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## "Crimson Tide"

Top: Two dedicated career naval officers, Lieutenant Commander Ron Hunter (Denzel Washington, left) and Captain Frank Ramsey (Gene Hackman, right) will soon find themselves caught in a mortal duel as they vie for control of the USS Alabama, a Trident Ballistic submarine with enough firepower to start World War III, in Hollywood Pictures' explosive drama "Crimson Tide." George Dzundza (center) stars as COB. Photo credit: Linda R. Chen

## Local Talent Sought For Gershwin's Porgy And Bess

Portland Opera And The Urban League Of Portland Join Forces To Celebrate The Upcoming Production Of Gershwin's Porgy and Bess

When the curtain goes up on Portland Opera's summer production of the Gershwin classic, Porgy and Bess, it will also go up on a unique partnership between the Portland Opera and the Urban League of Portland.

According to Portland Opera General Director Robert Bailey, the July 19 opening night of Porgy and Bess has been exclusively reserved for a special Urban League of Portland Benefit. "It is a distinct pleasure," he commented, "to link arms with another of the City's fine institutions as we both help share one of our country's most important musical creations with the entire City."

Lawrence J. Dark, President and CEO of the Urban League of Portland said, "Having recently moved to Portland from South Carolina, I've had the opportunity to take in the sights and sounds of Charleston, the setting for Porgy and Bess. It's a story about the human experience. Gershwin and his collaborators created an American opera about African Americans which speaks to all races, religions, and ethnic groups. And it's fun."

"We are honored that the Portland Opera has presented this opportunity for us to bring people together to share in the joy of this major musical event."

Porgy and Bess, a Houston Grand Opera production produced in association with Portland Opera and nine other opera companies, opens in Civic Auditorium July 19 and continue until July 29.

When the curtain goes up on Portland Opera's summer produc-



Marquita as Bess and Alvy Powell as Porgy

tion of Gershwin's legendary Porgy And Bess, several local people will be part of all the action. They will join the on-stage cast that has thrilled audiences throughout its national tour.

Portland Opera is now seeking interested children and an adult who meet the following criteria:

- African-American children ages 7-10.
- 3 boys: approximately 4'4" - 4'8" / 70 - 100 pounds.
- 1 girl: approximately 4'4" / 70 pounds.

- Caucasian girl age 7-9; Approximately 4'4" / 78 pounds.
- Caucasian woman; Approximately 5'5" / dress size 10-14.

Ideally, the last two people are a blonde mother/daughter team.

Auditioners must be able to attend the July 17 audition, and if selected, be available for the July 18 dress rehearsal and all performances, from July 19-29.

Interested parties should contact Marjorie Anderson at the Portland Opera, 295-3515 to schedule an audition.



(Left) Nia Long plays Debbie, a beautiful fitness instructor; (right) Pastor Cleaver (Bernie Mac, left), Smokey (Chris Tucker, center) and Craig Jones (Ice Cube, right) catch a glimpse of their beautiful neighbor in New Line Cinema's comedy, Friday. Photos by Nicola Goode/New Line

Friday chronicles one loooooong day in the life of Craig Jones (Ice Cube), a South Central homeboy who's trying his best to sidestep the pitfalls of growing up in the 'hood'. Despite having lost his job -- on his day off -- Craig is having trouble with his insanely jealous girlfriend, and his best friend Smokey (Chris Tucker) is in the middle of a shady deal that's gone sour.

Before the sun sets, Craig

has to bail his friend out of trouble, land a new job before his parents evict him, escape his girlfriend long enough to capture a new woman's heart and survive a climactic confrontation with Deebo (Tiny 'Zeus' Lister), the neighborhood menace. A lot can go down in the 'hood between Thursday and Saturday...

Written by Ice Cube and DJ Pooh, Friday is directed by Gary

Gray, produced by Pat Charbonnet and executive produced by Ice Cube. W. E. Baker is co-producer and associate producers are Andre Robinson, Jr. and DJ Pooh. The film also stars Bernie Mac, John Witherspoon, Regina King, Nia Long, Anna Maria Horsford, Reynaldo Rey, Angela means and Paula Jai Parker.

Friday is rated "R" and has a running time of 97 minutes.

## David Sanborn And Roberta Flack To Headline Mt. Hood Festival Of Jazz

Paul Kreider, President of the Mt. Hood Festival of Jazz, announced the addition of David Sanborn and Roberta Flack to the list of top acts expected to perform at the 1995 festival on August 5-6 at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham.

Five-time Grammy winning saxophonist Sanborn will perform with a 33-piece orchestra for his Saturday night headline performance.

Legendary jazz and pop vocalist Flack will cap Sunday night's line-up with her first-ever festival appearance.

Rita Rega, President of the jazz Society of Oregon, praised the announcement. "With the addition of Sanborn and Flack, the festival rounds out a very strong line-up -- certainly

the best in years," stated Rega. "The festival remains accessible to the mainstream and hardcore jazz enthusiast, and this year's offering reaffirms that it is one of the top jazz festivals in the world.

Kreider agreed: "The remarkable number of first-time appearances matched with the high caliber of acts -- David Sanborn, Roberta Flack, Lee Ritenour and Larry Carlton, and the George Shearing Quintet, to name a few -- makes this year's line-up one of the most powerful ever."

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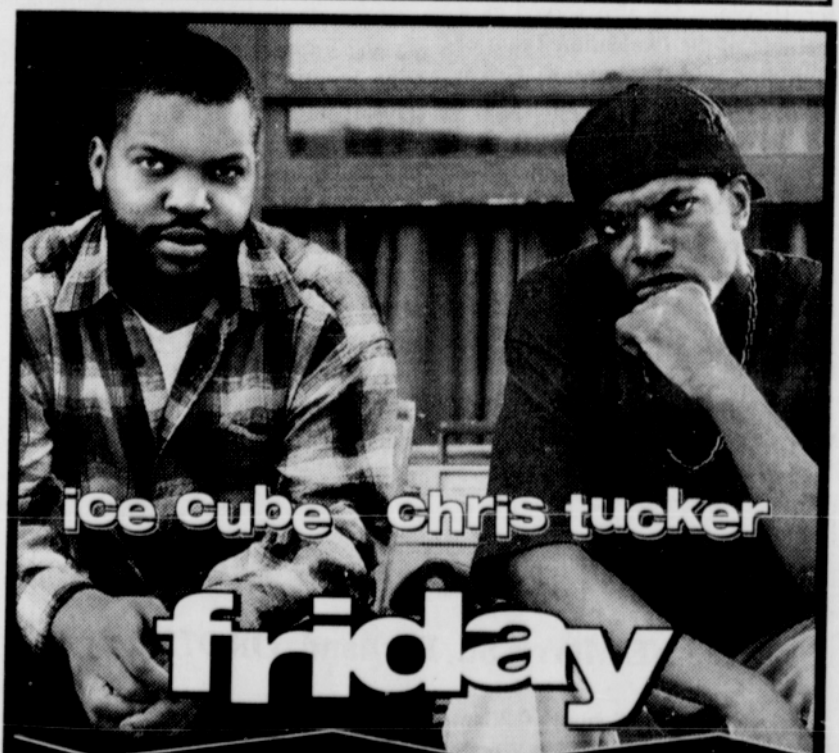
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