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Try The Coats on this holiday season

The Coats have become a holiday tradition in the Okanogan Valley, and the much-loved ensemble is bringing its joyful holiday show back to the Omak PAC by popular demand on Dec. 12.

The Coats' masterfully arranged, hilarious, and interactive performances blend music and comedy and appeal to the whole family. The Coats sing original songs and holiday favorites, and they have a special knack for inventive arrangements of familiar songs. "We can take a pop, country, or jazz song and make it sound new," the group promises. The Coats always deliver, and this season's show is no exception.

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Baritone Doug Wisness, tenors Jamie Dieveney and Keith Anderson, and bass Kerry Dahlen – plus additional musicians – deliver outstanding harmonies.

The Coats first performed in Omak in 2013. The return of these international stars is much anticipated and appreciated.

Tickets are on sale now at omakpac.com or in person at Rawson's in Okanogan, Kelley Create in Omak, and at Tonasket Interiors. ■

December 12, 7 pm. Adults: $25, students: $10, 5 and under: free

Cinderella comes to life

Children's Dance Theater is busy with its newest – and oldest – show, *Cinderella*. Graceful kids from across Okanogan County will dance on the stage in this time-honored ballet.

The spiteful and haughty stepsisters Drizella and Anastasia are making Cinderella's life miserable – with the encouragement of their indulgent mother.

In addition to incredible staging and dancing and beautiful costumes, this moving story includes lots of laughs and drama. ■

Saturday, Nov. 15, 6 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 16, 3 p.m. Adults: $15, under 18 /seniors: $10, under 2: free

OVOC elevates the winter with classic film

The Okanogan Valley Orchestra and Chorus (OVOC) present a winter concert that brings the holiday season alive.

Continuing their theme of *Elevate!* for the year, the chorus sings "Star of Bethlehem" and "Somewhere in My Memory," both from *Home Alone*. They also perform "Light One Candle," "Drummer Boy," and "Be Our Guest."

Derek Pulsifer conducts the chorus, which performs music from around the world.

The highlight of the concert will be a screening of the timeless animated holiday movie The Snowman©, with the orchestra performing Howard Blake's music for the film live.

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PAC welcomes tech wizard Emma Andrews

The PAC welcomes Emma Andrews as its new technical director. Andrews works magic with lights and sound for all PAC performances, directs the Pioneer Players Drama Club – and also manages the after-school drama club.

Former Omak Pioneer Emma Andrews joins the PAC as technical director.

"As a proud former Omak Pioneer and graduate of Washington State University, I am honored to return to my hometown and share my knowledge and experiences with the community," Andrews said.

"Music and theater have always been my greatest passions, and I'm thrilled to bring that enthusiasm to the Pioneer Players and the Omak Performing Arts Center," she said.

"I look forward to helping create and manage memorable performances and to inspiring the next generation of Omak performing arts students." ■

Laugh out loud with puppeteer Michael Harrison

Talented comedian, ventriloquist, puppeteer, and overall master showman Michael Harrison will treat PAC audiences to his humor and inventiveness in a special show next year.

Harrison is a one-man tour-de-force who combines his many talents to create a laugh-out-loud performance for families of all ages.

Called "brilliant" by the judges on America's Got Talent, Harrison turns ventriloquism upside-down with his original puppets and one-of-a-kind routines.

With over 30 years of experience as a family entertainer, Harrison is a master at seamlessly combining his diverse comedic talents with unmatched showmanship in side-splitting acts.

He's also been the headliner on Disney Cruise Line, performing 35,000 shows for more than 20 years, and has worked with singer-songwriter Kelly Clarkson, The Muppets, and Boyz II Men.

Harrison also offers privileged glimpses behind the curtain, sharing clues to the boundless creativity and imagination that bring his performances roaring to life.

As a professional, full-time touring performer, Harrison ignites a spark in young audiences, encouraging them to chase their creative passions, no matter how unconventional they may be.

Ventriloquist and puppeteer Michael Harrison captivates and inspires audiences with his humor and inventiveness.

Harrison's message is simple and inspired: Embrace your creativity and chase your dreams – with everything you've got!

