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Shakespeare In The Parks Opens 25th Season

Portland Actors Ensemble celebrates its 25th anniversary of Shakespeare In The Parks with a return to the first play it produced in 1970, the delightful romantic comedy "As You Like It." To mark this occasion, director Tim Hill has chosen a neo-traditional approach to bringing this play to the parks in Portland.

A cast of 14 creates two contrasting worlds, the dark, oppressive court of the usurping Duke Frederick and the idyllic world of Shakespeare's boyhood playground, the Forest of Arden. Love blossoms, wits duel and eccentrics abound in this pastoral setting.

Portland Actors Ensemble brings to the parks a wide variety of talented actors. Kristen Brown and Steven Rouffey debut as the lovers Rosalind and Orlando.

"As You Like It" opens on Saturday, July 30, at Laurelhurst Park, and runs through Sept. 5. All performances begin at 3 p.m. and run approximately two and one-half hours, with one 15 minute intermission. Admission, as always is free, but donations are accepted before and after the show. All donations are used to pay the actors and to fund next year's production of Shakespeare In The Parks.

The performance schedule:

July 30-31 Laurelhurst Park, SE 39th and Ankeny. Bus lines 75, 15 and 20.
Aug. 6-7 Concordia College Soccer Field, NE 27th and Holman. Bus lines 75, 9 and 10.
Aug. 13-14 Washington Park, SW Lewis and Clark Circle. Bus line 63.
Aug. 20-21 Gabriel Park, SW 45th and Vermont. Bus line 1.
Aug. 27-28 South Park Blocks, Portland State University. Bus Mall 6 and 8.
Sept. 3, 4, 5 Reed College, Eliot Hall, 32nd and Woodstock. Bus 75 and 19.

Oregon Outreach Grant

The Gladys McCoy Academy, an alternative school program has received \$9,675 from the Oregon Community Foundation to further the student outreach program at the school.

Oregon Outreach has operated alternative schools in Portland for more than five years, moving to its current, larger facility at 3802 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. in May. This was made possible by a contract to locate and re-enroll school dropouts. The

contract is with Portland Public Schools, and was established as a result of Dr. Jack Bierwirth's foresight in recognizing the need to have grass-roots organizations work directly within the neighborhoods to locate and enroll these youth. Many of these students will be enrolling in regular District programs in the Fall, thus providing additional income for the District.

Oregon Outreach now provides education, counseling, drug/alcohol intervention and prevention, job readiness training and job placement for more than 50 students each year at McCoy Academy, plus an additional 40-50 students at its six satellite locations. The dollars from the Oregon Community Foundation will be utilized by Oregon Outreach to locate more youth between the ages of 14 and 21 who have dropped out of school.

The Oregon Community Foundation, established in 1973, is collection of individuals charitable funds and resources given by Oregonians to enhance and support the quality of life in their communities. The Oregon Community Foundation makes grants through an application process that involves local citizens in the review and evaluation of requests for funds. Pre-application materials are available through the Foundations' Portland office. Individuals or businesses interested in establishing a fund may also contact the Portland office at 62 SW Morrison St., Suite 725, Portland, Oregon 97205.

Corporate Challenges Emerge From 5K Run/Walk And Picnic

Race officials announced that several corporate challenges have been issued for Portland's Office Depot 5K Run/Walk and Picnic Thursday, July 21 at 6:30pm.

U.S. Bank has challenged Key Bank, First Interstate, and Bank of America; Nike has challenged Adidas and Avia; and Legacy Health Systems has challenged Kaiser Permanente, OHSU, Portland Adventist and Sisters of Providence.

The 5-kilometer (3.1 mile) race along Waterfront Park is open to employees throughout the city. Participants compete individually and with company teams to win awards in 36 industry categories. Dedicated to running and walking for fun and health, the event also encourages a little friendly competition.

"Corporate America has become such a stressful place to work, so it is important for companies to provide employees with ways to keep fit," said Jeff Gallo-

way, race director and former Olympic runner. "Although companies often focus on the bottom line, the event is a good way to see how well one's competitors are 'running' a company on a fitness level."

