



**ENTERTAINMENT NETWORK**  
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### Cloud Nine opens at Storefront

Storefront Theatre is opening *Cloud Nine*, by British playwright Caryl Churchill on September 20th.

This innovative comedy about sexual identities features some of Portland's best actors in multiple roles. Starring are Gaynor Storchl, Peter Fomara, Jan Powell, R. Dee Hafflich, Gary Powell, Joanna Malandrucolo and Bob McGranahan. Act I takes place one hundred years ago in Africa, while Act II takes place in present-day London. But the family from Act I has aged only 25 years. *Cloud Nine* has had a very successful production history, and has been well-received by both audiences and reviewers.

Storefront's production is directed by Susan Sweeney. Costumes are by Shaune Wunder, set design by Jeff Seats and lights by Jeff Forbes. The show opens on Friday, September 20th and plays Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. until November 16. Ticket prices are \$6 on Thursday, and \$9 on Friday and Saturday. There will be a \$4 preview on Thursday, September 19. Please call 224-4001 for reservations.

### Sizzling Portland visitors

Continuing innovation, tradition, and lavish theatrical presentation of vocal jazz, the unique and popular Manhattan Transfer will perform in Portland, Thursday, October 3, at 8 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium.

The Transfer's new album release, *Vocalese*, is a stunning addition to their other chart-busting recording efforts, and is sure to be featured material in upcoming live performances. According to group member/producer Tim Hauser, "*Vocalese*... is the state of the art for jazz vocal singing." Hit songs by the group include "Java Jive," "Operator," "Birdland," "Four Brothers," and "The Boy From New York City." *Vocalese* contains 11 performances of classic jazz works, plus scintillating vocal soloes.

As always, the Transfer's new show will be a crowd pleaser, replete with original sets and costumes. Their material encompasses early rhythm and blues, cool bop, contemporary pop, the great songs of the 30's and 40's, plus up-to-date jazz renditions of standards. Members of the Manhattan Transfer are Tim Hauser, Janis Siegel, Alan Paul, and northwesterner Cheryl Bentley.

Tickets are on sale at the Galleria Jeans Machine, all GI Joes stores, and the auditorium box office.



Members of the Portland Alumni Chapter of the Delta Sigma Sorority join Lou Rawls.

(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

### 24K Concert

Polished, fluent and professionally executed is the only way to describe the Lou Rawls concert held last Sunday at the Civic Auditorium. The organization behind the success of the event was 24K Concerts, a new concert company based in Portland. 24K Concerts is spearheaded by its president, David Bowen, formerly of Los Angeles, and now a resident of Portland.



LOU RAWLS  
(photo: Richard J. Brown)

In the past, Portland's concert market has been controlled by concert companies that often shy away from R&B artists for reasons of their own. Even when those companies present an R&B concert, it is always the same artist and what showed was that a majority of R&B lovers (White and Black) were not being catered to. But now that has all been changed with the concert shown by 24K Concerts.

24K Concerts feel that it is very important to create a working relationship with community organizations as shown in the Lou Rawls concert, whereas the Delta Sigma Sorority was involved in the reception that took place after the concert. 24K is fast to become one of the most talked about promotional companies in Portland because of its intentions to present class acts. One must feel good to know that there is a concert company that is concerned about all music lovers — not only a certain portion. 24K Concerts would like to know what you would like to see and hear, write to 24K Concerts, 6600 S.W. 92nd, Suite 30, Portland, OR 97223 with your suggestions.

24K Concerts would like to apologize to the public for the unannounced cancellation of Calvin Walker's performance scheduled as an opening act for Lou Rawls. The cancellation was not created by Calvin Walker or 24K Concerts and was made too late to go to press. We hope you accept our apology.

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