

# Community Calendar

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Oral History Workshop and Sunday, April 6 from 1-3pm for a Genealogy Class, "Exploring your Roots -- How to Begin" presented by Gerald S. Lenzen, President of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon. The fee for the Oral History Workshop is \$35 (\$25 for OHS members and affiliates) and \$25 for the Genealogy Class (\$15 for OHS members and affiliates). For more information or to pre-register, please contact OHS oral historian Jim Strassmaier at 503/306-5246. The Oregon History Center is located at 1200 SW Park Avenue, Portland.

## Lazer Vaudeville brings optical illusions to the Historic Elsinore Theatre

Lazer Vaudeville brings high tech artistry and the magic of ancient Vaudeville to a family show at The Historic Elsinore Theatre Saturday, April 19, 1997, 7:00 pm. Lazer Vaudeville was founded by Carter Brown in 1987 on the idea that the skill and artistry of the Vaudeville era could be combined with high-tech special effects to create a truly theatrical experience. Tickets are available through any Fred Meyer FASTIXX, by calling 370-7469, or they can be purchased at the door.

## Tri Met budget meeting

A formal public hearing will be held on the proposed FY98 budget at the April 23 Board meeting. People wishing to testify are encouraged to submit their full testimony in writing and summarize their comments at the meeting. Public comment may be limited to five minutes depending on the number of people wishing to address the Board. The April 23 Board meeting will be held at the Portland Building, 1120 SW Fifth, 2nd Floor Meeting Room C. Meetings begin at 3:30 pm.

## "Highlighting Hawthorne"

The fourteenth annual Hawthorne Street Fair is looking for musicians and entertainers for a two day event, Saturday and Sunday, August 16 and 17, 1997. Music is played on three stages from noon to 6:00 on Saturday and noon to 5:00 on Sunday. The fair is a fun, family event and the music spans all ages, interests, and cultures. Performer applications are due May 31, 1997, and must include promo materials, and 8X10 B&W photo and/or cassette, and a CD or VHS video of the group or individual's work. Performance is by invitation and a stipend is offered. To receive an application, call Nancy Chapin at 774-2832 or write HBBA, P.O. Box 15271, Portland, OR 97215-0271. Musicians may also pick up applications at Showcase Music & Sound, 3401 SE Hawthorne.

## Making Light, Too

The Portland Lesbian Choir presents *Making Light, Too*, with special guests Bridges Vocal Ensemble, on Saturday, May 3, at 8 pm at the Scottish Rite Temple, 709 SW 15th, Portland. A free parking garage is provided. Tickets are \$12 and are available at It's My Pleasure, from Choir members, and at the door. The concert will be ASL interpreted for deaf and hard-of-hearing patrons and is wheelchair accessible. Childcare is provided on site. For further information call 241-8994 (voice mail).

## Defending Teachers under fire

"The Fight to Save Public Schools and Stop Union Busting." Oregon teachers and public schools face daily attacks in the local news and in the state legislature. Radical Women will report on the cause of this rightwing-inspired onslaught and the militant response, exemplified by the recent Sandy teachers' strike. Come discuss how community supported strikes can help defend quality free education for all and prevent union busting. The meeting takes place Wednesday, April 9, at 7:00 pm at the Northwest Service Center Community Room, 1819 NW Everett, Portland. The meeting is free and open to everyone. A delicious East Indian Buffet will be offered at 6:30 pm for a \$5.00 donation. For more information or childcare, call 228-3090 two days in advance. Wheelchair accessible.

## Honorary Spalding Gray Week

The Portland Institute for Contemporary Art (PICA) offers a unique opportunity to sample from (or fest upon) three different performances by humorist Spalding Gray as he boldly proclaims Honorary Spalding Gray Week in Portland, April 15-24. The festivities begin with a benefit performance of *Interviewing the Audience*, Tuesday, April 15 from 8-11 pm at The BrevHouse Taproom & Grill (2730 NW 31st).

## Free hazardous waste disposal events slated

Bring old paint, pesticides and other toxic trash to any of Metro's three free household hazardous waste collection events in April and May. The first disposal event will be from 9 am to 3 pm, Saturday, April 5, in the Washington Square JC Penney east overflow parking lot, 9500 SW Washington Square Road. A second event takes place from 9 am to 3 pm, Saturday, April 26, at the Multnomah Greyhound Park, Northeast 223rd and Glisan. The third event, for 9 am to 3 pm, Saturday, May 17th, will take place at a parking lot across from Intel's Aloha campus, corner of Tualatin Valley Highway and Southwest 198th (entrance to the lot is off Southwest Shaw). For more information, call Amy Ward Kirschbaum, 797-1713.

## Youth to Benefit From Bridge to Bridge Run/Walk

On Sunday, April 6, the Bridge to Bridge Run and Walk will be held at Waterfront park. For 13 years, thousands of people of all ages have participated in this great event to benefit a local, non-profit organization. This year's beneficiary is Tualatin Valley Mental Health Centers. Tualatin Valley Mental Health Centers is a private, non-profit behavioral health and social service agency serving the needs of the community for more than 30 years. For more information contact Bela Friedman at 649-4761.

## Hana Matsuri (Flower Festival)

The Japanese Garden Society of Oregon in cooperation with the Saga School of Ikebana, North American Branch, proudly presents a Hana Matsuri (Flower Festival) as the special feature for the April Second Sunday Series. This event, commemorating the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha, will take place in the Garden Pavilion with the exhibition on Saturday, April 12th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and also Sunday, April 13th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Classical and modern arrangements using spring flowers will decorate the Pavilion. For additional information, please contact Maureen Sanchez, Executive Director, 223-4070.

