

A night of African performance and dance will support grassroots efforts to combat AIDS in Portland's sister city of Mutare, Zimbabwe, and raise awareness by reaching out to local communities of color in commemoration of the pandemic's 20th anniversary. The second annual "Hope Is Vital (HIV)" benefit will start 7 p.m. Nov. 29 at the Crystal Ballroom, 1332 W. Burnside St.

The entertainers will include master drummer Obo Addy and Kukrudu, world fusion music and dance by Maya Soleil and the Jefferson African Dancers. A live auction will offer everything from Zimbabwean art to edible delicacies to overnight getaways.

Activities for children will include a balloon artist and face painter, and educational information will be available. Former state Rep. Jo Ann Bowman, D-Portland, will be the master of ceremonies.

"We're committed to doing as much as we can to support the people of Mutare in their efforts to fight the spread of this disease as well as respond to the effects on their communities," says nurse practitioner Maria Kosmetatos, a longtime health care provider working with the pandemic. "Africa AIDS Response is grateful for the support of Portland's many individuals and companies who know that we can make a difference."

Tickets, which cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and younger, are available at all Ticketmaster outlets and the Crystal Ballroom box office. For more information call 503-735-1475.

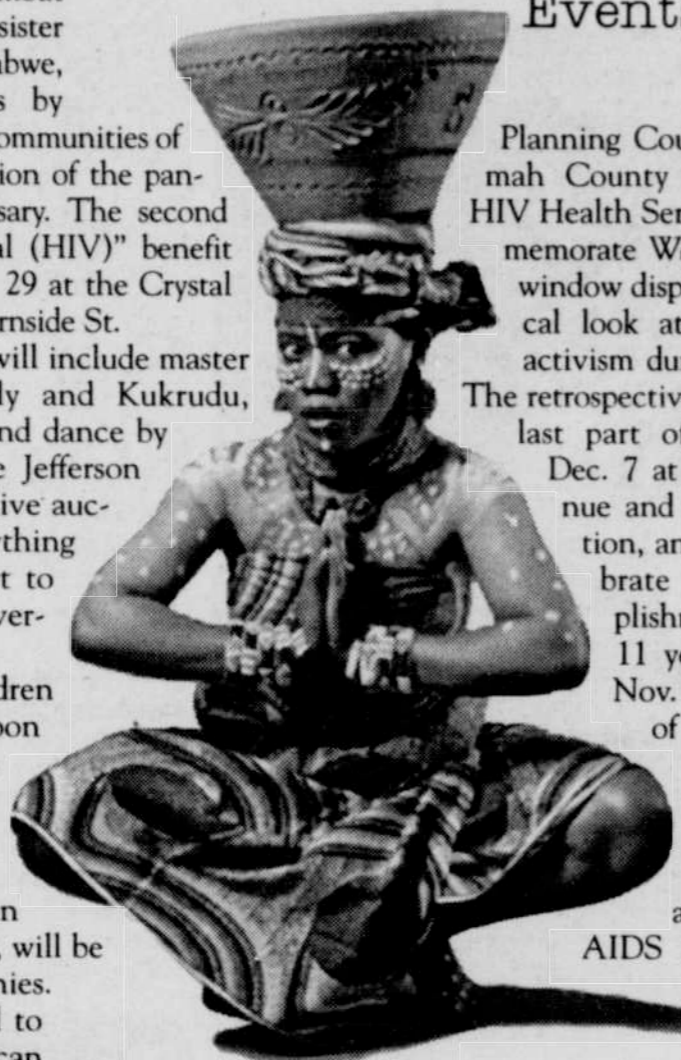
Several other events will be held throughout the state to commemorate World AIDS Day:

- **Portland:** The Portland Area HIV Services

A Bittersweet Anniversary

Events commemorate World AIDS Day

by Jim Radosta



Maya Soleil will perform during the "Hope Is Vital (HIV)" benefit in Portland

Planning Council and the Multnomah County Health Department's HIV Health Services Center will commemorate World AIDS Day with a window display providing a historical look at the development of activism during the past 20 years. The retrospective can be seen from the last part of November through Dec. 7 at Southwest Fifth Avenue and Stark Street. In addition, an open house will celebrate the center's accomplishments during the past 11 years from 1 to 5 p.m. Nov. 30 on the fourth floor of the McCoy Building, 426 S.W. Stark St. Volunteers, cash and in-kind donations are needed—especially artists, entertainers and AIDS historians. For more information call 503-788-7915 or 503-251-3959.

