

HAPPENINGS



The Kukatonnon Institute shares African experiences with the community at recent exhibit. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Exhibit reveals Liberian life

by Lanita Duke

Grassroot News, N.W.—The hustle and bustle of the marketplace in Liberia, the glowing faces of the children and the beauty of the African countryside were experienced by Portlanders attending the Liberian Life Exhibit recently held at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center.

This was the premiere showing of Kukatonnon Institute, a non-profit organization dedicated to disseminating the culture of Africa to Afro-Americans.

The exhibit was the culmination of years of research and a six-week visit to Liberia. Rolia Manyongai, a native Liberian, hosted co-founders Remel Moore and Ivy Boslough in her home town.

Liberian life was all around those who attended. It touched you as soon as you walked in the door, with a photo exhibit of the Liberian

people engaged in their everyday activities. You haven't seen cab drivers until you have seen Liberian cab drivers resting and posing on their cabs. The beautiful eyes of the children followed you up and down the foyer as you absorbed the life of Liberia.

A slide presentation followed as Remel Moore narrated their visit to Liberia in search of the oral tradition of Africa. Kukatonnon brought back a folktale, "Forbidden Food Hinders Mr. Spider's Marriage." The spider is a predominant character in the folk tales of Africa.

In this folk tale Kukatonnon staged a live performance with the talents of Michael Grant as Mr. Spider and Elona Hendrix as the dancer. The cast was dressed accordingly with the brilliant colors of Liberia

as Rolia Manyongai narrated the

folk tale in a Liberian accent, reverting back and forth to her native dialect.

It seems as if Mr. Spider met the girl of his dreams. After obtaining the consent of her father, Mr. Spider spends the night in her village. Under a special tree lies the feast for after his marriage. Greed overtakes Mr. Spider as the food under the tree keeps him awake. Finally, when all is still, Mr. Spider goes to the tree and eats until he is full, and falls asleep under the tree. Unbeknownst to Mr. Spider, an invisible hook has embraced him. When morning comes his disgrace is shown before the whole village.

Mr. Spider is so embarrassed that he drops to the ground, forms some more legs and arms, and spins a web to hide in. This is why spiders live in a web.

Nutcracker Premiere to Feature Salvation Army

Holiday music and dance fans who attend Celebrity Attractions-sponsored performances of the Nutcracker Ballet Nov. 25-29, will notice a special Christmas bonus this year.

It's the Salvation Army, which will have Christmas kettles and a "Giving Tree" in the Civic Auditorium lobby at each of the seven performances.

Kettles will be attended by uniformed Salvationists. The "Giving Tree" is a Christmas tree decorated with brightly-colored coupons that describe the actual situations of people in need—people the Salvation Army wants to help this Christmas.

Lt. Colonel David P. Riley, commander of the Salvation Army's Cascade Division, said that his group encourages the public to look at the cards, select and remove any, purchase the gift suggested by the card, and return it with the card to the Army, which will hand-deliver the gift to its recipient.

None of the gifts costs more than \$25. Most fall into the \$10-\$15 range. "One of the cards I remember from last year's tree told of a young mother who couldn't afford winter clothes for her newborn twin daughters," Riley recalled. "Somebody was moved by that situation and purchased matching sweaters, booties, mittens, quilted pants and other infant apparel. You should have seen that mother's face light up on Christmas Eve when our volunteers brought the things to her."

Nutcracker performances are scheduled for 8:00 p.m., Nov. 25, 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Nov. 26 and 27, and 8:00 p.m. Nov. 28 and 29.

Persons not attending the ballet, but who would like to obtain Giving Tree coupons, can visit a similar Giving Tree at Jantzen Beach Center through Dec. 21, or can contact the Salvation Army, 234-0825.



Son Seals Blues Band and Paul DeLay Band will be at the Pine Street Theater, 215 S.E. 9th, Nov. 21st, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$6.50 & \$7.50. Call 228-1606 for more information.



Wyatt Loving, age 5, enjoys waffles and ham at the Delta Mothers Waffle Breakfast at Mt. Olivet Church Saturday.

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Black Educational Center 2nd Annual Wine and Cheese Benefit, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 3415 N.E. 34th. Tickets are \$15. Call 284-9552 for more information. Hosts: Mr. and Mrs. James DePriest and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Bell.

Special Santa Visits Mall

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Thanks to Marilyn and her husband, George, 30,000 youngsters have the chance to visit with Santa every year between Thanksgiving and Christmas at the Jantzen Beach Shopping Center. But, every Wednesday in December is the day for the "Special Santa." This Santa speaks with his hands, and interprets the Christmas wishes of the hearing-impaired. For many of these children visiting from schools in Oregon and Washington, it is the first time they've "spoken" with Santa.

The Santas who participate in this four-year program are students and teachers majoring in Special Education at a local college.

Schools interested in bringing a group of children may contact the mall offices at 289-5555. A ride on the Jantzen Beach Merry-Go-Round and treats are available to visiting youngsters.

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