" movie reviewer steps into the spotlight as he reveals the movie monster boom of the 1950s. Stanley's most recent publication *The Gang That Shot Up Hollywood* includes recollections from the many movie and TV star interviews in his many years as an entertainment writer for the San Francisco Chronicle.

The Ed Kinney Lecture Series will be enjoying a two-month hiatus in November and December but is looking forward to an exciting 2013 season beginning January. Please visit our website for a list of the upcoming lecture dates.



COMEDY: GREG HAHN with Marianne Sierk

Comedy@Firehouse Arts

Wednesday, October 10 • 7:30 PM General: \$15

Ex-Marine officer Greg Hahn has parlayed his absurdly energetic, all-out style of physical humor into an act with no waiting, just immediate pandemonium and panic. His wild, likeable stylings have led to numerous television, club, corporate and theater appearances throughout the country. At the Firehouse, he'll team up with opener Marianne Sierk who, when realizing her dream of theatrical stardom was not going to materialize, went to a comedy club to cheer up. She did – and has been making people laugh ever since!



ACOUSTIC /WORLD MUSIC: PEPPINO D'AGOSTINO & CARLOS REYES

Friday, October 12 • 8 PM \$12 - \$25

These two talented musicians return to once again blend their music in a spellbinding performance that highlights their individual and combined talents. Acclaimed as a scholar, technician, master guitarist and poet, Peppino D'Agostino has collected an abundance of *Acoustic Guitar Magazine* awards. On the harp, Carlos Reyes has entertained thousands with the jazz-rock group *Merlin*. We're delighted to have them back.



CABARET: CLOSE TO YOU

A Live Tribute to the Carpenters

Sunday, October 14 • 2 PM \$12 - \$25

Travel back to the 70s and 80s with us and celebrate the classic songs and sounds of the ever-popular music duo, The Carpenters. With songs like *We've Only Just Begun*, *For All We Know*, and *Rainy Days and Mondays*, Michelle Whited leads the popular *Close To You* musical group in a stunning tribute as they recreate the signature Carpenters sound. Join us and experience this remarkable musical interlude from an era we all cherish.



ROCK: BOBBY KIMBALL Hear the Original TOTO Lead Singer Sing All Your TOTO Favorites!

Friday & Saturday, October 18 -19 • 8 PM \$35 - \$45

You'll remember Kimball best as the longtime front man of the rock band Toto, and winner of multiple Grammy Awards. Since the dissolution of the second revival Toto in 2008, he's been touring the world over, non-stop. "I've never been this busy in my whole career in music," he says, "I love touring, and I always have fun on the road with the fans." Come to the Firehouse and have fun with Bobby during his Pleasanton stop!

MOVIES:

FIREHOUSE FRIGHT NIGHT MOVIE FESTIVAL

Halloween Movie Nights at the Firehouse

Saturday, October 20 • 9:30 PM

Saturday, October 27 • 10 PM General \$10

In celebration of this popular fall holiday, the Firehouse is showing two movies for the older crowd that will offer some Halloween chills, thrills and late night "camp". After the PDA PubCrawl on the 20th or the Creatures of Impulse performance on the 27th, join us for an evening of spine-tingling fun.



TEEN: CREATURES OF IMPULSE

Teen Improv Troupe presents NIGHTMARE A Live Improvised Horror Show!

Thursday- Saturday, October 25 - 27 • 7:30 PM

Students: \$5 Advance \$8 At the Door (with ID)

General: \$10 Advance \$15 At the Door

Creatures of Impulse, Teen Improv Troupe bring another season of horror-based improv sure to leave you asking, "How'd they do that without a script?" Your suggestions help drive the characters and stories for this un-scripted theatrical adventure! No show is exactly the same, so come and see all three nights.

CONCERT BAND:

PLEASANTON COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

Chillers & Thrills

Sunday, October 28 • 2 PM FREE EVENT!

