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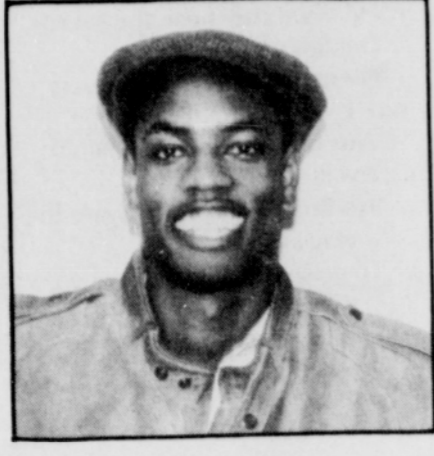
by Arnold Pitre

Do you think the community will support an African-American artists' organization?

The individuals interviewed are all involved in organizing an African-American arts company.



Connie Carley
Co-Founder
Passin Art: A Theatre Company



Mario Jackson
Portraitist

Yes . . . If the organization has on-going, quality projects that are visible to the community. The success of an African-American arts organization must include a strong financial base; community involvement of businesses, individuals, and families; and it should include various art forms that reflect the culture of our community. Due to budget restraints, artists find it difficult to maintain on-going projects. To establish a permanent African-American "arts" organization, all artists and community members must work together to keep this vital part of our culture alive.

Yes . . . If the group shows cohesiveness and stability, and their goals are to educate and get community involvement, and to make the community aware that their endeavors are for them (the community), and not just for the artists. I found that our kids are interested in arts, but are often times not able to display their skills in any organized fashion. Most people are artists at heart and want to get involved in some form or another. So an arts organization will give them an outlet to expose themselves to the arts. It may take some time for the message to get out that the organization can be for the benefit of everyone. But once that message is out, it should succeed.



Charlotte Lewis
Artist

Yes . . . In speaking to the needs of the community, every city needs an arts organization, especially when there are African-Americans within the area. There is a need of full representation of all artists, and we must be unified. If there is full representation and participation by the artists, that involvement will bring about an interest from the community, and they will support our efforts.



Leslie White
Graphic Designer

I think a better question would be: How would an African-American artists organization benefit our community? Once a group proves to be of service and can show that there is a viable need, community support will naturally follow. To do this, we need to first show support amongst ourselves.

DEQ Hires Noted Portlander as Personnel Manager

The Department of Environmental Quality recently announced the selection of Donny R. Adair, a native of Portland and a well-known community activist, as its new personnel manager.

"We are delighted to have someone of Donny's caliber and experience," said DEQ Director Fred Hansen. "We see this as a very positive move towards our goal of making the DEQ recognizable as an aggressive affirmative action employer."

Adair came to the DEQ on Jan. 19, from Emanuel Hospital and Health Center in Portland where he held a variety of positions within the Human Resources division during the nine years he worked there. Prior to joining Emanuel Hospital, Adair was employed in personnel services with Georgia-Pacific Corporation. He began his career as a civil rights investigator and technical coordinator for the

Oregon State Bureau of Labor and Industries.

Adair is well-known for his involvement in the Portland community. He currently serves on the board of directors for both the Urban League of Portland and the United Way of the Columbia-Willamette. In the past he served on the Red Cross board and on the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission. He was also president of the Tri-County Affirmative Action Association for two years.

"My first task at DEQ will be to organize recruiting by developing a network of contacts that will provide a pool of qualified applicants of all races, both sexes, and the disabled," said Adair. "I want to use all the contacts I've made in the past to promote the DEQ's affirmative action plan and make this organization known as an equal opportunity employer."

Oregon and HUD Enter into Fair Housing Agreement

SALEM, OREGON — In ceremonies held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, in the ceremonial office of the Governor, William Y. Nishimura, Regional Administrator - Regional Housing Commissioner, for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development presented Oregon Governor Neil Goldschmidt a fully executed Affirmative Fair Housing Agreement. The agreement sets forth the commitments of HUD and the Oregon Real Estate Division to utilize their powers to ensure that persons in the real estate business are informed of and held to their responsibility under the Fair Housing laws. The agreement also provides that HUD and the Oregon Real Estate Division will give technical assistance to provide that opportunities in the real estate field are equally available to all, regardless of minority status.

In presenting the signed agreement to Governor Neil Goldschmidt, William Y. Nishimura of HUD said, "The Civil Rights Act of 1968 established as national policy the provision for Fair Housing throughout the United States. The agreement signed by and between HUD and the Oregon Real Estate Division will do much to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Fair Housing law by der the law. Secondly, the agreement will help HUD and the State of Oregon provide equal opportunity in taking action to see to it that real estate professionals are informed and held to their responsibilities under the real estate field." Governor Neil Goldschmidt said, "This agreement is an important step toward insuring that all Oregonians regardless of national origin, race, sex, or age have access to adequate housing."

Buckle-Up Your Valentine

Did you know that the number-one killer of children in the United States is the trauma they suffer as passengers in motor vehicle crashes? Did you also know that the correct use of child safety seats is over 70 percent effective in preventing these senseless deaths and 67 percent efficient in reducing the need for hospitalization? Tragically, less than half of the nation's young children are properly protected in their car safety seats.

