

Boyz II Men and the Oregon Symphony -- Boyz II Men, one of the most iconic R&B groups in music history, will be making their Oregon



Symphony debut when they perform with the orchestra on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Tickets begin at \$30 and are available at the Oregon Symphony Ticket Office, 923 S.W. Washington St. or by phone at 503-228-1353.



Psychological Drama -- Portland Playhouse, the community organization that has transformed an old church at 602 N.E. Prescott St. into a theater space, presents "The Other Place" a riveting psychological drama about dementia and the puzzles of the human brain. Now playing through April 12. For tickets and more information, visit portlandplayhouse.org.

Saturday Market -- Portland Saturday Market in Old Town has opened for the 42nd year bringing some of Oregon's best handmade products, good eats and live entertainment from street musicians and other artists. Located next to the Willamette River at 2 S.W. Naito Parkway, Saturday Market is also open every Sunday through Christmas Eve.

Wine and Spirits Fair -- Over 20 of Oregon's local wineries, distilleries and breweries will be on hand offering complimentary samples of their finest offerings at the spring Wine and Spirits Fair at Spirit Mountain Casino in Grand Ronde, Sunday, March 29, from noon to 5 p.m. Guests can also sample cheeses, desserts and snacks crafted by international chefs.



Swim Lessons for Spring Break -- Portland Parks & Recreation is offering free swim lessons during Spring Break, for beginners, including parent and tot classes. The sessions are offered at the East Portland or Mt. Scott Community Centers. Registration is required and space is limited. Call the East Portland center at 503-823-3450 or the Mt. Scott center at 503-823-3183.

Portland Farmers Market -- The Portland Farmers Market at Portland State University

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is now open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the South Park Blocks.

Some produce to expect during the winter months include stacks of purple and green kale, broccoli and cauliflower, carrots, parsnips, beets, apples, pears, winter squash, potatoes, and onions.

Soulful Showcase -- Blacque Butterfly presents spoken word, live music and featured artists on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 8 p.m. at E'Njoni Café, African-Mediterranean cuisine at 910 N. Killingsworth St.

Norman Sylvester -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band perform Friday, March 27 at Clyde's; Sunday, March 29 at the Lehrer Pub as part of a benefit to help Alistair Case, the manager of the Sandy Saunders Band who is battling cancer and needs help with day to day expenses; and Saturday, April 4 at Billy Blues in Vancouver.

Chicago Steppin' Classes -- You have seen the R. Kelly video, now it's time to learn the dance! Portland's Groovin' High Steppers offer Chicago Steppin' classes at the Rockwood Community Center in Gresham and the Colwood Golf Center in northeast Portland. All levels are welcome. No partner is needed. First two lessons are free; \$20 monthly fee includes both locations. For an event schedule, announcements and more information, visit the website groovinhighsteppers.com.

Music Millennium Free Shows -- The Music Millennium, 3158 E. Burnside, hosts in-house live performances. Enjoy free music and the opportunity to meet artists. Call 503-231-8926 for a schedule.

Fourth Sunday Jam Night -- A friends and family variety comedy show in a Saturday Night Live format with local recording and performing artists, bands, dance crews, poets, and drama groups, takes place each fourth Sunday of the month at 7 p.m. at Celebration Tabernacle, 8131 N. Denver Ave. The free event is open to the community.

Live Jazz -- Every Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Third Degrees Lounge at the River Place Hotel, 1510 S.W. Harbor Way. No cover or minimum purchase. For more information, visit pdxjazz.com.

Oregon Black History -- The Black Museum of Oregon group meets every Saturday, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 420 N.E. Mason St. For more information, call 503-284-0617.

Discount Tickets -- Local low-income families and individuals can purchase \$5 tickets to classical musical performances in Portland as part of a unique program called Music for All. Participating organizations include the Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera, Oregon Ballet Theater, Chamber Music Northwest, Portland Youth Philharmonic, Portland Baroque Orchestra, Friends of Chamber Music, Portland Chamber Orchestra, Portland Piano International, Portland Symphonic Choir, Cappella Romana and Portland Vocal Consort.

Discount Admission -- OMSI visitors pay only \$2 per person for general admission on the first Sunday of each month as well as discounted admission of \$5 to the Planetarium, OMIMAX Theater and USS Blueback submarine.

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