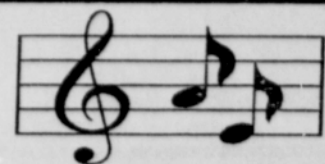




ENTERTAINMENT



To Judge Rappers Contest



MC Hammer, will head a judges' panel to pick the top performing amateur rap artist or group in the biggest-ever nationwide rap music contest, which features a \$25,000 first place prize with a demo recording contract and contract for a Pepsi-Cola commercial. Entry forms may be picked up at any Pepsi display through August 9, 1991.

Silent Arrow Presents 'World Beat' Concert Series

Silent Arrow Productions Presents: World Beat at the Pine St. Theater. Saturday, July 6th, will be the first in a series of alternative live concerts marking the return of the early and mid-80's atmosphere of Salazar's Pine St. Theater, (yes, the lamps are back) with Obo Addy & Kukrudu.

Also on Monday, July 15th, Kotoja, a 12-piece West African High Life band from the San Francisco Bay Area will be playing with Boka Marimba at the Pine St. Theater (221 SE 9th & Pine, Portland, OR).

Portland Black Repertory Theatre Auditions

Challenging roles for two African American women ages 20-30 and one African American man, 20-25 are still open for a production of a new play entitled, "Passin," which will be presented at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center August 15th through September 15th by the Portland Black Repertory Theatre. PBRT is looking for those persons who may not have acting experience, but have talent and are willing to learn, in addition to experienced actors. A special audition is being held this Saturday, June 29th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Portland Community College's Cascade campus, 705 N. Killingsworth, in the Cascade Hall, Room B44. Appointments can be made at 287-3959.

Summer Downtown Arts

Summer Downtown Arts is a total arts immersion day camp for students 6-18 years of age. In its fifth year, SDA will run from July 8-August 17, 1991 culminating with an original production addressing this year's issue-the State of the Arts. All classes and the production will be held at the Neighbors of Woodcraft Hall, 1410 SW Morrison, Portland, Oregon 97205.

Spartan Competitor To Tour This Summer



Jude Dieudonne Jeannis

BY TONY WASHINGTON
Thirteen-year-old Jude Dieudonne Jeannis of Vancouver, Washington has

been selected by the Spartans Drum & Bugle Corp to tour several states and Canada this summer. The Spartans organization has provided musical education, fun, travel and friendship for hundreds of young people. They compete in Open Class, the highest level of competition.

Jude was born in Queens, N.Y. and moved to the Pacific Northwest at an early age. He is the son of Orita and Eddy Jeanis. Jude attends Cascade Junior High School and loves to write music as well as play the drums.

The Spartans Drum & Bugle Corp is observing its 23rd year as a non-profit youth musical activity for students interested in marching, travel and competition. Jude will need funds to help with his expenses. All donations will be greatly appreciated, and we at the Observer wish Jude well. To assist Jude please call 287-6243.

Sternwheeler Offers Fun For All



BY TONY WASHINGTON

This past weekend I had the pleasure of visiting with Don Fuchs, Assistant General Manager of the Sternwheeler at Cascade Locks, Oregon. The Sternwheeler offers summer attractions for tourists and local residents, including Sternwheeler Days which starts Friday June 21st and continues through the weekend. There will be food and craft booths; wine, cheese and smoked salmon tasting; a funland for kids, music entertainment, parade and more.

From October to Mid-June you can catch the Sternwheeler in downtown Portland, but for the rest of the summer Cascade Locks is the place to come. Take I-84 East; it's about a 45-minute drive along the beautiful Columbia Gorge. Come out and ride the Sternwheeler, enjoy the festivities and meet some wonderful people.

For information call Kathy at 374-8619.

Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center

Art Exhibit: "Family Connections," Photography by Jon Gottshall
Date/Time: July 2-27, 1991, Tuesday-Friday (noon-5:30pm), Saturday (noon-4 pm), Closed July 4th
Place: Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 North Interstate Avenue, Portland, OR (Tri-Met Bus #5)
Reception: July 6th, Saturday (3-5pm), Public Invited.