- **Portland:** Aaron Meyer and Bill Lamb will present the benefit concert "Music - AIDS - Kids" from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 2 at Metropolitan Community Church, 2400 N.E. Broadway. All of the proceeds will go to For Us Northwest, which works to inspire hope in the lives of children affected by

HIV. Tickets—\$25 general admission or \$75 VIP, which includes a preshow reception—are available at www.forus.org or 503-777-4903.

- **Grants Pass:** AIDS Support and Prevention will observe World AIDS Day beginning 1 p.m. at Anne Basker Auditorium, 604 N.W. Sixth St. For more information call 541-471-7890.

- **Medford:** The 14th annual World AIDS Day Candlelight Celebration, "I Care...Do You? Youth & AIDS in the 21st Century," will start 7 p.m. at Medford Congregational United Church of Christ, 1801 E. Jackson St. The interdenominational ceremony of remembrance, dedication and music will pay tribute

to neighbors who have died of AIDS, celebrate those living with HIV and inspire people to continue their commitment to the struggle against the disease. The Rogue Valley Gay

Men's Chorus will perform during the event, which will culminate in a candlelight ceremony conducted by the Rev. Paul Robinson. For more information call William Coyne at 541-772-1777.

- **Vancouver, Wash.:** A candlelight vigil in observance of the 11th annual World AIDS Day will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 401 E. 33rd St. The Portland Gay Men's Chorus will perform during the event, which is free, wheelchair accessible and sign language interpreted. For more information call the Clark County Case Management Program at 360-693-4219.

QUILT TRIP

AIDS memorial travels throughout the state

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Portland Chapter is sponsoring several displays in conjunction with World AIDS Day. "This being the commemoration of 20 years of this pandemic makes these displays all the more significant and the remembering of those we have lost all the more important," chairwoman Dawna Bell says.

One of the goals of the NAMES Project is to use the AIDS Memorial Quilt for educational purposes. It is considered the No. 1 tool for prevention, Bell says.

Many of the displays will be at high schools and middle schools and open to the public. For more information, to volunteer or to find out how to dedicate a new panel, call 503-797-2881.

The biggest display will be from Nov. 30 to Dec. 3 at All Saints School, 601 N.E. 39th Ave. A new panel dedication will take place at noon Dec. 1 in the gymnasium.

Portions of the AIDS Memorial Quilt also will be displayed at several locations throughout the state during the coming weeks:

- **Portland:** St. Philip Neri, 2408 S.E. 16th Ave. (Nov. 29-Dec. 3); St. Charles Church,

5310 N.E. 42nd Ave. (Dec. 1-3); Multnomah County HIV Clinic, 426 S.W. Stark St. (Nov. 26-Dec. 7); Watzek Library, Lewis and Clark College, 0615 S.W. Palatine Hill Road (Nov. 26-Dec. 3); Department Health Services Lobby, Oregon State Building, 800 N.E. Oregon St. (Nov. 17-Dec. 8).

- **Vancouver, Wash.:** Vancouver United Methodist Church, 3301 Main St. (Dec. 1).

- **Hood River:** Providence Hospital, 811 13th St. (Nov. 20-Dec. 6).

- **The Dalles:** St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1805 Minnesota St.; Gateway Presbyterian Church, 1111 Dry Hollow Road (Nov. 17-20); Mid-Columbia Medical Center, 1700 E. 19th St. (Nov. 20-26); St. Peter's Catholic Church, 1222 W. 10th St. (Nov. 26-Dec. 3); Columbia River Bank, 316 E. Third St. (Nov. 19 and 21); The Dalles Art Center, 220 E. Fourth St. (Nov. 21-30); Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive (Nov. 19-Dec. 7); Wasco County Public Library, 722 Court St. (Nov. 20-Dec. 1); Wahtonka High School, 3601 W. 10th St. (Nov. 19-30); The Dalles High School, 220 E. 10th St. (Nov. 19-30).

- **Dufur:** Dufur High School, 802 N.E. Fifth St. (Nov. 19-Dec. 7).

- **Seaside:** Clatsop County AIDS Coalition (Nov. 20-Dec. 4).

- **Salem:** Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 4170 Pullman Ave. S.E. (Nov. 24-Dec. 2). **JR**



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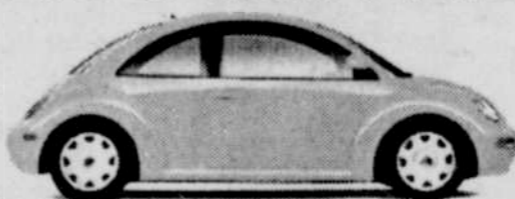
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