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# About Town

## 1 TUESDAY

Billed as the gay film of this year, **My Beautiful Launderette** is a vivid, rude, wise social comedy about Pakistani immigrants in London. The two main characters, Omar and Johnny, set out to revitalize "Churchill's," a failing laundromat in a seedy section of London where enthusiastic, hustling immigrants are at odds with alienated, disenfranchised natives.

**My Beautiful Launderette** has the broad scope and easy pace associated with our best theatrical films. It is a fascinating, eccentric, very personal movie.

**My Beautiful Launderette** is playing at the **Movie House**, 1220 SW Taylor. Call 222-4595 for more information.

The fabulous **Nihonga Japanese Art Exhibition** will be on display this summer at the Marshall House on historic Officer's Row in Vancouver, Washington, USA. It's a "once in a lifetime opportunity" to see this priceless collection of 45 original paintings by the finest contemporary Japanese artists. This magnificent collection is appearing through the generosity of its owners, the Wacoal and Kyocera Corporation of Kyoto, Japan, and is being shown only in London, Paris, Stockholm, Barcelona, Boston, Los Angeles, and VANCOUVER, USA. Call or write today and reserve your tickets for the "once in a lifetime opportunity" to experience the breathtaking beauty of the Nihonga Art Exhibition.

In the West, when we think of such famous artists as Leonardo, Rembrandt, Michelangelo, it is their paintings of people that come to mind. In the Far East, it is nature that has attracted the greatest artists, and it is still the subject matter of choice for the majority of Nihonga painters.

Call (206) 696-8057 for more information.

The **Hoffman Gallery** at the Oregon School of Arts and Crafts presents **Anni Albers Retrospective**. This major exhibition of works by the celebrated Bauhaus artist is being held in collaboration with the Oregon Art Institute. The show will display Albers' prints, weavings, fabric designs and watercolors created over a period of 60 years.

## 3 THURSDAY

The final play of the **IFCC Theatre's** multi-cultural theatre season will be **Staring Back**, at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave. and continuing through July 20, at 8 p.m.

The IFCC is presenting the Oregon Premiere of this unique comedy revue, which was originally produced by Chicago's Second City and the Schwab Rehabilitation Clinic. **Staring Back** was so successful in its first run at Second City that it was moved to the Organic Theatre for an extended engagement, and it has since been staged by the Group Theatre in Seattle as well. Written by **Susan Nussbaum** and **Lawrence Perkins**, this hilari-



Gordon Warnecke, Shirley Anne Field, and Saeed Jaffrey in **My Beautiful Launderette**, playing at the Movie House.

ous and zany revue stars both disabled and able-bodied actors who manage through comedy to turn all the cliches concerning disabilities upside down, surprising and delighting audiences in the process. Reviews of the Chicago production called the play "Everything a good revue should be: smart, funny, sharply pointed and fast moving" and "Filled with wonderful moments, a special evening of comedy that will keep you laughing."

The IFCC's production of **Staring Back** is directed by Terry J. Nelson, and features Jim Ballantine, Patrick Bloedorn, Janine Delaunay, Jerry Dunham, Michael Foster, Ross Huffman-Kerr and Drucie Kelly. Scene design is by Jose Eduardo Gonzalez, with costume design by Danielle A. Malan and lighting design by Susan Traynor. All performances are interpreted for the hearing-impaired, and the IFCC is wheelchair accessible.

**Staring Back** plays at 8 pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and at 2 pm Sunday, through July 20. Tickets are \$8 on Thursday and Sunday, and \$9 on Friday and Saturday. To make reservations, please call the IFCC at 243-7930 (voice or TTY).

**Storefront Theatre** presents a new production of Portland's longest-running musical comedy hit, **Angry Housewives**.

**Angry Housewives** is about four women who decide to break the routine of their lives, and perhaps make some extra money, by entering a "battle of the bands" at a local punk club. They form their own band, calling it "The Angry Housewives," and go for the \$1,000 prize with an original song entitled "Eat Your #@\*ling Cornflakes!"

