



CLARK COUNTY
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Music, Movement, and Sound:

An Exploration of Clark County's Musical Roots

Vancouver, WA. – Clark County Historical Museum will hold a public reception for its newest exhibit, “Music, Movement, and Sound: An Exploration of Clark County’s Musical Roots,” at 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25. In celebration of this collaborative display, the reception will feature hors d’oeuvres, singing by the Cowlitz Indian Tribe Drum Group, and live music by River Twain.

“The story of music in this region started long ago. Today, many use these musical roots to sustain Clark County’s unique and ever-changing music community,” said Brad Richardson, executive director of the Clark County Historical Museum. “The goal of the exhibit is a family-friendly, educational, and inspirational exploration of Clark County’s musical roots, and our community’s vibrant musical culture.”

“Music, Movement, and Sound” uses interpretative panels, historical objects, new interactive stations, and county-wide partnerships to recall the history of music and dance in Clark County and Southwest Washington.

Topics featured in this exhibit include the musical practices of Southwest Washington Native American Nations, military music at the Vancouver Barracks, changes in sound technology, the legacy of Vancouver’s Piano Hospital, and the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. Also highlighted are nationally known artists with connections to Clark County, Clark County’s contemporary music scene, and much more.

A vast variety of objects representing this history will also be on display, including the Covington Piano, the first piano to arrive in the Pacific Northwest. As visitors view these objects and panels, headphones next to the cases will play music related to the narrative. For a more hands-on experience, visitors can discover the science and art behind stringed instruments by plucking different types of strings connected to a digital tuner and soundwave frequency reader. Further, a variety of instruments will be provided for visitors to create their own music in what is being called the Instrument Petting Zoo.

“Music, Movement, and Sound” will be open through 2022. This exhibit is sponsored by BNSF Railway, Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Realvest Corporation, Clark County, Wager Audio, and the Brickhouse Bar & Grill. Support for the Instrument Petting Zoo is provided by Hammersmith Rock Institute and the Richardson Family.

The Clark County Historical Museum is located at 1511 Main Street in Vancouver, WA. Hours of operation are 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. General admission is \$5; seniors and students are \$4; children under 18 are \$3; and the evening is free with a CCHM membership.

For more information, visit cchmuseum.org, or contact the museum at 360-993-5679 or by email at events@cchmuseum.org.

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