The season of All Hallows' Eve just wouldn't be complete without the sounds and celebration of Pleasanton's very own community concert band performing compositions that have, or will become, traditional Halloween music. Come and enjoy our enthusiastic local concert band members for an afternoon of Halloween festivities, and please don't forget your costumes!



MUSICAL THEATER: BEAUTY & THE BEAST

Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre

Season of Musicals Opener

November 2 - 18 \$17 - \$33

Friday • 8 PM Saturday • 2 & 8 PM Sunday • 2 PM

(No 2 PM Show November 3)

PCRT's Season of Musicals opens with Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, a stage musical adaptation just re-released for production. This "tale as old as time" is the perfect opportunity to bring the whole family together for a pleasurable evening of entertainment. Enjoy this Disney classic fairy tale of pride, self-sacrifice and love.



GALLERY: CONFRONTATIONS: ARTISTS & THE NATURAL WORLD

Harrington Art Gallery - Donations Appreciated

Wednesday, November 7 - Saturday, December 15

Reception: Thursday, November 8 • 7-9 PM

This exhibit explores the contentious relationship between humans and nature – specifically, our use and misuse of it, and the detritus that results. The marks and artifacts that remain have inspired a variety of unique responses in photography, painting and sculpture. Featured artists are: Arthur Comings, Ralph Holker, Daniel Kasser, Andrew Roberts-Gray, and John Trefethen.



COMEDY:

KAT SIMMONS with Dave Mencarelli
Comedy@Firehouse Arts

Wednesday, November 14 • 7:30 PM General \$15

Compared to greats Lucille Ball, Carol Burnett and Red Skelton, Kat delights in bringing to the stage the very things most people keep secret. She speaks the truth, hopefully making it easier for the rest of us to be honest with ourselves. (You just might recognize yourself in some of her material!) She'll be introduced by Dave Mencarelli, whose quirky wit, low self-esteem, and mild narcissism are the perfect recipe for laughter. Don't miss this hilarious duo!

CABARET: TRIBUTE TO THE SONGS OF JOHNNY CASH featuring JAMES GARNER

The "Man in Black" is Back!

Saturday, November 24 • 8 PM \$12 - \$26

James Garner and his band recreate Johnny Cash's unique and memorable sound and style for all to enjoy. Join us Thanksgiving weekend for seasonal classics from Cash's many holiday albums, along with his signature songs like *Ring of Fire*, *I Walk the Line* and *A Boy Named Sue*. Purchase your tickets now as this show is sure to sell out – again!



CLASSICAL GUITAR: YURI LIBERZON

Sunday, November 25 • 2 PM \$12 - \$22

Russian-born and Israeli-raised guitarist Yuri Liberzon ranks among today's foremost classical guitarists in the United States and the world. His playing has been described as "Transcendent technical prowess at the service of gracious musicality." About his performance, Washington D.C. Guitar Society wrote: "Mr. Liberzon was terrific. World-class mental acrobatics. Very pleasing results." Don't miss this rare opportunity to experience one of the best!



TEEN: CREATURES OF IMPULSE
Teen Improv Troupe presents
HOLIDAY SHORTS: A Long Winter's Tale
An Interactive Holiday Improv Show!
Thursday & Friday, November 29 & 30 • 7:30 PM
Students: \$5 Advance \$8 At the Door (with ID)
General: \$10 Advance \$15 At the Door

Join Creatures of Impulse for a Firehouse Arts Center holiday tradition! Your suggestions will inspire holiday themed games, scenes, and audience interactions in the first act. The audience will then vote for which short scene Creatures of Impulse will make into an entire improvised "play" in the second act.

HOLIDAY CONCERT:
PLEASANTON COMMUNITY
CONCERT BAND
Sunday, December 2 • 2 PM
FREE EVENT!

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will conclude their 2012 season of concerts with "A Holiday Rhapsody," a musical collaboration of seasonal music from various genres and traditions. Join us for an afternoon of holiday celebrations with our local community band.