The Duke Ellington Orchestra

The Duke Ellington Orchestra is conducted by his son, Mercer Ellington. Mercer began his association with his father's band in 1926 at the age of seven. At the time of Duke's death in May, 1974, he was the band's trumpet player and manager. Since assuming leadership in 1974, Mercer has dedicated himself to maintaining the tradition of five decades of Ellington excellence, and to adding fresh and contemporary accents to the timeless music. Under Mercer's leadership, the band has successfully toured Europe, Japan, and the United States; performed and recorded with the Warsaw Philharmonic; appeared with Sarah Vaughan in Chicago; and performed "Three Black Kings" at Yale University. In 1988 their album "Digital Duke" won the Grammy award for "Best Big Band Jazz Instrumental Album." Duke Ellington memorabilia has been placed in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. and April has been declared "Duke Ellington Month" by that city, as a direct result of Mercer's efforts.

Piedmont Neighborhood to Sponsor Summer Concerts at Peninsula Park

The Piedmont Neighborhood Association, in cooperation with the Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation, is sponsoring three Sunday afternoon concerts in Peninsula Park this summer. The concert series will feature performances by the Ron Steen Quartet on July 21, the Portland Festival Symphony on August 25, and the Arnold Brothers/Motor City Rhythm Section on September 15. All performances will be held in Peninsula Park at the gazebo adjacent to the rose gardens. Concerts begin at 4:00 p.m. and are open to the public at no charge.

"These concerts have been planned as family-style events," says PNA Concert Committee Chair, Susan Caddell. "Come to Peninsula Park and enjoy the music, the late afternoon sunshine and your family. Bring a blanket, or your lawn chairs, and a picnic dinner - and don't forget the kids!" advises Caddell.

KMHD Benefit Slated With Blues Legend

Legendary blues artist Otis Clay will perform in a special benefit concert for KMHD, the jazz-format, public radio station located on the Mt. Hood Community College Campus.

"We're very excited about this," said Tom Costello, KMHD station manager. "Otis Clay is a major artist in the world of blues. We are fortunate to work with him and with producer Joey Scruggs of Heart and Soul Events," said Costello.

Otis Clay and The Chicago Fire will appear June 27 at Key Largo. Tickets are \$10 in advance and are available at all Fred Meyer FASTIXX locations, BackBeat Music and Music Millennium.

Opening for Otis Clay and The Chicago Fire will be The Norman Sylvester Revue.

For more information contact Keven Tippett at KMHD at 667-7435.

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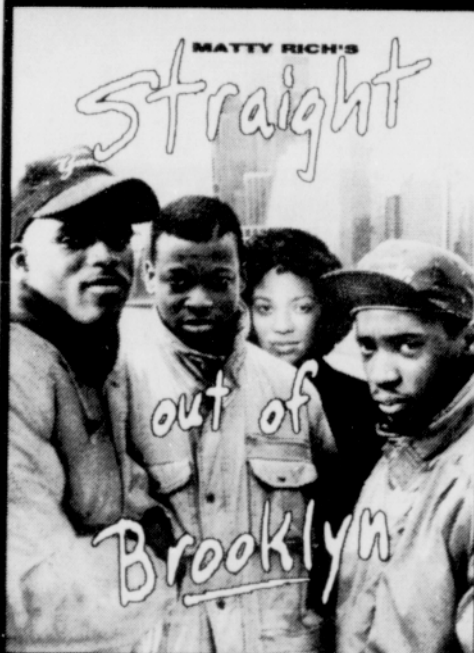
For more information call Curt 286-ROSE

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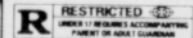
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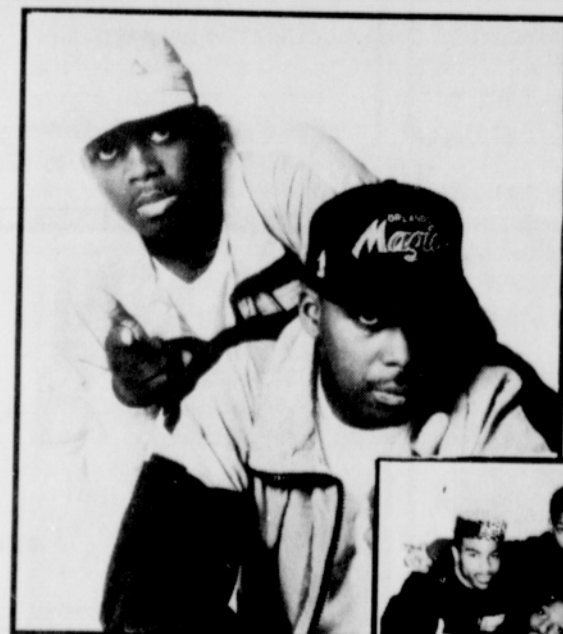
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