

Youth choirs present holiday programs

During the Holidays, performances by Metro Area school choral groups will bring musical cheer to the Square. The performing groups range in size from 15-100 children of all ages. These students have been preparing their Christmas programs throughout the fall and the Square, decked out in holiday regalia, will provide an exciting showcase for their talents. Twenty performances are scheduled during weekday noon hours from December 6 through 21, and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, December 15 and 16. All of the performances will take place in the central plaza of the Square in front of the huge Christmas tree.

The Square will be all aglitter with over 5,000 lights brightly shining from the newly decorated fir, Downtown's largest ever Christmas tree. The surrounding buildings will be brightly lit for the holiday season as well. In addition to the festive music, hot cider, hot roasted chestnuts and other seasonal treats to warm the spirit will be offered by Le Pavillon and the Square vendors.

Scheduled appearances are:

- Dec. 6 - Lincoln High School, 12 noon - 12:30 p.m.
- Dec. 7 - Beaverton High School, 12 noon - 12:30 p.m.
- Dec. 10 - Gregory Heights Middle School, 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.
- Dec. 11 - Mill Park Elementary School, 11:40 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.
- Dec. 12 - Gilbert Heights Elementary School, 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- Dec. 12 - Binnsmead Middle School, 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.
- Dec. 13 - Fernwood Middle School, 12 noon - 12:30 p.m.
- Dec. 13 - Rowe Junior High School, 12:45 - 1:15 p.m.
- Dec. 14 - Lake Oswego High School, 12 noon - 12:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14 - St. Mary's Academy, 12:45 - 1:15 p.m.
- Dec. 15 - Parkrose High School, 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
- Dec. 16 - The Notables (all women choral group), 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.
- Dec. 18 - Lakeridge High School, 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.
- Dec. 18 - James Templeton Elementary School, 12:50 - 1:20 p.m.

- Dec. 19 - Lynch Plaza Elementary School, 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- Dec. 19 - Gresham High School, 12:45 - 1:15 p.m.
- Dec. 19 - Madison High School, 1:30 - 2:10 p.m.

- Dec. 20 - Glenhaven Junior High School, 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.
- Dec. 21 - Wilson High School, 12 noon - 12:30 p.m.
- Dec. 21 - Franklin High School, 12:45 - 1:15 p.m.



Portland Community College student Jim Johnson demonstrates the use of the press at Ed-Mar and Associates where he is employed through the college's cooperative work program.

Artist learns skills on the job

Jim Johnson learns on the job and receives credit at the same time.

As one of the 1400 co-operative education students who annually take advantage of this Portland Community College program, Johnson is also on the road to his goal of becoming an artist.

Johnson works for Ed-Mar and Associates, a complete sign and screen shop in North Portland specializing in totally custom work.

At night, Johnson takes both commercial art and management classes through PCC. He has completed a one-year certificate at the school and eventually plans to get his two-year degree.

A Newberg High School graduate and the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson of Newberg, the young artist really got a shove into his new-found career through a first term design class at PCC in 1979 where he completed an Oregon Rain Country design that eventually sold more than 1000 T-shirts.

The art talent wasn't new for Johnson and he credits the California school system with early development that set him along this career track.

Placement at Masterscreen Products through the PCC co-op program provided full-time employment for Johnson for three years, as well as an opportunity to learn on the job. He took management courses and eventually became a supervisor for the company.

When Ed Cruz hired Johnson, the owner wanted to add screen printing to the business. "I just supplied the space and the money," Cruz said. "JJ framed the walls and ordered equipment to make this a viable part of the business."

Within 30 days, Cruz predicted Johnson would once again join the supervisory ranks. "I plan to add 3-4 more people and the equipment to produce six-color T-shirts."

Cruz praises the PCC program. "JJ has good technical skills. He was slow in layout, but that's the only area in the whole shop where he lacks experience."

Johnson does most of the art and camera work for the shop. They pride themselves on the phrase, "If it's printable, we'll try it." And they do lots of things that haven't been tried before.

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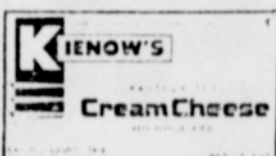
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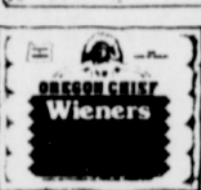


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