

PORTLAND REVELS®



FALL 2007

2007 Christmas Revels Set in Haddon Hall Castle

There'll be ghosts in this year's Christmas Revels: the ghosts of Haddon Hall, returning for their annual Solstice gathering only to find the new owner, the Ninth Duke of Rutland, giving his family a last look at the ruin before he sells it to clear space for a new motorway. But to the ghosts it is history, their history, especially their Christmas season history, and if it goes, so does their annual revelry. There'll be no place to return to. Blimey! The Duke has to be talked—and sung and danced and laughed—out of it!

Our story derives from the actual history of the splendid ancestral home of the Earls and Dukes of Rutland. Now a historic castle home in Derbyshire open for tourists, Haddon Hall stands on land granted by William the Conqueror. Over the centuries it was the site of grand parties of the season until it was abandoned in 1703 and left empty for the

next 220 years. In the 1920's the family reopened the building and set about restoring it as an historic property.

But what if the spirits of all those departed revelers returned just when the decision to pull it down is about to be made? Well, you'd have this year's Christmas Revels and what a fun time it will be. Their spokesman, who must be especially persuasive, will be

none other than William Somers, jester to Henry VIII, played by Burl Ross at his comic best. The 20th century duke, John Henry Manners, will be played by Don Stewart Burns. Their efforts to save Haddon Hall will be aided by the usual Revels antics: Morris dancing and the Abbots Bromley Horn Dance by the Bridgetown Morris Men; country dancing by the cast; much choral



Burl Ross as Jester

song, including "Masters In This Hall," "Gloucestershire Wassail," "Oaken Leaves," "Alle Psallite Cum Luya," "In Dulce Jubilo," "Gaudete," and more beside; and, of course, audience participation in "Twelve Days of Christmas" and "Lord of the Dance." But wait, there's more! There will also be the ever present mummers' play; this one has a Turkish Knight and a late-arriving dragon. Accompanying it all will be two traditional mainstays of Portland's Christmas Revels: the Portland Brass Quintet and Seattle-based early music ensemble, Jouissance. Gray Eubank returns to direct Portland's 13th Christmas Revels; music will be under the direction of Robert Lockwood.

Will Haddon Hall be saved? Will the spirits sleep easy? Will all twelve days of Christmas be sung? Will St. George rise again? Plan to find out in December and watch for the ticket flier, coming soon to a mailbox near you. For more information about this year's show and other Portland Revels activities, visit our web site at www.portlandrevels.org.

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Box office opens October 29th. Watch for your ticket flyer in the mail...donors will receive an early ticket flyer.

TEN PERFORMANCES

Friday, Dec. 7—7:30pm
Saturday, Dec. 8—1pm & 7:30pm
Sunday, Dec. 9—1pm
Thursday, Dec. 13—7:30pm
Friday, Dec. 14—7:30pm
Saturday, Dec. 15—1pm & 7:30pm
Sunday, Dec. 16—1pm & 5pm

PRICES**

Adults: \$32 (A. Front Main Floor/Front Balcony)
\$26 (B. Rear Main Floor/Mid Balcony)
\$18 (C. Upper Balcony)

Students/Seniors: \$24, \$18 & \$12
Children 12 & under: \$12, \$10, & \$7

***Plus handling charges*

(10% discount for groups of 10 or more)

Scottish Rite Theater – SW 15th & Morrison, Portland



SEPTEMBER 9TH PUB SING

Please join us on Sunday, September 9th from 6 to 8:30pm for our Revels Harvest Pub Sing at the Old Market Pub in Garden Home. It's a fine opportunity to make new friends, connect with old buddies, and sing traditional songs with other Revelers. And it raises a little money for our 2007 show. As always, we'll pay tribute to the season with favorite poems and songs, including "John Barleycorn". There will be leaders for most songs, but anyone in the room is invited to sing his or her own song. Come on down to the pub to enjoy some food and drink and sing round the room for Revels. We'll be in the comfortable Back Room at the Old Market Pub. It's family-friendly and children are welcome. The street address for the Old Market Pub is 6959 SW Garden Home Road, Portland, OR 97223; it is on the corner of SW 65th and Multnomah Blvd. No pre-registration is necessary; we'll be asking a donation at the door of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