Prepare to be amazed! ■

Monday, February 2, 7 pm.
Adults: $25,
students: $10,
5 and under: free

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 6 pm
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 3 pm
Children's Dance Theater – Cinderella

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20
OVOC, A Night of Okanogan County's Finest Jazz 7 pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8
Omak HS/MS Winter Band Concert

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12
The Coats 7 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13
OVOC Holiday Concert 1 pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15
Omak HS/MS Choral Concert

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17
East Elementary Winter Concert

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2
Michael Harrison 7 pm

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 & 28; MARCH 6 & 7
Pioneer Players

MONDAY, MARCH 16
Omak HS/MS Spring Band Concert

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
OVOC Spring Concert 3 pm

MONDAY, MARCH 23
Omak HS/MS Choral Concert

FRIDAY, APRIL 10
Pianist Jensina Oliver 7 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 1
Cinco De Mayo Community Event

THURSDAY–SUNDAY, MAY 7–10
OVOC Spring Musical – Annie

WEDNESDAY–SUNDAY, MAY 13–17
LFW Dance Recitals

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27
Omak HS/MS Choral Concert

THURSDAY, MAY 28
Omak HS/MS Band Concert

JULY 12
OVOC variety show 6 pm

OVOC seeks talented singers, dancers, backstage help for spring musical *Annie*

The Okanogan Valley Orchestra and Chorus (OVOC) will be presenting the beloved musical *Annie* in May, and this is the chance to be involved – on stage, backstage, or by helping with rehearsals and promoting the event.

Based on the popular comic strip, *Annie* has become a timeless musical and racked up seven Tony Awards, including for Best Musical. The show tells a story of joy and hope and features stupendous music, including "I Don't Need Anything But You" and the enduring hit "Tomorrow."

Set in New York City during the Great Depression, the story introduces us to Annie, who was left at an orphanage where she is treated with cruelty. Determined to find her birth parents, Annie escapes to the excitement of the city and charms everyone she meets with her optimism and sense of adventure. She experiences fun-filled adventures, befriends a loyal dog named Sandy, and ultimately finds a new home and family with billionaire Oliver Warbucks and his personal secretary Grace Farrell.

Terri Williams will be directing the show. Williams has a broad background in theater, including acting in *A Christmas Story* and *Fiddler on the Roof,* singing in choirs and as a soloist, and directing youth productions and workshops in Washington and Arizona.

Annie will also need a stage crew, sound production, pit orchestra, and assistants to the director.

To audition, dress comfortably (be ready to move!), prepare a short song (bring your own accompaniment or sing a cappella), and be prepared to read lines from the script, which will be provided. No experience required – just a love for theater. Bring enthusiasm, energy, and a smile.

Everyone – children, teens, and adults – is welcome. Organizers are looking for actors, singers, dancers, and people to help out backstage with props, costumes and scenery, and at rehearsals. Costume measurements will be taken during the audition.

Terri Williams brings her background in theater and choirs to the director's role for *Annie*.

For more information, contact OVOC theater representative Eli Loftis at eliloftis@gmail.com. ■

AUDITIONS: Saturday, November 22, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. in the Okanogan Middle/High School cafeteria. Performances will be May 7–10, 2026.

Traditional drumming, singing, and storytelling by performers from the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation are a highlight of every OVOC concert.

DRESS TO THE NINES; SUPPORT OVOC

Need a unique outfit for a special occasion? OVOC is selling some of its impressive costume collection. Check out https://www.etsy.com/shop/ovoccostumes.

OVOC is looking for volunteers to help with wiring, painting, and insulation at their new building in downtown Okanogan. E-mail *contact@ovocmusic.org* if you can lend a hand.

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The Snowman takes the audience along on the adventures of a boy and the snowman he builds – which comes to life. The pair embark on an unforgettable trip to the North Pole to meet Santa Claus. The movie is based on the picture book by Raymond Briggs.

In addition to the tour-de-force of *The Snowman*, the orchestra will play a medley from the movie *Apollo 13* by James Horner; the uplifting movement "Jupiter, The Bringer of Jollity," from Gustav Holst's *The Planets*; and an arrangement of the beloved carol "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" by Felix Mendelssohn.

Saturday, December 13, 1 p.m.
Adults: $15, 18 and under: free

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When I go into the PAC, I am amazed to see its condition and to realize it is more than 36 years old.

This hasn't been by chance – it has happened because of the support of the Omak School District and, in part, because of donations by the public to the Omak Performing Arts Center Foundation (PACF), which maintains the PAC as a state-of-the-art facility.

In addition to presenting a rich variety of high-quality music, theater, and other entertainment, the PACF works earnestly to keep the cost of performances affordable. Still, at the same time, as many of you know, ticket sales do not cover the full cost of an event – and these numbers continue to increase. The cost of most events is now more than $10,000, including adverting and promotion.

You can help by donating to support the maintenance of the PAC and/or by helping to keep ticket costs more affordable.

Send us a check or make a donation through our website at https://omakpac.com.

You can also include the Omak PACF in your will or estate plan. There are several ways to do it:

- residual bequests: grant the residue, or a portion of the residue of your estate, to the PACF
- specific or explicit bequests: a stated dollar amount or particular security
- contingent bequests: in case one of more of your bequests cannot be fulfilled
- life-income bequests: provide income to someone, with the principal reverting to the PACF

We strongly suggest you meet with your attorney or tax advisor for more information and advice.

Join us in being an important part of keeping the Omak PAC the "treasure" it is for all of our communities.

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