February 7-13 is "National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week." Oregon Traffic Safety Now — a coalition of medical personnel; law enforcement; insurance and business groups; and automobile dealers is calling on adult motorists to take heed to the timely reminder to "Be A Valentine For Life: Buckle-Up Your Family."

Parents and other drivers with children must be certain that the child safety seat is installed properly and used correctly every time the child travels in a motor vehicle. Carefully review the safety seat manufacturer's instructions on correct installation and use. There are many different types of child safety seats available to the consumer, and each has specific instructions.

It is equally important that both children and adult automobile passengers are protected. Not only is protecting our child passengers the safe and smart thing to do, but it's also the law. Every State now has enacted laws requiring young children to ride in safety seats. Oregon's law requires all children under the age of 16 to be buckled-up in an approved child restraint or a safety belt.

Children depend on us for almost every aspect of their day to day living. This Valentine's Day should serve as a reminder of our responsibility to protect that which is most important — their lives.

Oregon Traffic Safety Now has posters and other safety belt educational materials available for distribution by calling toll free 1-800-642-BELT.

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Older Women's League Meeting
Feb. 13, 10 a.m., Old Wives' Tales Restaurant, 1300 E. Burnside. Free. 245-4271.

Table Tennis Tournament Kickoff
Sat., Feb. 13, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Jantzen Beach Shopping Center. Proceeds go to American Cancer Society.

"Current Issues in Health, Human Rights, and Politics in Central America" - PSU
Speaker: Dr. Charles Clements, Human Rights Director for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, PSU, Lincoln Hall 75, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. \$3 donation, \$2 for students and seniors.

Mental Health Workshop
"The New Partnership in Mental Health: Families, Professionals and the Patient," Feb. 12-14, Holiday Inn, Portland Airport. Co-sponsor, Edlaunay Mental Health Center. \$45 for Feb. 12; \$80 for Feb. 12, 13. First family member \$15, \$5 each additional member for Feb. 13, 14. 285-9871.

Rebellious Voices: Black Poetry of Social Change
Black poets reading sponsored by Radical Women, Thurs., Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m., Multnomah County Library, 801 S.W. 10th Ave. Free. 249-8067.

Mt. Hood Comm. College Celebrates Black History
Feb. 17, Noon, Lounge Concert, Rich Halley and the Lizzard Brothers, jazz concert, College Center Fireplace Lounge. Free. 667-7260.
Feb. 18, Lounge Concert, The Caribbean Superstars, steel drum band, Noon, Vista Dining Center. 667-7260.
Feb. 18, Lounge Concert, Dave Storrs and the Tone Sharks, jazz, College Center Fireplace Lounge, Noon. 667-7260.

Black History Month Celebration at PCC Cascade
Mon., Feb. 15, Ron Herndon, 11-12, PB 2.
Wed., Feb. 17, King School Choir, 11:30-12:30, Auditorium.
Thurs., Feb. 18, Cheryl Brown, vocalist, accompanied by Hazel Brown, 12-1, Auditorium.
Fri., Feb. 19, Harvey Lockett, Candidate for Portland City Council, 12-1, CH B44.

"Toward Building a Better Community"
Sponsored by the Muslim Community Center of Portland, Valentine's Day Community Tea, YWCA, 5630 N.E. Union Ave., 3-7 p.m. Donation: \$10. Speakers: Comm. Dick Bogle and Dennis Payne.

The Tax Man Cometh — And So Does Free Help
Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 NE Knott. Program begins mid-February. Call 282-1460 for information & appointment.

Ockley Green Community School, 6031 N. Montana. Program begins mid-February. Call 280-5663 for information & appointment.

Peninsula Park Community Center, 6400 N. Albina. Assistance from trained AARP volunteers. **Tuesdays and Thursday, 2-1 through 4-15**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 285-4222 to make a half-hour appointment.

University Park Community Center, 9009 N. Foss. For low income, senior, or handicapped citizens. Presented by AARP. **Wednesdays, 2-3 through 4-13**, 10 am to 2 pm. Walk-ins welcome, or call 289-2414 for an appointment.

Babysitting Class
Red Cross Building, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave., Sat., Feb. 13, 20, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 284-7090. St. Johns Community Center, 8427 N. Central, Tues., Feb. 16, 23, Mar. 1, 8, 6-8 p.m., 284-7090.

Video News Show
Premiere cablecast, Feb. 13, 6 p.m. "We Are Your Future" is sponsored by the Albina Ministerial Alliance and **The Portland Observer**. 285-0493.

CPR For Infants and Toddlers
Feb. 16, 6-10 p.m., Emanuel Hospital & Health Center, 2801 N. Gantenbein Ave., registration is limited. 280-4284.

Planning and Zoning Training
Thurs., Feb. 18, 6:45 p.m., Portland Building, Room C, 1120 S.W. 5th. 248-4519.

Model Ship Show
Fourth Annual Model Ship Show, World Forestry Center, Feb. 27 and 28. 4033 S.W. Canyon Rd., 228-1367.

Effects of National Military Budget on Economy of Oregon
Secretary of State Barbara Roberts, speaker for Oregon Peace Institute. Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m., Galleria, S.W. 9th and Alder. Free.

"Campus Casual" Concerts-PSU
Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m., PSU gymnasium (Health and PE building) between SW 10th and Hall. Free. James DePreist, conductor, performed by the Oregon Symphony.

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