REVELS MEDIEVAL CAMP

Portland Revels first-ever kids' day camp was a rousing success: a full complement of campers attended the week-long event. The days were full of wonderful activities: making music with medieval instruments, including the Vielle and Hurdy-Gurdy (which the kids got to try out), building with wattle and daub, creating "stained glass" windows with crayon and waxed paper, learning Morris and other dances, weaponry display and demonstration, and baking cookies, as well as practicing calligraphy and heraldic arts. Talented teachers Shula Kleinerman and Jacob Breedlove kept the kids busy learning and playing for the full week. "Super exposure to new music and historical time period," commented one parent. "Everything was the best!" was one student's evaluation. With reviews like these, we plan to offer the camp again next year. Watch for details in our spring newsletter and email updates.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR REVELS SHOW

Our winter solstice magic can't happen without literally hundreds of volunteers. They help with set load-in and building, costumes, props, ushering, greeting and merchandise sales at the shows, running errands, and more. If you would like to join the elite crew of our "Backstage Revelers", we would be very grateful for your assistance! As an added bonus to the fun of the work itself, volunteering in any capacity through the year earns you a free pass to our preview show on Thursday, December 6th. Call us at 503-274-4654 or email our office at info@portlandrevels.org to let us know you are interested.



Dick Lewis teaching the Abbots Bromley Horn Dance at Medieval Camp

May Feast of Fools—An Evening of Foolish Fun

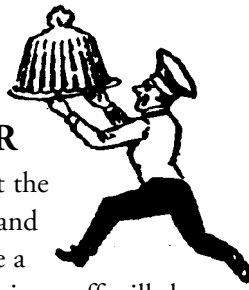
The familiar ballroom at the Scottish Rite Theater was turned into a festive party zone on the evening of Saturday, May 5th, as it hosted the launch of fundraising for the 2007 Christmas Revels show. Our "Feast of Fools" extravaganza was emceed by lovely hostesses Hillarie McKenna and Wendi Lien. Our favorite auctioneer, Steve Black, once again shepherded the auction bidding with skill and good humor (even after the surprise pie hit made by his lady co-hosts). The "Too-Loose Cajun Band" kept feet tapping until the arrival of a delicious dinner provided by "Katering by Kurt". The Bridgetown Morris gang provided festive footwork to wow the crowd. Foolish highlights of the evening included hijinks from clown Albert Alter, as well as skits from the Christmas show script-writing crew of Gray Eubank, Dick Lewis, and Robert Lockwood and a Kurt and Gary Peterson duo delivering a send-up of Portland Revels' urgent need for technological updating. A fine fun time was had by all, and the money

earned goes to underwrite the Christmas Revels 2007 show and organizational needs. We were delighted to be able to fund a scholarship for our June Medieval Camp.

Heartfelt thanks for the months of work by the Auction Committee, led by Portland Revels Board President Sharon Loomis-Malin, Lisa and Steve Black, Hillarie McKenna and Wendi Lien, Inay and Scott Todd, Debby Garman, and Christopher Frost. And thanks to party volunteers Kate Schuyler, Fran Head, Gary and Kurt Peterson, David Summers, Linda Golaszewski, Rebecca Ragain, Callie Jordan, Linda Stoltz, Curt and Susan Germundson, Michael Fox, Rick Malin, Marty Gallagher, Roberta Kaplan, Jason Savage, Mary Conover, Pat Mickiewicz, and Hale Forster. Many thanks to the ViVoce singers and Bridgetown Morris men. Sincere thanks as well to all of the businesses and individuals who so kindly donated goods and services for the auction.