Portland is one of nine cities selected nationwide to host the race. Sponsors include The Business Journal, KXL-AM/FM, TCI Cablevision of Oregon, Tri-Met and Northwest Sports. For registration and information, call 1-800-200-2771.

Community Calendar

Bicycling In Oregon Exhibited

Cycling Oregon: 125 years of the bicycle in Oregon's history, opens Friday, July 21 at the Oregon Historical Society. Visitors will see an overview of cycling, from early high-wheelers of the 1880s to today's state-of-the-art speedster. The exhibit will be on view through Nov. 27.

Pool Movie Schedule Set

The films Beetlejuice and The Last Starfighter will be shown during Dive-In Movies at Portland Parks and Recreation pools. Special screens allow the audience to enjoy all the action while lounging on a smooth liquid surface. You can bring your favorite floatation device. Beetlejuice will be shown Aug. 12 at Buckman Pool, Aug. 13 and Columbia Pool and Aug. 14 at Dishman Pool. The Last Starfighter plays Aug. 26 at Wilson Pool, Aug. 27 and Sellwood Pool and Aug. 28 at Montavilla Pool. The movies will start at 8 p.m. Admission prices are \$2.50 for adults, 18 and older and \$1 for kids, 17 and younger.

Fun Days Continue At Pools

Fun Days are offered this summer at Portland Parks and Recreation pools for a variety of enjoyable aquatic activities for young swimmers. It's like being at a huge pool party. Kids can participate in the biggest splash contest, penny dives, water basketball free throw contest and other great water games. The schedule is as follows: Aug. 2 - Creston Pool, Aug. 4 - Pier Pool, Aug. 9 - Dishman Pool, Aug. 10 - Wilson Pool, Aug. 11 - Montavilla Pool, Aug. 16 - Buckman Pool, Aug. 18 - MLC Pool, Aug. 23 - Columbia Pool, Aug. 24 - Peninsula Pool, and Aug. 25 - Grant Pool. Call 823-SWIM for more information.

Cultural Concert Planned

A multicultural concert will be held Sunday, July 24 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Cathedral Park in the North Portland St. Johns Neighborhood. Performers include Celtic Pride, a folk duo; Chris Kern and Caton Lyles, steel drum and percussion; the Aratas Hungarian Dancers; and the Cultural Recreation Band, a young people's concert band.

The entertainment is free and open to the public.

Fund To Help Heart Transplant Cost

Donations are being sought to help defray the medical expenses of Dennis G. Payne, a former Portland resident who underwent a successful heart transplant.

Payne was diagnosed with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, an infection/virus that destroys the muscles of the heart last April while still in Portland. In February, his heart and health began to rapidly deteriorate forcing him to quit work and obtain a heart transplant as the only chance for survival.

"On May 13th, I received a new heart with the blessings of God and I was released from the hospital in 10 days and am now at home starting my recovery program," Payne said.

The cost of surgery, hospitalization and post-surgery clinical care is astronomical. Payne will be required to take several anti-rejection medications, including Cyclosporine, a drug which prevents the body from rejecting a transplanted organ. These drugs will cost approximately \$10,000 a year.

Payne and his family currently reside in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

