

# CINCO DE MAYO

## Mexican Dance Workshops

Dance instructor Norma Ortega will present "Baila: A Workshop on Traditional Dances of Mexico" May 3-4 and 10-11 at Portland State University. Ortega has been an instructor of Mexican folkloric dances in the northwest for more than 10 years. She also has taught at the Dance Academy in Guadalajara, Mexico. The weekend classes will take place at in room 207 of the Health and Physical Education building 930 SW Hall on the PSU campus. Hours are Fridays 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Satur-

days 10 a.m. to noon.

The first weekend Ortega will focus on a dance from Veracruz, the coastal state that has been influenced by Cuban dance and music. The second weekend will focus on a dance from the state of Guerrero with its distinctly African-influenced rhythms.

No experience necessary to participate. Full, long skirts are suggested for women, men should dress comfortably in cloths allowing ease of movement.

## Cinco de Mayo Returns to Waterfront Park



Cinco de Mayo, Portland's largest bi-cultural festival, promises entertainment and enjoyment for the whole family. Organized by the Portland-Guadalajara Sister City Association, the event will run May 2-5 at Tom McCall Waterfront Park. Festival hours are 11 a.m. to midnight Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Beginning at noon each day, musicians and dancers will fill the two stages. Local and Mexican performers will share their culture with the over 160,000 people expected to attend. And visitors will be treated to the tastes of Mexican food with the 40 vendors showcasing Portland's best Mexican kitchens. There will also be games, arts and crafts and carnival rides throughout the day.

Grupo Ballet Folklorico de Guadalajara return for their fifth year to thrill Portlanders with their superb artistry. The troop is internationally acclaimed, charming audiences throughout the world. Mariachi de Guadalajara returns with the ballet. Guadalajara is the birthplace of mariachis.

Welcoming ceremonies with Vera Katz will be Thursday at 5 p.m. Friday night at 9:45 is the Nickel Ads Fireworks Spectacular. And a naturalization ceremony, welcoming new citizens, is scheduled for noon Friday.

The diversity of Mexican and Mexican influenced music from mariachis to salsa will be a large part of the event. Suave also returns with Or-Mex, a hybrid of Tex-Mex, in-

digenous to Oregon, as will Picante, another festival favorite. Salsa band Caliente will make an appearance, and newcomers the Wood Tribe bring Latin based alternative music.

Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of the 1862 battle of Puebla, when a small contingent of Mexican patriots triumphed over the larger occupational forces of Napoleon III.

The Portland fair is the largest of its kind in the nation and organizers want the festival to promote local awareness of the heritage of Guadalajara and surrounding areas, the roots of most of the Mexican American population in Oregon and to encourage the knowledge of Oregon in Guadalajara.

The event is free Thursday and Friday until noon and \$4 general

admission the remainder of the festival. Discounts are offered for seniors and children. Those riding TriMet can show proof of their fair and get a free ride home.

### Thursday

#### Main Stage

- Noon-1:30 Grupo Ballet Folklorico de Guadalajara and Mariachi
- 2:00-3:30 Los Karibenos (salsa)
- 3:30-4:30 Tejano Express (Tex-Mex)
- 5:00-5:45 Opening Ceremonies with Mayor Vera Katz
- 5:45-7:00 Banda Lazer
- 8:30-7:00 Grupo Ballet Folklorico de Guadalajara and Mariachi
- 8:30-10:00 Banda Lazer

### Friday

#### Main Stage

- Noon-1:30 Naturalization Ceremony
- 1:30-3:00 Grupo Ballet Folklorico de Guadalajara and Mariachi
- 3:30-4:30 Grupo Pasion
- 5:00-6:00 Corazon Bandido
- 6:30-8:00 Grupo Ballet Folklorico de Guadalajara and Mariachi
- 8:30-11:00 Conjunto Alegre-Cumbia Contes

#### Plaza Stage

- 1:00-2:00 Connie Bieberach
- 2:30-4:30 Grupo Chas
- 5:00-6:30 Candelarios and Los Amigos
- 7:00-8:00 Claudette Walker School of Dance
- 8:30-11:00 Banda Lazer -- Quebradita Contest
- 9:45 -- Nickel Ads Fireworks Spectacular

### Saturday

#### Main Stage

- Noon-1:30 Grupo Ballet Folklorico de Guadalajara and Mariachi
- 2:00-3:30 Grupo Vagabundo
- 4:00-5:30 Los Tinex
- 6:00-8:00 Grupo Ballet Folklorico de Guadalajara and Mariachi
- 8:30-11:00 Banda Explosion Musical -- Macarena Contest

#### Plaza Stage

- 1:00-2:00 El Gran Folklorico Ballet de Ninos
- 2:30-3:30 The Wood Tribe Latin Base Alternative Rock
- 4:00-5:30 Viva Mexico Mariachi and Singing Contest
- 5:30-6:00 Children's Ballet Folklorico de Salem
- 8:30-11:00 Los Volcanes (Tex-Mex)

### Sunday

#### Main Stage

- Noon-1:30 Grupo Ballet Folklorico de Guadalajara and Mariachi
- 2:00-3:30 Suave Band (Ore-Mex)
- 4:30-6:00 Grupo Ballet Folklorico de Guadalajara and Mariachi
- 6:30-7:30 Los Alexis
- 8:00-7:30 Banda Explosion Musical

#### Plaza Stage

- 1:00-2:00 Ballet Folklorico Xochitl
- 2:00-3:00 Imagen Latina
- 4:00-4:30 Enrique Carrasco Magic Show
- 4:30-5:00 Aloha Hills Dance Factory
- 5:30-6:30 Ane Romero/Primera Vos
- 7:00-9:00 Caliente

## Cinco Symphony Series

A Mexican fiesta will provide a preview for "Parties of Note," a series of fundraising events Friday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jenkins Estate in Aloha. Cinco de Mayo mento dos, hosted by the McLoughlin Auxiliary of the Oregon Symphony Women's Association will include Mexican and

Flamenco dances by the Spanish Pueblo Dancers, a southwest/Mexican buffet with authentic entrees and desserts and prizes for guests dressed in south of the border style.

"Parties of note" is a collection of 20-25 events designed as a benefit to celebrate the 100th birthday of the

Oregon Symphony. These events will be held May through August and appeal to a variety of tastes, ranging from elegant dinners to informal gatherings afternoon excursions to parties for children.



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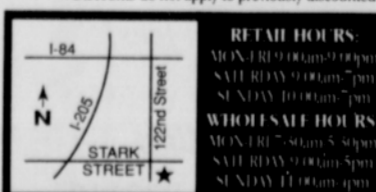
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