

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

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## Boyz II Men To Hit Portland Stage

Tickets are now on sale at Ticketmaster outlets in Portland for the upcoming concert of Boyz II Men.

The highly-acclaimed and awarding winning group will take to the Memorial Coliseum stage Friday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and \$35.

"The last two and a half to three years have been a continuous joy ride," said group member Michael McCary, his booming bass beaming with joy. "We've been welcomed all over the world. We've been honored by our peers and fans. We've been successful. We've straightened out our business. The next thing for us to do was our second album."

Boyz II Men is following up on an album that produced more than seven million sales worldwide, two Grammys, three American Music Awards, two Soul Train Awards, two NAACP Image Awards, two MTV Awards, one World Music Award, and a foundation of fans that made a Christmas album go platinum after only one single.

The album II, the second collection of original material from Boyz II Men, provides a look at all the shades, stages and rhythms of romance. Boyz II Men update the best Motown traditions: The Temptations' touch, The Supreme's seduction, Smokey Robinson's songwriting and overall top production.

Their first single, "I'll Make Love To You," reunited them with one of the finest songwriters



Wanya Morris (from left), Nate Morris, Shawn Stockman and Michael S. McCary of Boyz II Men will be in Portland March 3 for a concert at Memorial Coliseum.

operating in contemporary music today - Babyface. "End of the Road" held the No. 1 position on

the popular music charts for 13 weeks, longer than any single for an entire generations - eclipsing

Elvis Presley's most successful chart performance 25 years before.

## PCC Cascade African Film Festival

The Cascade Festival of African Films, held annually at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College, began this year on Thursday, Feb. 2.

Now in its fifth year, the festival is part of the month-long Black History Month celebration which takes place each February at the North Portland campus. All events are free and open to the public.

The 1995 festival opened with a showing of Sankofa on Feb. 2. The two-hour film was made in Ghana and Jamaica in 1993. Producer Hile Germina will be in Portland on that day and will be present to introduce and discuss the film. The showing will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Jefferson High School, 5210 N. Kerby.

Other films to be shown will take place in Room 122 of Terrell Hall at the PCC Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth Street. The films are:

- On Feb. 16, Samba Traore (Burkina Faso), directed by Idrissa Ouedraogo, will be shown, also at 2 and 7:30 p.m. A young man takes the wealth from big-city living back to his village, where he is very popular as a result, until his past begins to catch up with him.

- Mandabi (The Money Order) from Senegal, directed by Ousmane Sembene, is planned for Feb. 23. The story is of an older man living contentedly with his two wives outside Dakar. His life is turned upside down when he receives a money order from his nephew who is working in Paris. This film is 90 minutes long.

Family Film Day will take place Saturday, Feb. 25, beginning at 2 p.m. in Room 122, Terrell Hall. Four short films based on West African folktales will be shown:

- The Good and the Evil (Ivory Coast) and The Lesson of the Three Thieves (Gambia). Each film runs 26 minutes.

On March 2, the film festival will conclude with the African Women's Documentary Day. There will be two showings, at 2 and at 7:30 p.m. Two films will be shown each time. They are:

- These Hands, a 1992 film, directed by Flora M'bugu-Schelling. It is about Tanzanian women whose work is crushing stones for use as concrete in the construction industry. In addition the women care for their children and each other, breaking the monotony with an occasional song or dance. Without dialogue or narration, the film is engrossing and even hypnotic.

- Women With Open Eyes, was made in 1994, and is directed by Anne-Laure Folly. Four contemporary West African women discuss marital rights, sexual health and reproduction, female genital mutilation and women's role in political and economic life of their countries. This film won a Silver Medal at the International Television Festival in Monte Carlo last year. It is in French with English subtitles and lasts 52 minutes.

For more information on the Cascade Festival of African Films or other Black History Month events at PCC, call Sonya Key-Bender at 978-5256.



## Mystery of the Senses

Chris Hildreth enjoys the delights of a lollipop in the third episode of a five part series of NOVA: Mystery of the Senses, airing Tuesday, Feb. 21 on Oregon Public Broadcasting, channel 10.

## A Miracle In Portland

The magic of dance is that it changes lives.

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