THEATER:
Civic Arts Stage Company presents
PUSS IN BOOTS at the Amador Theater
December 7 - 16 \$6 - \$18
Friday • 7:30 PM
Saturday • 2 & 7:30 PM
Sunday • 2 PM

In this world-premiere panto musical by local playwright Kate Hawley, a sassy cat promises to solve the problems of a poor miller's son. Dressed in her trademark red leather boots, Puss charms the Queen, befuddles the Prime Minister, defeats the powerful wizard Kazaam, and helps her shy master and Princess Sweetiepie fall madly in love. The show features original songs by local composer Chris Houston (*James and the Giant Peach*, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*). Outrageous comedy, audience participation, and a positive message about being yourself makes this musical a perfect addition to your holiday tradition.

**HOLIDAY MUSICAL SHOW:
JEFF BORDES & FRIENDS**

Saturday, December 8 • 8 PM \$12 - \$25

Jazz trumpeter (and Pleasanton native) Jeff Bordes returns for his second annual Holiday Concert at the Firehouse Arts Center. Last year Jeff and his band performed to a SOLD OUT room and featured many surprises and guest appearances and this year's Christmas-themed show will be no different. Join us as Jeff Bordes and Friends swing the holiday favorites with a taste of New Orleans and the soul of the blues.



COMEDY:

**JAMES P. CONNELLY with Katsy Chappel
Comedy@Firehouse Arts**

Wednesday, December 12 • 7:30 PM General \$15

James P. Connolly is known for his playful, confident style and unique sense of humor. His latest CD, *The Master Plan*, debuted to rave reviews on XM Radio's *Comedy Concert Series* and has been called "captivating," "laced with intelligent humor, edgy opinions," "leaves them (the crowd) hanging on his every word!" "Enviromedian" Katsy Chappel opens for him with her slice-of-life humor, skewed on funny with a bend on green ecology. Start the second half of your week with these hilarious comics and laugh right through to the weekend.

**ACOUSTIC:
TINGSTAD & RUMBEL
HOLIDAY SHOW**

**Eclectic Toe-Tappin'
American Music**

**Saturday, December 15 • 8 PM
\$12 - \$25**

Acoustic musicians Eric Tingstad and Nancy Rumbel return to the Firehouse with their special brand of "American home-style music". With Tingstad on guitar and Rumbel on oboe, English horn and ocarina, the duo create classically inspired music from America, the British Isles, Asia and Spain. Their mix of original and cover tunes includes Tex-Mex stylings, Caribbean rhythms and Americana fingerpicking that will delight your ears and have your feet tapping.





CABARET: BROADWAY STAR JERI SAGER

"A Very Jeri Christmas"

Sunday, December 16 • 2 PM \$12 - \$28

Broadway star of *Cats*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Les Miserables* and *Evita*, Jeri Sager brings her trademark powerhouse voice to Pleasanton. Her Holiday show is filled with abundant warmth, humor, and joy for the entire family, while adding her own unique twist to Holiday classics... and don't be surprised if she pulls a few Broadway show-stoppers out of the stocking, too!

CABARET: "HAPPY BIRTHDAY ELVIS!"

with JIM ANDERSON & THE REBELS

"The King" Lives Again at the Firehouse!

Saturday, January 5 • 8 PM

Sunday, January 6 • 2 PM \$12 - \$25

Jim Anderson and the Rebels return with the early (1954-1966) hits of Elvis Presley – *Heartbreak Hotel*, *Hound Dog*, *Don't Be Cruel*, *Jailhouse Rock* and more. Jim's appearance last year at the Firehouse sold out in record-breaking time, so get your tickets early to make sure you've got a seat for the Birthday festivities.



COMEDY: DENNIS REGAN with G. King

Comedy@Firehouse Arts

Wednesday, January 9 • 7:30 PM General \$15

Comedy@Firehouse Arts greets the New Year with Dennis Regan, one of America's favorite comedians. One of the elite few comics who have made multiple appearances on both *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and the *Late Show with David Letterman*, Regan's quick wit and brilliantly funny insights into the world around us are sure to keep you laughing. His opening act, G. King, will definitely add to the hilarity. The Vallejo native is a rising star in the making, who captivates audiences with his views of life's experiences. Bring your mid-week date and laugh along with us!