The friends of Dennis G. Payne Trans-



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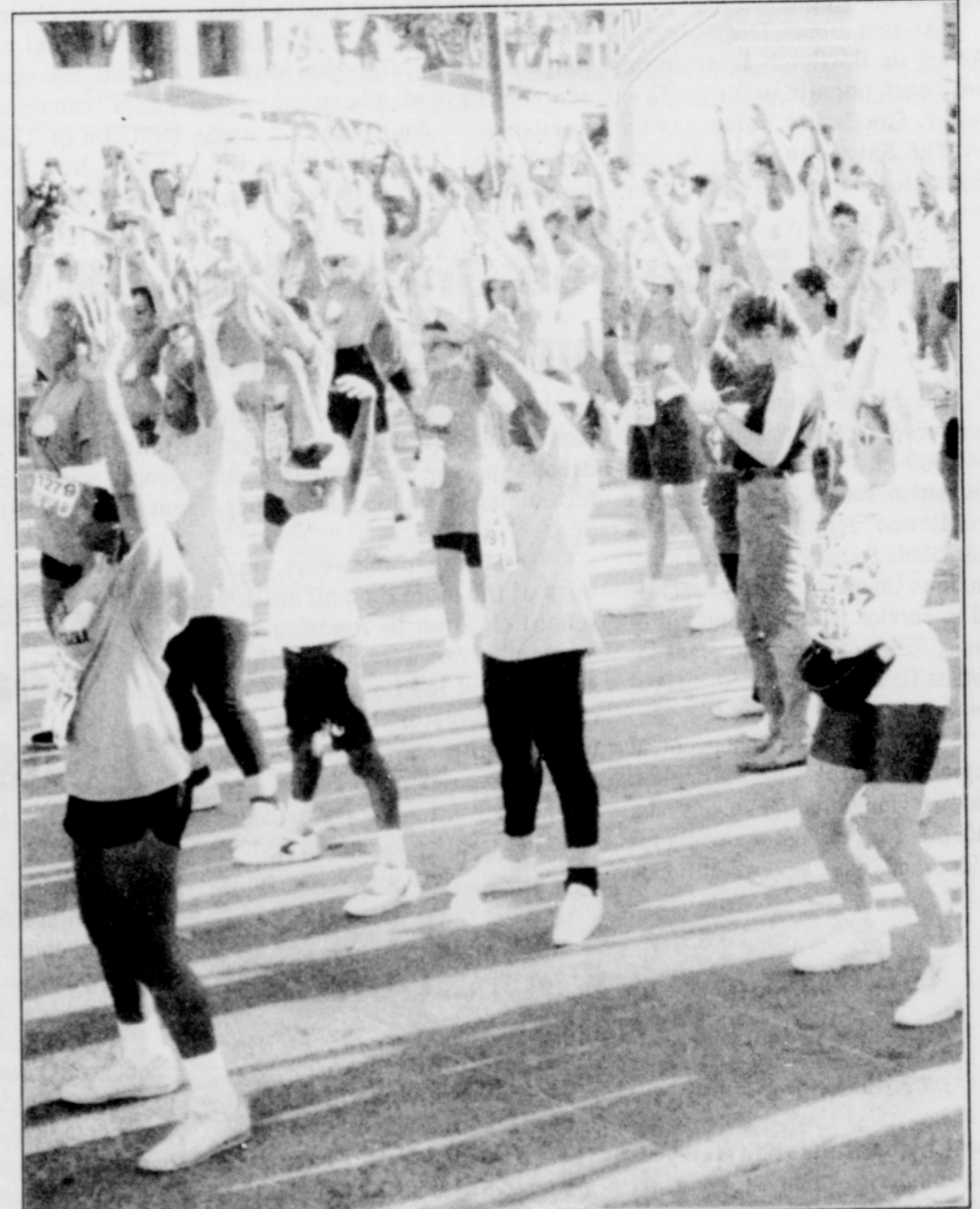
plant Fund has been set up through the National Heart Assist and Transplant Fund (NHATF). Contributions are tax deductible. Checks can be made payable to NHATF: Friends of Dennis G. Payne, P.O. Box 163, Heaverford, PA 19041. NHATF is a non-profit organization dedicated to provide direct assistance to the heart and lung transplant community and to promote organ donor awareness. For information call 1-800-NHATF-99.



"As You Like It," cast members James C. Lawrence as Touchstone (from left), Kristen Brown as Rosalind, Steve Rouffey as Orlando and Kammi Harris as Audrey. (Photo by Angela Meyer.)

Laurelhurst Park, Washington Park, the South Park Blocks and Reed College sites are especially wheelchair accessible. Audience members are encouraged to bring beverages, sunscreen and hats along with the usual picnic items; some performance sites do not have readily accessible sources of drinking water.formation

Office Depot Run/Walk



Portland is one of nine cities selected to host Office Depot's Corporate Fitness Series. Participants warm up (above) in Miami before one of the recent races.