



**GRANT HIGH SCHOOL  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS**

*Tom Grant  
and*

*Shelly Rudolph*

**WITH**

**GRANT HIGH JAZZ BAND**

**THEATRE DEPARTMENT**

**KENNY REGAN**

**THE ROYAL BLUES**

**MARCH 5, 2014 7:00 PM**

**PROGRAM**

The Jazz Band  
Kenny Regan  
Spamalot  
The Royal Blues  
Tom Grant and Shelly Rudolph

**ABOUT TONIGHT'S CONCERT**

**Thank you** for your attendance and support at this evening's concert! Thank you also to Grant High School principal Carol Campbell, teachers John Eisemann, Chris Lane and Nick Budge and all the Grant staff. A special thank you to those who donated to the restoration of Grant High School's concert grand piano. Proceeds from tonight's concert will benefit the repair of the exterior of the piano, purchase a bench and heater.

**TOM GRANT**

[www.tomgrant.com](http://www.tomgrant.com)

Tom Grant is a master pianist, accomplished singer and songwriter who makes use of the Smooth Jazz he helped to pioneer. He's been on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno and had four Number One albums on Contemporary and Smooth Jazz charts. A polished entertainer, Tom has touched listeners worldwide because his subtle, skillful music is always cheerful and accessible yet deeply resonant. His compositions have been used in TV shows and films. Tom plays frequent charity events and appears on compilation CD's for many worthy causes. Of special note, he is a Grant High graduate and kicked off the Alumni Assn. Steinway fundraising with a concert in 2011. Our personal thanks to Tom!

**SHELLY RUDOLPH**

[www.shellyrudolph.com](http://www.shellyrudolph.com)

Shelly Rudolph is a maker of soul music with a sense of adventure and a desire for emotional truth. An experienced vocalist in jazz, pop, and soul she is all about exploring new levels of potential. Her new album has been called a mature

work from an old soul artist. A very pregnant Shelly performed with Tom at the initial piano fundraiser in 2011 a month before the arrival of her baby boy Hollis.

#### **THE GRANT JAZZ BAND**

This award winning band presents an annual benefit concert. The Sweet Sound of Jazz includes a dessert buffet and raffle.

#### **KENNY REGAN**

Regan learned how to play piano at age five. He comes from a family of musicians, and plans going to college to become a composer. "I really think I became a musician when I was eight because that's when I started composing and improvising." Regan said.

#### **THEATER DEPARTMENT**

The Theater Department presents a preview of Spamalot, this year's Spring show. Spamalot, a musical comedy from Monty Python's The Holy Grail, is a spoof of the Arthur legend. The name is taken from a line in the show "we eat ham, and jam and Spam a lot." Show dates are May 1-3, 8-10. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

#### **THE ROYAL BLUES**

Grant's Choral Department began with the legendary Jean Acorn Vancil. After Mrs. Vancil's retirement the department continued under the direction of Janet Howland until Doree Jarobe began teaching in the late 1980's and established The Royal Blues as Grant's premier choir. The Vocal Ensemble consists of 32 exceptionally talented students. For over 30 years the Blues have been performing for the Portland community, across the nation and around the globe in Canada, England, Scotland, Austria, Germany and France. In 2005 the Royal Blues were selected as one of three high school choirs in the nation to perform at the American Choral Directors Association National Conference in Los Angeles in the brand new Walt Disney Concert Hall. The Royal Blues are currently under the direction of Grant High School Alum and former Royal Blue – John Eisemann.

#### **THE STEINWAY PROJECT**

In 2011 Doree Jarboe suggested the restoration of the 1917 Steinway would be a worthy project for the association. Thank you, Doree, for your inspiration!

#### **THE GRANT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

The Grant High School Alumni Association, founded in 2005, is an Oregon non-profit with IRS 501c(3) status. Dues and contributions are tax deductible. Our mission is to serve our graduates and to develop alumni interest and support for Grant High School.

We keep alums connected to their alma mater and each other through two annual newsletters and an all alum picnic. The picnic is held each year on the fourth Sunday of July at Wilshire Park. The weekend of the picnic is becoming a favorite time for class reunion schedules. This year's picnic will be July 27, 2014.

A very important part of the association is an annual scholarship presented to a Grant senior who we feel exemplifies the Grant Spirit and who will be continuing their education in the state.

The association thanks all of you who made the restoration of the Steinway a reality. Our next project is to improve the piano's exterior, purchase a bench and a heater to protect the instrument from the elements of a big drafty auditorium. Once these projects are completed, there will be other worthwhile ideas waiting for us to undertake and we hope you will continue to support our endeavours.

You can find more information about the organization including past newsletters at [www.grantalumni.org](http://www.grantalumni.org)  
Contact us at [grantalumni@aol.com](mailto:grantalumni@aol.com)

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