

NEWS

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Olympia Mayor Tom Allen will kick-off opening ceremonies for eight days of theatrical and musical productions, workshops, parades, dances and storytelling May 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Sylvester Park.

Offered by students in The Evergreen State College 'Chautauqua Production Company'; the programs will be staged throughout Thurston County for adults and children. Most events are free and open to the public; evening performances set May 10, 17, 18 and 19 carry nominal admission charges.

Some 60 Evergreen students will use eight distinct forms of presentation, ranging from street theater to mini concerts and performances to modern experimental theatrical productions.

Working under the direction of Evergreen Faculty Members Dr. Tom Foote and Joye Peskin, students are returning to Thurston County after a five-day run in Vancouver, Washington. They have spent the past three quarters striving to revive the Chautauqua tradition born in 1874 in New York. The tradition was reborn at Evergreen last fall to bridge the gap between performers and their audiences and to inform, inspire and delight communities throughout Western Washington.

Performances planned in Thurston County May 10-18 include:

May 10

Opening Day Ceremonies, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sylvester Park, downtown Olympia...featuring Olympia Mayor Tom Allen and performances of and workshops on clowning, juggling and mime.

"Welcome Home Chautauqua Benefit Dance," 8 p.m. to midnight, Greenwood Inn.

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May 11

Mini-Chautauqua performance in theater, mime, music and dance, noon to 1 p.m., Capitol Rotunda.

Parades and mini-performances, 3-5 p.m., South Sound Center, Lacey.

May 12

Workshops, 9 a.m. to noon, North Thurston and Timberline High Schools.

Mini-performance, noon to 1 p.m., Capitol Arms Convalescent Center, Tumwater.

May 13

More workshops, all day, Capitol High School, South Bay and McLane Elementary Schools.

May 14

Storytelling for persons of all ages, 11 a.m., Olympia Public Library.

May 17

Parades, noon to 1 p.m., South Sound Center, Lacey,

"Rememberings," a collage of mime, music, dance, drama and storytelling, 7 p.m., Capital High School. Admission \$1.50 for adults; 75¢ for senior citizens and students; 50¢ for children.

May 18

Parades, noon to 1 p.m., South Sound Center, Lacey.

"Marathon 33," an examination of hard times and fundamental human values through conventional and experimental theater, 8 p.m., Tumwater High School Performing Arts Center. Admission: \$1.50 for adults; 75¢ for senior citizens and students; 50¢ for children.

May 19

"Carnival," a multi-media fantasy exploring modes of communication, 8 p.m., Abbey Theater, Saint Martin's College. Admission: \$1.50 for adults; 75¢ for senior citizens and student; 50¢ for children.