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The sound of music

Join the members of Motherlode and other women musicians for the annual Northwest Women's Music Celebration. Whether diligent or dilettante, every woman who enjoys music will benefit from this learning experience, with workshops in beginning harmonica, drumming, fiddling, beginning mandolin, song writing, beginning and intermediate guitar, folk dancing and more.

This weekend of workshops takes place Sept.

Entertainment

5-7 at YMCA Camp Collins on the Sandy River. The price of \$145 per person, or \$275 for two, includes all workshops, meals and lodging. Rental instruments will be available for those who do not have or wish to bring their own. For information in Oregon call Gwen at 263-3395, in Washington call Janet at (206) 789-3830.

Cherchez la femme

Contestants from all over the world will gather in the Montgomery Park Atrium, 2701 NW Vaughn St., on Sunday, Aug. 31, to compete for the title of La Femme Magnifique Universal. Prominent local citizens will select a winner from a bevy of the world's most glamorous female impersonators, based on their performance in four categories: formal wear, theme look, talent and Las Vegas showgirl look. Doors open at 7 pm, and the pageant begins promptly at 8 pm. Ticket price is \$20; call Darcelle XV Productions, 222-5338, for reservations.

HOG heaven



Buff your helmet, oil those chaps and let the good times roll at the 1997 HOG Old Town Party. The Harley Owners Group, a nationwide organization of motorcycle owners and enthusiasts, will hold its annual rally at the Portland Expo Center. The three-day competition and social event begins Thursday, Aug. 21, and culminates at 5 pm Saturday, Aug. 23, with a parade of 2,000 motorcycles from the Expo Center through Old Town to the Burnside Bridge, where they will be parked for public viewing from 5:30 pm to midnight.

The truth about jaguars and anthropologists

Don't miss the one-night-only performance of Teatro Milagro's new bilingual musical for the fall season, *Visión del Jaguar*, by Vicente Guzmán-Orozco, the company's resident playwright. The story follows a North American anthropologist and a skeptical Mayan on a mystical journey through time to learn the truth revealed in the vision of the jaguar.

Under the direction of Alima Zepeda-Olsen (who also portrays Ix-Chel, the goddess of the moon), Hal Barton plays Dr. Jack Winston, who arrives in Guatemala to search for a missing colleague, and Guzmán-Orozco plays his indigenous guide, a man who rediscovers his own cultural heritage. The play features choreography by Pablo Vidal and original music by Rodolfo Ortega.

Visión del Jaguar premieres Friday, Aug. 29,

at 8 pm. This is the only Portland performance before the play's three-state tour, after which it returns for two dates in November. Tickets are \$8 and may be reserved by calling 236-7253. The Miracle Theatre is located at 525 SE Stark St.

A moveable feast

Billed as a "picnic potluck with live performances and displays of memorabilia from the era," the Mountain Moving Cafe reunion is a gathering of folks who worked for, performed in or attended events at the radical political hangout that was the center of community activism in Southeast Portland during the late 1970s. Twenty years later, cafe alumni are meeting once again to celebrate politics and culture, and to raise funds to produce a collection of artifacts and videotaped interviews for the Oregon Historical Society.

On Sunday, Aug. 31, in Laurelhurst Park, the festivities begin at 2 pm and continue until dark; the picnic will be served at 5 pm (people with last names beginning with A-H are asked to bring a main dish, I-P a side dish and Q-Z dessert). Among the performers expected to attend are members of the Family Circus Theatre, Upepo, Felicidades, Baba Yaga, Izquierda, Kate Sullivan and Co., Kiera O'Hara, and Tim Scott, plus surprise guests. Some children's activities will be provided.

Donations of \$10-\$20 to defray the cost of the event are requested in advance; please send your contribution to Debbie Ruskay, 109 Bradford St., San Francisco, CA 94110.

Watch out for that Martini

Kids may not be allowed to drink, but if they're watching The Cartoon Network they're getting a snoutful of Pink Martini. The band, along with frontman Thomas Lauderdale, has lent its talents to the network's bid to promote the original *George of the Jungle* cartoon.

Cartoon Network producer Dave Berg was the headhunter in this instance, having remembered Thomas Lauderdale and Pink Martini from his many years as a Portland resident. Berg says he used to see the band "all the time" until June of '96, when his career took him to the network's offices in Atlanta.

Berg says when the *George of the Jungle* project arose, his memories of the band's retro sound came rushing back to him. "*George of the Jungle* was the perfect project for Pink Martini," he says confidently. "They did a great job."

He adds that the network may consider offering future projects to Pink Martini: "If Thomas is into it."

Lauderdale could not be reached for comment.

New festival shakes up Portland art scene

Filling the void left by Artquake's death-by-neglect, a determined band of Northwest artists has revived the tradition of a Labor Day weekend outdoor arts festival in Portland. Art in the Pearl is the result of their labor of love: a three-day arts and crafts fair that will take over a five-block area in downtown's historic Pearl District from Aug. 30 to Sept. 1.

Over 120 booths will be filled with unique and hand-crafted prints, paintings, ceramics, clothing, furniture, leather work, jewelry and more. The event also features theatrical performances, interactive entertainment, artist demonstrations and refreshments, including a beer and wine garden.

The festival takes place Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 8 pm, and Monday from 10 am to 6 pm, in the North Park Blocks between West Burnside Street and Northwest Glisan Street. For details, call 722-9017, to volunteer, call 591-8912.

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