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**Alaska Sound Celebration Presents 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Fur Rondy Melodrama February 26 – March 12**

Alaska Sound Celebration will present its 20<sup>th</sup> annual Fur Rondy Melodrama from February 26 through March 12, 2010 at the Snow Goose Theatre, located at 717 W. Third Ave. in downtown Anchorage. Tickets are available now online at [www.CenterTix.net](http://www.CenterTix.net) or by calling 263.ARTS.

This year's Melodrama, *Pirates of the Aleutians: Saloon Girls Gone Wild*, was written by Chera Boom and directed by Nancy Arnold. The show features the talents of Alaska Sound Celebration, Alaska's premier women's a cappella chorus, under the direction of Karen Leet and Peggy McBride.

During this two-hour, fun-filled, family-friendly show, audiences will join Captain Meg Raven (Chera Boom) and the hearty crew of the "Raven's Revenge" as this mighty pirate vessel sails the treacherous Alaska seas in search of treasure. The show's hero (Scott Kober) and heroine (Melanie Cross) have to decipher the clues of the treasure map or all will be lost. And despite the code of the pirate brethren, the crew has to deal with the villainous betrayals of Captain Black Barry (Dennis Sullivan) and Pirate Simon Sayez (Stephen Thorpe) as they seek to steal the ship and the treasure.

In addition to cheering on the heroes and tossing popcorn at the villains, audience members are also invited to come to the show dressed in their finest pirate attire. Prizes will be awarded for the best pirate costume at every show.

"We're excited to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Alaska Sound Celebration's Fur Rondy Melodrama with Anchorage audiences this year. With a fun story, talented director and an outstanding cast and chorus, we're sure audience members will enjoy the show – whether it's their 20<sup>th</sup> Melodrama or their first," said Melanie Cross, co-chair of the Melodrama committee.

Opening week of the 2010 Melodrama includes Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening performances, plus Saturday and Sunday matinees. The second week features Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening performances, plus Saturday and Sunday matinees. During the final week, performances are scheduled for Thursday and Friday evenings. All Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening performances are at 8 p.m.; Saturday matinees are at 3 p.m. and Sunday shows are at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Tickets, available at [www.CenterTix.net](http://www.CenterTix.net) and 263.ARTS, range from \$18 for general admission to \$23 for reserved seating, plus fees. There is a \$2 discount for seniors, youth and members of the military. Groups of 10 or more may also purchase tickets at a price of \$15 each, before fees. (Group discount only available for Saturday matinees and all Sunday shows, and group tickets may only be purchased via phone or in person at the CenterTix box office.) Shows sell out quickly, so advance purchase is strongly suggested.

For more information, visit [www.alaskasoundcelebration.org](http://www.alaskasoundcelebration.org) or contact Melanie Cross at 907.360.0369.

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