ROCK: MANZAREK-ROGERS BAND

Stunning Blues-Rock By Two of the Masters

Saturday, January 12 • 8 PM \$30 - \$40

Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Ray Manzarek and Delta Rhythm Kings stalwart Roy Rogers have formed a new ensemble and recorded a hard driving blues/rock project that is a stirring and masterful collaboration. The iconic co-founder of *The Doors* and the master slide guitarist/producer are seemingly an odd pairing – but their new recording unleashes truly stunning music, which will have you rockin' at the Firehouse.



CLASSICAL: CYPRESS STRING QUARTET – Dvorak's Voices

Sunday, January 13 • 2 PM \$12 - \$25

What happened when the composer returned to his beloved homeland after two years in America? Cypress Quartet will perform Dvorak's great Op. 96 ("American") Quartet, alongside his great Op 106 Quartet, written just after his return to Prague. You'll be fascinated at the impressive way Dvorak could soak up the music and sounds that surrounded him. The Cypress Quartet will also share selections from "The Cypresses", Dvorak's only 'song cycle' for String Quartet, from which they take their name.



GALLERY:

water + color: CWA's 43rd National Exhibition

Harrington Art Gallery - Donations Appreciated



A Cheap Trick by Mike Bailey, Juror 2013

Thursday, January 17 - Saturday, February 16

Reception: Saturday, January 19 • 1-3 PM

Accomplished professional artists from California and around the nation participate in this annual juried exhibit. The Firehouse Arts Center is proud to host this year's selection of works in the Harrington Gallery. The exhibit promises to feature a wonderful variety of water media works using traditional and contemporary materials, techniques, and styles.

BLUEGRASS:

AUDIE BLAYLOCK & REDLINE

Award-Winning Bluegrass Artist

Friday, January 18 • 8 PM \$10 - \$20

Audie Blaylock is one of the hottest Bluegrass artists today. He and his band, REDLINE, are celebrating a string of #1 singles and thrilling audiences with their incredible musicianship, impeccable harmony and highly entertaining stage shows. The *All Music Guide* wrote, "Audie Blaylock's mellow, wailing tenor and lightning-fast guitar picking have made him one of the names to watch in the world of traditional bluegrass." Don't miss the opening band Snap Jackson and the Knock on Wood Players!



MUSICAL THEATER: RENT - Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre Season of Musicals

January 25 - February 10 \$17 - \$33

Fridays & Saturdays • 8 PM Sundays • 2 PM

Saturday, February 2 • 2 & 8 PM

(No Show Sunday, February 3)

The Season of Musicals series will continue with the Broadway smash hit, *RENT*. Set in the East Village of New York City, *RENT* is about falling in love, finding your voice and living for today. Winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.



COMEDY:

KAREN RONTOWSKI with Phil Johnson
Comedy@Firehouse Arts

Wednesday, February 13 • 7:30 PM

General \$15

Karen's upbeat, optimistic and inoffensive sense of humor has earned her headlining spots all over the world. She has opened for such show biz legends as Bob Hope, Ray Charles and the Monkees and is now featured in the new line of greeting cards called Frank and Funny. David Brenner says, "Even if you can't spell Rontowski, you'd better remember it, because she is GREAT!" And if Karen weren't enough, Phil Johnson will open for her, using comedy and music to dissect that understanding human nature dilemma. Bring your sweetheart to the Firehouse for a hilarious Valentine's Eve!



