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FRIDAY

Sumus Theatre Ensemble presents **Gemini**, written by Albert Innaurato and directed by Jerry Leith. Bursting with vitality and creative imagination, this funny, perceptive and timely play has enjoyed major critical and popular success in its presentation by New York's famed Circle Repertory Company. An equally successful production of **Gemini** has been seen on cable television starring Scott Baio.

Gemini plays at the Bonneville Administration Auditorium, 1002 NE Holladay. All seats are reserved and tickets are \$7.00. Runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday through February 24. Call 220-0651 for more information.

The Oregon premiere of A.R. Gurney, Jr.'s **The Dining Room** plays in the **Portland Civic Theatre's Blue Room** until February 11, Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 pm. Jerry Leith directs six actors who portray 57 characters in a delightful series of vignettes, involving an assortment of families and characters of all ages and generations, all around the dining room table. **The Dining Room** is a fresh and original look at a sometimes gracious, sometimes stifling, thoroughly American way of life.

The cast includes Richard Morley, Tom Klug, Douglas Mouw, Maria Kaufmann, Jean Miller, and Dee Dee Van Zyl. Call 226-3048 for details and tickets.

The **New Rose Theatre** presents four of Chekhov's one-act comedies written early in his career, which demonstrate his considerable ability to mix comedy with a mass psychological detail. Anton Chekhov combines paths with the utterly ridiculous and comes up with delightful characterizations.

Playing through March 3, 1984, **A Chekhov Quartet** will run Thursday through Saturday nights at 8 pm. Opening night tickets are \$11; all other performances are \$8. Also scheduled are two \$8 Sunday matinees at 2 pm on February 12. The Sunday matinee will be followed by a lecture-discussion with the audience, sponsored by the Oregon Committee for the Humanities, and led by Dr. Lena Lencek, Professor of Russian at Reed College. Call 222-2487 for more information.

Special limited engagement at **Chateau L'Bamm**, 2235 NW Savier, Athol Fugard's **The Blood Knot** starring Ted Schultz and Rick Jones. Plays Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through February 11 at 8 pm. Call 228-5544 for reservations and information.

Although Sam Shepard is currently more widely recognized in his guise of actor, he originally achieved notoriety as "one of America's finest playwrights," a reputation he richly deserved — and still does. Witness the success of the current Portland production of **The Curse of the Starving Class**: the scheduled run of this Sirius Production at the Critical Mass Theatre has been extended through February 19th.

Peter Fornara, lauded for his work in Shepard's "Buried Child" and "True West" feature Carol Holden, Tim Streeter, Kelly Brooks, Gary L. Cole and director Fornara.

The Curse of the Starving Class will continue through February 19th at the Critical Mass Theatre, 938 Northwest Everett. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 pm and Sundays at 7:00 pm. For reservations call 224-9481.

The **PSU Film Committee** is co-sponsoring a film series in recognition of February as Black History month, with the **PSU Black Culture Affairs Board**, and the **PSU Women's Union**. Every Friday evening during February they will present films which explore themes of Black Culture and History with particular attention to the achievements of Black women. Admission to films in this series is free.

Beginning at 7:30 pm three films will be shown. **Fundi: The Story of Ella Baker** portrays the history of the civil rights movement through the lifeworks of Ella Baker. **You Have Struck a Rock** is the story of women who, during the 1950s took the lead in mobilizing mass opposition to apartheid. **Generations of Resistance** traces for the first time the tradition of black resistance to white rule.

Theresa Demerest plays guitar and performs folksy-blues at **Judy's**, 15th and NE Broadway, at 8:30 pm. Theresa is an extremely talented entertainer, don't miss her. Cover is \$1.00.

The **Portland Civic Theatre** presents **The Royal Family**, Kaufman and Ferber's comedy inspired by the theatrical dynasty of the Barrymores. Directed by Rebecca Adams with a cast including Katherine King and Jay Randall Horenstein opens tonight and plays Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm. Tickets \$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for students and seniors. For reservations call 226-3048.

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SATURDAY

A Woman's Place Bookstore celebrates its 11th Anniversary with a benefit Sock-Hop with the infamous '50s rock-n-roll band **The Dyketones** at the Echo



Victoria Parker as Basileah, the Queen of Atlantis.

Theatre, 1515 SE 37th, 8 pm to midnight.

This is a **real** sockhop, shoes will be checked at the door. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available in advance at A Woman's Place Bookstore, 2349 SE Ankeny. Echo Theatre is wheelchair accessible and childcare available by reservation only. Call 236-3609 by January 31. Be there or be square.

Windfire, a support/rap group for lesbians and gays under 21 meets at Old

Wives Tales Restaurant, 13th and E. Burnside at 2:30 pm.

The **NW Film Study Center** features for their 2 pm matinee the Beatles' classic **A Hard Days Night** as part of their Rockin and Reelin film series. With this are two Beatles shorts — the **Beatles Come To Town** and the **Beatles in Washington, D.C.**

Mimi Weiss belts out jazz at **Judy's**, 15th and NE Broadway at 9 pm. Cover \$2.00.

At 7 pm **Concert for Bangladesh** will be shown, a film of a benefit concert organized by George Harrison featuring Bob Dylan, Eric Clapton and more.

At 9:15 pm, the **Decline of Western Civilization**, an adrenalized look at the Los Angeles Punk music scene.

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SUNDAY

The **NW Film Study Center** presents **Charlie Rouse in Concert: A Tribute to Thelonious Monk** at 7 pm.

Charlie Rouse, one of the great saxophonists of our time, is best known for his long association with Thelonious Monk. He has also played, over the years, in the bands of Billy Eckstine, Duke Ellington and Count Basie. For this special tribute to Monk, Mr. Rouse will be accompanied by Portland's Ron Steen Trio: Peter Boe, piano; Phil Baker, bass and Ron Steen, drums.

Please note special admission prices for this event: \$6.00 advance, and \$7.00 at the door. Tickets for all Film Center programs are available through TICKET-LINK outlets, call 227-4080 for information.

Darcelle XV and Sandy Director present at 8:30 pm the **Foxy Ladies of Oregon in Review**. A decade of Foxy Ladies will be presented, along with this year's candidates. Admission is \$3.00.

Elizabeth Leach Galleries will be featuring the works of New York artist Buffie Johnson. From 4-6 pm today a reception and talk will be held in conjunction with the exhibit. The gallery is located at 207 SW Pine.

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WEDNESDAY

Gay Males Together (GMT) meets tonight at PSU Smith Center Room 229 at 7 pm. GMT meets to discuss topics ranging from aging to drag.