## Alice in Wonderland

1,000 Children Laughing and Applauding Strange Creatures From Wonderland! 4,000 Portland area school children will have an opportunity to experience a live ballet performance thanks to four special school-day performances of Metro Dancers production of *Alice in Wonderland*. The full-length ballet is being presented to the general public by Metro Dancers April 26, 1997 at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts. The special school-day performances will be held on Thursday and Friday, April 24th and 25th. Contact Nancy Thompson for more information at 823-3660.

## MHRC Sponsors Dialogue On Race Relations

Join The Metropolitan Human Rights Commission in their efforts to create an affirming future for all people- express how you feel about race relations, openly and honestly, in a community dialogue on Wednesday, April 16, from 6:30 pm-9:00 pm at the Ba'hai Center, 8720 N. Ivahoe in Portland. Pre-register by contacting Linda Hunter at 823-5284. If you are a person with a disability who needs accommodation, please call 48 hours in advance.

# The Urban League's "Career Connections '97"

Thousands of job seekers and employment recruiters will go prospecting at the fifth annual "Career Connections" job fair sponsored by the Urban League of Portland and its Employer Partners. The event takes place Friday April 11 at the Memorial Coliseum Exhibit Hall. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Career Connections attracts job seekers and employers from throughout the Pacific Northwest. The event showcases employment opportunities in Oregon and Southwest Washington with a special emphasis on recruiting a diverse work force. Anyone looking for a new job or employee is invited.

"We want to give employers a chance to recruit the best job candidates from Portland and beyond" said Urban League President Lawrence J. Dark. "And we expect employers to come with more than 2500 job openings to fill." A full house of 80 employers including many of the region's largest companies and those with a strong commitment to diversity are reserving booths at the job fair. Employers represented include Bank of America, Hewlett Packard, Nordstrom, Nike, State of Oregon and Wacker Siltronic. Many of these companies are members of the League's Employment Partnership

## Portland garners national minority marketing recognition

The efforts of Portland business entrepreneur, Roy Jay and the Oregon Convention and Visitor Services Network continue to receive national attention and recognition for the City of Roses.

The April issue of Meetings and Conventions Magazine, a highly respected national monthly trade publication has a five page feature story on how cities are vying for the lucrative multi cultural convention business. Jay and Portland, Oregon were the predominating feature of the article including highly favorable comments by an African American meeting planner based in Phoenix about the staff and service at the Greenwood Inn in Beaverton.

Portland also garnered a national feature article in the February issue of Black Meetings and Tourism Magazine for the highly successful annual Hospitality Tour held last November.

The article entitled "Oregon's Minority Hospitality FAM Tour Rated 'X' For Excellent" has drawn more attention to the city as a potential destination for future minority meetings, conferences and conventions.

Under a new joint partnership marketing and promotion agreement with OCVSN, the Portland Oregon Visitors Association (POVA) has been able to secure such additional new conventions as National Association Of Minority Contractors, Black Board Of Directors Project, The Deltas, National Black Chiropractors Association, Amalgamated Transit Black Caucus and many others.

As a result of savvy marketing, promotions and public relation moves by Oregon Convention and Visitor Services Network, Portland continues to surpass such cities as Seattle, Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Miami, Houston, Dallas, Phoenix, Las Vegas, St. Louis, Detroit and others in the area of ethnic convention and tourism marketing.

## Kid's Self-Defense Day Camp At One With Heart

Are you looking for a positive way to channel your child's energy? At One With Heart's Kid's Self-Defense Day Camp kids have a lot of fun while learning valuable self-defense skills.

Kids will be taught practical physical and verbal self-defense techniques from highly qualified, professionally trained instructors.

Kids learn how to deal with bullies, threatening or inappropriate adults, and peer pressure while practicing in a safe and supportive atmosphere.

Watch your child gain confidence, self-esteem, strength, and respect for self and others.

Parents and family members are welcome to observe anytime, especially on the final day of camp when kids will demonstrate their newly acquired self-defense skills.

For more information contact Antonia or Michelle, One With Heart Physical Fitness With Purpose at 231-1999.



which helps employers recruit and retain a diverse work force.

Job seekers can attend the event free of charge. The Urban League is helping job seekers prepare for Career Connections by holding interview and resume preparation workshops in advance. "To take full advantage of the career fair, job seekers should bring multiple copies of their current resume" said the Urban League's Employment Director Christian Camp.

Job seekers will attend a short orientation before gaining access to workshops and the employer exhibit area. In the Exhibit Hall employers

will set up booths where human resource staff and job seekers can discuss current openings and future outlooks. Interview areas will be available onsite. Job seekers can explore immediate openings assess their career goals and make important connections for their future.

Career Connections will start at 8 a.m. Friday with an employer Kick-off Breakfast with two guest speakers from the Governor's new Office of Education and Workforce Policy. Daniel Santos is the Governor's Education Policy Assistant and Cam Preus-Barly is Workforce Quality Counsel Administrator for a new

office that will integrate education and workforce issues. The initiative is seen as vital to building a state workforce that meets the needs of a 21st century global economy.

The kickoff breakfast will also feature the presentation of the League's "Employment Partner of the Year" Award to the company that has gone above and beyond the call of duty in pursuing the goals of affirmative action community involvement outreach and employee retention. Tickets to the Breakfast are \$35 each.

Memorial Coliseum is served by MAX light rail and by Tri-Met bus routes #1 4 5 8 10 40 41 63 70 77 85 and 91X.

Career Connections is a fund raiser for the Urban League's Employment Department which assists people of color, women and others in finding employment. For more information on Career Connections contact the Employment Department at 503/280-2630.

The Urban League of Portland is a non-profit community-based human service economic and social justice agency serving youth and families students job seekers and seniors in the metro area. The League is one of 115 local affiliates of the National Urban League.

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