



African Gospel Acappella will perform Dec. 1 at the One World AIDS Day Celebration in Portland. The ensemble is composed of six musicians from Liberia who are all blind.

Make a Promise

Eugene will commemorate the day with a candle-light memorial observance sponsored by the HIV Alliance. The event will take place from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the downtown Park Blocks.

Organizers invite the community to come together in solidarity and remember those lost to the disease and honor those living with HIV by lighting candles and making a promise. For further information and to submit names for the reading of people who have died of AIDS, contact Jerry at 541-343-6476 or jerryjp@aol.com or call the HIV Alliance 541-342-5088.

Structuring Fear: Remembering

Gay artist Mike E. Walsh is presenting his installation titled *Structuring Fear: Remembering* through Dec. 23 at Gallery 2, 110 W. Broadway in Eugene. The exhibition is open and free to the public. There will be an opening reception at 5 p.m. Dec. 2.

In the installation, Walsh presents a timeline, like the human genome's double helix, providing a window into AIDS with parallel rows of 46 white venetian blind slats adorned with 46 names of artists who have died from the disease. On the floor and walls are objects symbolically deconstructing the human body into rock-salt piles, bowls with blood red liquid, oak leaves, hands, photos, text and other elements that embody fragility and transfiguration.

Gallery hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Dinner, a Movie and a Vigil

World AIDS Day events in Salem commence at 5 p.m., with a dinner buffet for the community hosted

by Rainbow Youth at First United Methodist Church, 600 State St. This event is wheelchair accessible and free.

At 6, there will be a film screening of *Coming to Say Goodbye: Stories of AIDS in Africa*. This 30-minute documentary is a collection of stories about courageous people living with HIV/AIDS in Kenya and Tanzania. It is a story of church workers, medical professionals, social workers and educators who stand by those suffering, especially the thousands of children orphaned by AIDS.

The film will be followed by a discussion by Joyce V. Millen, assistant professor of anthropology at Willamette University. She was previously a research associate/instructor in the Department of Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School and director of Partners in Health's Institute for Health and Social Justice. She also worked for several years in West Africa, where she conducted extensive ethnomedical and epidemiological research. She is co-editor and author of the critically acclaimed book *Dying for Growth: Global Inequality and the Health of the Poor* and co-author of *Global AIDS: Myths and Facts*. After the discussion, Millen will answer questions from the audience.

Confluence: The Willamette Valley Mixed GALA Chorus will perform at 7, and there will be a candle-light walk to the front steps of the Oregon State Capitol at 7:15.

After the reading of Gov. Ted Kulongoski's proclamation, Salemites will gather to remember those who have died, offer encouragement and support to those living with HIV/AIDS and in the process educate those who may not be well informed about the disease. 10

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