Written by A.M. Collins and Chad Henry, **Angry Housewives** was an immediate hit when it premiered at Seattle's Pioneer Square Theatre, where it is now in its fourth year of performances. Storefront Theatre opened a production in January 1984 which ran for a year, and since then the

play has been developed further at the Organic Theatre in Chicago, and recently opened in London. The new Storefront version includes several additions and improvements made for those productions.

**Angry Housewives** plays Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 pm and Sunday at 7 pm, through September 27, at Storefront Theatre, 6 SW 3rd Ave. All tickets are \$12, with a \$2 discount for students and seniors. Further discounts are available on **Angry Housewives** tickets with subscriptions to Storefront Theatre's 1986-87 season, which includes **Fool for Love**, **Ma Rainey's Black Bottom**, **Waiting for Godot**, and **The Invisible Man**.

For further information or to make reservations for **Angry Housewives**, please call the Storefront Box Office at 224-4001.

## 8 TUESDAY

Dr. John Allegro, one of the original translators of the Dead Sea Scrolls, will appear via a closed-circuit videotape presentation at the regular monthly meeting of the **Portland Chapter of American Atheists** at 7 p.m. in meeting room A of the Multnomah County Central Library at S.W. 10th and Yamhill.

One of a team of three scholars capable of translating these two thousand year old Hebrew writings, Dr. Allegro began his translation work as a Christian, but ended it as an Atheist. The videotape to be presented at the July 8th meeting of American Atheists is Dr. Allegro's keynote address to the 1986 Sixteenth Annual National American Atheist Convention. Dr. Allegro recounts the exciting story of the discovery of the Scrolls and their implications for modern day Christianity.

The July meeting of American Atheists is open to all interested persons. Refreshments will be served.

If you would like additional information about this meeting or American Atheists

please contact either Tom Getts at 287-6735 or Lanny Swerdlow at 235-5059.

## 10 THURSDAY

**Motherlode** will be performing July 10th and 11th at 9:00 p.m. at the East Avenue Tavern. The July 10th concert is a benefit for Educators For Social Responsibility and donations beyond the \$4.00 cover charge will gladly be accepted.

Fresh from a summer tour in California, Motherlode will bring unlimited passion, energy and enthusiasm to their audiences with a variety of original and contemporary tunes. They will perform numbers from their first album, **Dance The Afternoon Away**, as well as many new selections soon to be recorded on their second record this fall.

## 15 TUESDAY

**Young Lesbians (Teen Issues)** will be explored at the **Lesbian Forum**, 1624 NE Hancock, 7:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to help plan this forum should call 236-4386. The Lesbian Forum wishes to hire interpreters for the hearing impaired and deaf (see classified ads). Services provided by the Forum include free, supervised childcare, information tables for organizations, and wheelchair access (door on 16th street side is attended from 7:00 to 7:25). Suggested donation is \$2 (more or less is O.K.).

## 18 FRIDAY

The **Lesbian Community Project** presents **Lesbians Report from Central America** at 7:30 pm at the Echo Theatre, 1515 SE 37th. A \$5 donation is requested.

Central America is much in the news, yet it is still a mystery to many of us as to what is really happening there. The mainstream press presents an "authorized" version of the facts, and leaves out the "unauthorized."

Kate Thayer and Kate Beigle of the Women's Skills/Resource Exchange in Seattle and Margaret Thompson of the Victoria Mercado Brigade from San Francisco will show slides and speak about their experiences in Central America.

Call 233-9079 for more information.

## 19 SATURDAY

The Portland chapter of **Men of All Colors Together** will be sponsoring a picnic on Saturday, July 19 in Washington Park at 3 P.M. Follow the signs. This will be an opportunity to meet the members and to get acquainted with the organization. You are also invited to attend the weekly meetings held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Metropolitan Community Church, 24th & N.E. Broadway. For more information 226-6713 or 282-7489.