YOUTH: MUSIC FESTIVAL

11th Annual Festival

Friday, February 15 • 7:30 PM

\$8 Advance

\$12 Door

Join us for another youth-driven Youth Music Festival! Enjoy an evening of young, talented performers. For more information on auditions for the upcoming festival, contact Mark Duncanson at mduncanson@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

FAMILY/STORYTELLING/ ACOUSTIC GUITAR: BILL HARLEY

Grammy-Winning Music and Humor

Saturday, February 16

Children: 2 PM \$10 Adults: 8 PM \$10-\$20

Family favorite Bill Harley is back with his two shows, one for youngsters and one for grown-ups. The two-time Grammy winning musician and storyteller will entertain with his signature brand of genuine, irreverent, universal and ridiculous humor along with his trademark blend of wit and wisdom. He'll once again examine human foibles, common fears and simple pleasures in slice-of-life vignettes about school and family life.





CABARET: DAVID BURNHAM

Broadway Star of "Wicked"

Sunday, February 17 • 2 PM

\$12 - \$25

David Burnham, who made his Pleasanton debut during the inaugural season of The Firehouse's Cabaret Series, returns this year with a new show featuring selections from his latest recording – *David Burnham: One Day*. The Broadway star of *WICKED* performs a mixture of songs from that hit production as well as many of his other celebrated roles, in *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and *The Light in the Piazza*. Enjoy a perfectly musical Sunday afternoon with us!

ACOUSTIC GUITAR: ADRIAN LEGG

"Guitarist of the Decade"

Friday, February 22 • 8 PM \$10 - \$20

We like what the Philadelphia Enquirer said about this renowned British guitarist: "There are guitarists, there are axe-wielding maniacs, and then there are wizards. Adrian Legg is one of the wizards. He has enough technique to do just about anything he wants, but also the sensitivity to honour the contours of a melody." Come to the Firehouse and hear for yourself the musician *Guitarist Magazine* calls "Guitarist of the Decade".



THEATER: PIPPI LONGSTOCKING

Civic Arts Stage Company

March 1- 10 \$6 - \$18

Friday • 7:30 PM

Saturday • 2 & 7:30 PM

Sunday • 2 PM

In this wacky comedy, there's a horse on the porch, a monkey in the kitchen and a freckle-faced, red-pigtailed whirlwind of a girl in two mismatched stockings. Bring the family to enjoy Civic Arts Stage Company's portrayal of the beloved Swedish classic that celebrates every child's dream of independence while reinforcing the importance of friends and family at the same time.



GALLERY:
CALIFORNIA: EARTH, AIR, FIRE, WATER, LIFE
 Harrington Art Gallery - *Donations Appreciated*
Saturday, March 2 - Saturday, April 6
Reception: Wednesday, March 6 • 7-9 PM

This exhibit, featuring works by Engela Olivier-Wilson, William Hackett, and Matthew Nylander, will express a central theme that explores California's natural beauty from each artist's perspective. Media will be mixed and will range from natural wood to painting and photography. Site-specific environments will be created using the artwork to evoke images distinctly "California" in nature.

TEEN: CREATURES OF IMPULSE
 Teen Improv Troupe presents **FACEOFF**
 The Funniest Competition of the New Year!

Thursday- Saturday, March 14 - 16 • 7:30 PM
Students: \$5 Advance \$8 At the Door (with ID)
General: \$10 Advance \$15 At the Door

Come and see Creatures of Impulse in the fifth season of their most popular short-form show to date. Creatures of Impulse will share the stage for three nights of scenes, games and theatrical tomfoolery. You are in for three nights of pure fun with an interactive format that gives the audience a chance to win prizes!



CLASSICAL: PLEASANTON CHAMBER PLAYERS
Sunday, March 17 • 2 PM \$12 - \$25

The Pleasanton Chamber Players, founded in 2003 under the auspices of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, celebrates its 10th anniversary season with Schubert's famous "Trout" Quintet, newly unearthed romantic serenades such as Ferdinand Hummel's "Nocturne with Horn", and a special St. Patrick's Day surprise. Join us for a festive celebration of timeless classical works and the musicians who perform them.

ROCK: THE SUN KINGS
 Beatles Tribute

Saturday, March 30 • 8 PM \$15 - \$25

Equipped with a 150-song repertoire that spans the entire Beatles era, The Sun Kings have been thrilling audiences all over California for a decade. With driving energy, joy and vitality reminiscent of the early Beatles shows, the group will amaze you with uncanny channeling and respect for the music of the "fab four." Don't miss them!



