

Events & Announcements

Home Is Where the Heart Is

For Black History Month, NU Black Arts West Theatre and 206 ZULU presented "Home Is Where the Heart Is," a story about the growing problem of homelessness in the Pacific Northwest. The production, which was performed at Washington Hall Feb. 24, included poetry, dance and singing intertwined with stories of being homeless.



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Bills Supported:

- HB 2305: Allows Legislature to authorize the Oregon Health Authority to provide healthcare to low income children.
 - HB 2215: Allows people to remain in hospital longer after treatment.
 - SB 147: Reimburses costs of oral health care for low income families.
- Report: pdxcityclub.org/healthcarehomelessness

Air Toxics

CCOP's Position: The Portland metro area endures toxic air pollution at concentrations that negatively affect the public's overall health and increase the rate of disease. At least 52 air toxics are present in Oregon, and 6-10 are at unhealthy concentrations in Portland. Reducing emissions from wood smoke and diesel engines are recommendations included in the report.

Bills Supported:

- HB 2110: Requires Environmental Quality Commission (DEQ) to, no later than January 1, 2022, adopt by rules standards and programs for reducing diesel emissions from medium-duty trucks and non-road diesel engines.
 - HB 2124: DEQ to provide rebates for replacement/removal of wood burning devices.
 - HB 2269: Modifies fee schedules for Clean Air Act. Adds grants and loans funding to Diesel Engine Fund.
- Report: pdxcityclub.org/air-toxics-advocacy

Oregon GED Preparedness

CCOP's Position: Approximately 11 percent of Oregonians do not have a high school diploma or alternative credential. The legislature can help adults complete their education to compete for jobs by continuing and expanding funding for the GED program.

There are currently no bills in support of the GED program.

Report: pdxcityclub.org/ged-advocacy

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Seattle News Briefs

Central District Forum Hosts Technical Workshop

The Central District Forum for Arts and Ideas, in partnership with Intiman Theatre, will host a technical workshop for creative entrepreneurs at 1 p.m. March 4.

Are you a Creative Entrepreneur who would like to have sound working knowledge of technical pro-

duction because you have or are planning to produce your own show? Or have you been commissioned to create a performance piece and wished you knew how to speak the designer's language? Or are you someone who always wondered if their creative skills could be used in productions. If you said yes to any of these questions, please join the Central District Forum for this technical workshop and meet our community of designers, directors, and choreographers. They want to help empower you for your next creative project.

The panel of professionals at this event includes:

- Set Design/Producing - Jennifer Zeyl & Matt Sherrill
- Costume Design - KD Schill
- Sound Design/Composer - Matt Starritt
- Projection Design - Reed Nakayama
- Virtual Reality - Daryle Conners
- Directors/Choreographers - Ezra Dickinson & Valerie Curtis Newton

For more information contact Suryanka Kalra at suryankak@cdforum.org or at (206) 323-4032.

New Data Shows the Economic Benefits of Immigrants in Seattle

Last week, the City of Seattle joined with the bipartisan immigration advocacy coalition New American Economy (NAE) in their nationwide release of new research on the contributions of immigrants in the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Metropolitan Area.

The research, dubbed Map the Impact highlights the significant economic contributions of immigrants and the critical need for immigration reform. For instance, immigrants paid \$6.5 billion in state and local taxes and held \$16.9 billion in spending power in 2014.

Mayor Ed Murray has long touted the benefits of welcoming immigrants and refugees. It is not only the right thing to do, it also makes smart economic sense. Last week, Mayor Murray's State of the City speech made the link between Seattle's welcoming city values and the city's economic success, success that is shared across the nation. "We are a welcoming city for thousands of new Americans, and, together

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THURSDAY, MARCH 2

FREE ADMISSION DAY AT NORTHWEST AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM! The NW African American Museum invites you to explore this continually changing story. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Northwest African American Museum, 2300 S. Massachusetts St.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Bring the whole family to start the day off right. There will be pancakes, sausage, scrambled egg, fruit and beverages. All proceeds will benefit programs at Rainier Community Center. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., 4600 38th Ave. S.

LEWIS CREEK RANGER HIKE: Join a park ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. All ages welcome. Free. 10:30 a.m. - noon., Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE, Bellevue.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

LOYAL HEIGHTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Enjoy the company of friends and neighbors as we provide a pancake breakfast. There will also be fun activities for all the kids. \$6.00 per person children 3 and younger free. 8 a.m. - noon, Loyal Heights Community Center, 2101 NW 77th St.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

CAPITOL RALLY FOR INFORMED CHOICE AND MEDICAL FREEDOM: 11 A.M. - 1 P.M. Washington State Capitol Campus, 1115 Washington St. SE, Olympia.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

KENT KIDS' ARTS DAY! Kent Kids' Art Day features more than 15 different hands-on arts projects lead by professional artists. \$10; kids under three and older than 13 are free. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Kent Commons Community Center, 525 Fourth Ave. N., Kent.

with the other nine largest welcoming cities in America, account for one-third of the country's gross domestic product."

Map the Impact provides business, civic, and cultural leaders with new data on immigrant populations in all 435 Congressional Districts and 50 metro areas. Featured in an interactive map that also includes state- and sector-specific data, NAE quantifies every locality's foreign-born population, tax contributions, spending power, home ownership, and voting power, among other items.

Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs director Cuc Vu believes the data can be an effective tool in the larger toolbox to advocate for comprehensive immigration reform.

"Despite the anti-immigrant rhetoric from the Trump Administration and Congress, the truth is that immigrants - from farmworkers to tech workers - will continue to enrich Seattle's economy and contribute to the success of America," says Vu.

In the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Metropolitan Area, Map the Impact shows:

- There are 613,667 foreign-born residents who make up 16.7 percent of the area's population.
- Immigrants own 131,178 homes and help to build the area's housing wealth.
- Immigrants make up 28.2 percent of the tourism, hospitality, and recreation industry.

Visit Map the Impact for state, city, and district information that help tell the story of the positive contributions of immigrants to the American economy.

More information can be found at www.newamericaneconomy.org/locations/



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