OREGON CULINARY INSTITUTE TO HOST FALL MEDIEVAL DINNER

Please join us on Friday, November 2 from 6:30 to 9pm at the Oregon Culinary Institute for our fabulous show preview and dinner party. We'll preview a taste of the show and provide a full dinner in the medieval style. Plus, the cast and production staff will share some behind the scenes details! This is our premier autumn fundraiser event, and past attendees can testify that we know how to throw a great party! Costumes—medieval or otherwise—are encouraged but not required.



The Culinary Institute is a fun and intimate venue; space is limited and reservations and pre-payment are required. Cost is \$35 per person or \$60 per couple. A registration form to mail in with payment may be downloaded from our web site, or you may phone your reservation and credit card details to us at 503-274-4654. Reservation cutoff is 5pm Thursday, November 1.



EXPERIENCE THE TASTES OF AUTUMN AT OUR APPLE CIDER-MAKING PARTY

Come rain or sunshine, we'll put on an Apple Cider-Making Party and Harvest Potluck from 1 to 6pm on Sunday, October 7th in Hillsboro. Take a short drive through the autumnal countryside to make fun fall memories and sweet apple cider! We'll supply a load of fresh juicy apples, plus singing and dancing entertainment to make light of the work. You supply your friends and family with energy to chop, grind and press the apples, a container to take home your juice and a potluck dish to share. This event is a kid-friendly community favorite that is always a highlight of our fall.

The location is MAX accessible and has plenty of parking. We'd be delighted to know in advance that you are coming to help in planning food quantities, but reservations are not required. For directions, leave us a message at 503-274-4654 or email us at info@portlandrevels.org or check www.portlandrevels.org

Calling All Businesses! Program Ads Available

Would you like your message to reach an enthusiastic and diverse community of 6,000 people during the busy holiday season? If so, please contact us to take out an inexpensive ad in our Show Program.

For information and order forms see our web site: www.portlandrevels.org, or call 503-224-7411, or email us at info@portlandrevels.org. Ad reservation deadline is Oct. 12; artwork or materials will be due by Oct. 26.

E-News Has Arrived

Portland Revels now offers a monthly E-News, full of ideas and updates for coming events, as well as tidbits of information to enhance your enjoyment of the seasons of the year. In addition to these updates, we can provide the Spring and Fall newsletters, such as this one, as an emailed PDF attachment. If you prefer electronic instead of mailed newsletters, please let us know via web site email link at (www.portlandrevels.org), or call us at 503-274-4654, or email us at info@portlandrevels.org.



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Fall Harvest Pub Sing – Sunday, Sept. 9, 6:00-8:30pm

Portland Pirate Festival – Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 22-23
(www.portlandpiratefestival.com)

Apple Cider-Making Party – Sunday, Oct. 7, 1:00-6:00pm

Christmas Revels Box Office opens – Monday, Oct. 29
Medieval Dinner at the Oregon Culinary Institute –
Friday, Nov. 2, 6:30-9:00pm

2007 Show Dates – Dec. 7-9, and 13-16

ViVoce: Women's Ensemble Concert –
Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008, 7:30pm

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News from the ViVoce Singers

On Saturday, June 2nd, ViVoce, the women's ensemble of the Portland Revels Singers, presented a memorable concert of a capella music on the theme of "Earth, Sea, and Sky". The enthusiastic audience enjoyed a beautifully textured and joyous performance of words and music in poetry and song. Readings included a passage from Kenneth Graham's book, *The Wind in the Willows*, and poetry from Rumi, Billy Collins, Wang Wei, and Dylan Thomas. Songs including "Traveler's Prayer", "Sweet and Low", "Homeward Bound", "Linden Lea", and "Le Semeur". The audience was treated to lemonade and homemade dessert treats following the concert.

ViVoce's next concert is planned for Saturday, January 12th at 7:30pm. In addition to performing for the public, ViVoce strives to "give voice" to the community by donating concerts to local elder-care facilities. If you are interested in bringing ViVoce's talents to a senior center—or to a party or gathering you are planning, please call the Portland Revels office at 503-224-7411, or e-mail your inquiry to info@portlandrevels.org.