COUNTRY: JONI MORRIS

A Tribute to the Legendary Ladies of Country Music

Saturday, April 6 • 2 PM \$12 - \$25

Joni Morris, who wowed us with her tribute to country music icon, Patsy Cline, returns to the Firehouse with a brand new show! Joni and her After Midnight band perform unforgettable hit songs by Kitty Wells ("Honky Tonk Angels"), Loretta Lynn ("You Ain't Woman Enough To Take My Man"), Tammy Wynette ("Stand By Your Man") along with many more classic hits. This is a show no country music fan should miss!



MUSICAL THEATER: SHE LOVES ME

**Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre
Season of Musicals**

April 12-28 \$17 - \$33

Friday & Saturday • 8 PM Sunday • 2 PM

The Season of Musicals series will conclude with *She Loves Me*, April 12-28. Funny, intelligent, honest and sentimental, *She Loves Me* is a warm romantic comedy with an endearing innocence and a touch of old world elegance and nostalgia. "Possibly the most charming musical ever written."

GALLERY:

FRESH WORKS III: OPEN JURIED EXHIBIT

Harrington Art Gallery - Donations Appreciated

Wednesday, April 24 - Saturday, May 25

Reception & Awards: Saturday, April 27 • 1-3 PM

This will be the Harrington Gallery's 3rd Annual Open Juried Exhibit, and is open to artists 18 and over who live or work in the greater Bay Area. Entry deadline is Wednesday February 6, 2013. To receive an entry form electronically, please e-mail jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov and note that you would like to be put on our Gallery E-Newsletter mailing list. Entry forms will be available on November 12.



Holly by Melinda Cootsona, 2012 Award-Winner



ACOUSTIC GUITAR:

LAURENCE JUBER

Wings' Grammy-Winning Lead Guitarist

Saturday, May 4 • 8 PM \$15 - \$25

Fusing folk, jazz, and pop styles, this two-time Grammy-winner creates a multifaceted performance that belies the use of only one acoustic guitar. The lead guitarist for Paul McCartney's Wings (with whom he earned a Grammy award), Juber is a world-renowned guitar virtuoso, composer and arranger who is sure to treat you to a memorable evening at the Firehouse.



THEATER: RAMAYANA
Civic Arts Stage Company

Friday, May 10 - 19 \$6 - \$18

Friday • 7:30 PM

Saturday • 2 & 7:30 PM

Sunday • 2 PM

In this epic tale based on the Sanskrit classic, Prince Rama joins forces with Hanuman the flying monkey to rescue his love, Princess Sita, from the evil Demon King Ravana. Hanuman's bravery, Ravana's trickery, and the ultimate triumph of good over evil have made this story essential to Hindu culture for centuries. You'll love it, too!

CABARET: SWINGIN' BLUE STARS
OF THE USS HORNET
Memorial Day Show

Sunday, May 26 • 2 PM \$12 - \$25

The Swingin' Blue Stars are back for their annual visit to the Firehouse – sure to be sold out again! Their saucy and sweet swing music will remind you of the 1940s music that filled USOs around the world during World War II. Go back in time with their memory-rousing renditions of music made popular by groups such as the Andrews Sisters – *In the Mood*, *The Boogie-Woogie Bugle* *Boy of Company B* and more!



CLASSICAL:
STARS OF TOMORROW:
HARP COMPETITION
WINNER'S RECITAL

Sunday, June 2 • 2 PM \$12 - \$20

The Bay Area Chapter of the American Harp Society presents Northern California Harp Competition Winners in Recital. The Yvonne La Mothe Schwager Harp Competition was founded in 2011 in honor of Mrs. Schwager's bequest to the local harp chapter. The Firehouse welcomes the featured young harpists, all between the ages of 18 and 22, who are winners in the five categories of the competition.





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