

HAPPENINGS



Getting ready for the 4th Annual End of Summer Jamm and Picnic are (L-R) Professor Ali, Joe "Bean" Keller, Gloria Phillips, Phillip

Moore, Juaquetter Stringer and Lanita Duke. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

End of Summer Jamm and Picnic

The 4th Annual "End of Summer Jamm and Picnic" will be held on Labor Day, September 5th, at Peninsula Park, sponsored by the Community Professionals and B.E.A.N.

Speakers include Ronnie Herndon, co-chairman of the Black United Front; City Commissioner Charles Jordan, and Greg Gudger, and Edna Robertson.

Also on the program, which starts at noon, are: Passin Art, Sojourner Truth, Northwest African Ballet, Herero Danzers, Ebony Strutters, and local bands. Other entertainment includes a fashion show by Retro-Spect Productions, a tennis tournament, disco skate, and a kick boxing performance.



Fresh, Inc. brings its unique sound to Portland audiences on Sunday, September 4th.

The Community Professionals were formed in 1979 to fill the cultural gap that occurred in Portland's inner city. It provides an avenue for talent to develop itself by offering it a platform. They feel there is an explosion of talent which needs a proper place to develop and learn.

B.E.A.N. Productions' Joe "Bean" Keller is a co-founder of the C.P.s. He is an owner and force behind Better Entertainment Attractions Network. He is known as the voice of the Black entertainment community. His agency represents eight bands and seven dance and theater groups. For more information on the End of Summer Jamm and Picnic call 284-3421.

Fresh, Inc. reunited in Portland

Fresh Inc. will appear at Jamie's Place, located at 1313 N.E. Fremont, on September 4th. Jamie is back at it again, bringing you the best entertainment with no cover charge. Music to eat, meet and dance by with two shows from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. You don't want to miss this one — Fresh Inc.

Artie Grissom, female vocalist; Andre on bass guitar; Clark at the keyboard; Lawrence, guitar; Tony hitting the high and low notes upon the saxophone and Jarvis, drummer.

"We are back, Fresh Inc.," stated Jarvis.

Jarvis Christmas was raised in Portland by parents Nick Jr. and Vera Christmas. Jarvis, born under the sign of Libra, says, "I am a self-made musician. I played with Greg Smith most recently but I have experienced performing with Thara Memory, Danny Osborn, The James Gang, Star Gazer and a host of other talents.

"We've all played with top-notch bands in the Portland circuit and other areas as well," said Jarvis.

Fresh organized during the '70s. However, for various reasons, band members went their separate ways but as Artie and Jarvis explain, "We are back and Fresher than a summer breeze. As the song says, 'Reunited and it feels so good.'" Both Artie and Jarvis recently left the Greg Smith Show. Artie says, "I was with the Smith Show off-and-on for fifteen years. Greg showed me the ropes as I was coming up in the musical field; I learned a lot."

Artie, being one of eight children reared in Portland by parents Clifford and Willa Mae Grissom, has always taken singing seriously. During elementary and high school she managed to stay active in music. Artie went on to study music and voice as a profession at Portland Cascade College. She has performed with such groups as Velvet, Nice and Easy Love, Greg Smith and the Congregational Gospel Choir, to which she still donates her time.

"It has taken a long time, but the time was not wasted. We have all gained valuable experience and training. We are Fresh, Inc."

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