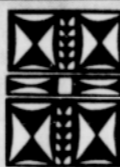


# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## The 8th annual Homowo Festival

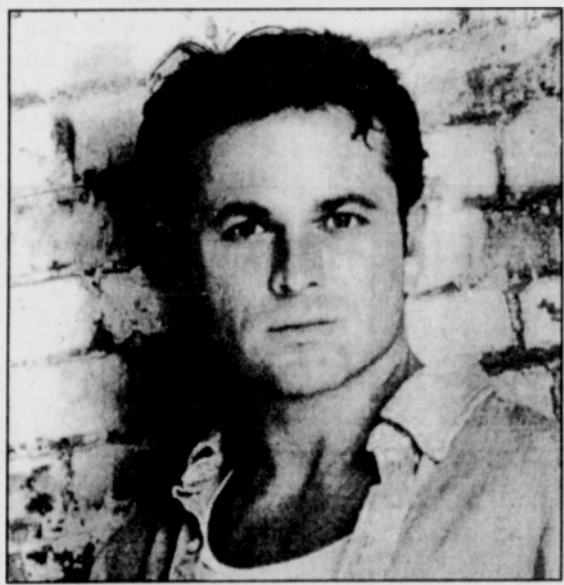


The 8th annual Homowo Festival will held August 17 at Cathedral Park under the St. Johns Bridge from 1-8 p.m. It will feature traditional music, dance, food and crafts of Africa



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## SAM HARRIS



The diversified and highly acclaimed career of Sam Harris has run the gamut from singer and songwriter to actor on Broadway and television, to writer and director.

Born and raised in Oklahoma, Sam first splashed into the public eye as the grand champion of Star Search in its premiere season. His phenomenal "overnight" rise catapulted him into the recording industry, where he has sold over a million copies of both self-produced albums, Sam Harris and Sam-I-Am. Sam has toured the country in concert and has played to sold-out audiences at Carnegie Hall, Los Angeles' Universal Amphitheater and London's West End.

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## Piece of My Soul debut album for elegant & jazzy songstress

It's almost a given that any time a phenomenal vocal talent emerges, everyone tries to peg that voice as a combination of every great singer who came before.

Constant comparisons are inevitable in an industry which thrives on the familiar, but certain artists have a distinctive character and musical vision which defies them all. With a four and a half octave range complementing her soulful charisma, Khani Cole is a timeless presence, sharing a vision of honesty and emotional resonance on her Fahrenheit Records debut Piece of My soul.

Combining powerful originals with flavorful interpretations of songs made popular by Gladys Knight, Minnie Riperton and Karla Bonoff, Cole eases effortlessly from R&B and Jazz to gospel with a hint of blues as she explores the dynamics of romance from all possible points of view. Adding elegance and jazzy textures to her performances are all-star



## Khani Cole

contributions by Brian Bromberg (bass), Joey DeFrancesco (Hammond B-3 and trumpet) and former Yellowjackets saxman Marc Russo. "The concept of this album was

based on the feelings I had surrounding the end of a deep relationship, and how I worked through it in a positive way," says Cole, a Milwaukee native who now resides in Phoenix. "I'm reflecting on the fact that sometimes things don't work out, and a part of yourself is lost to that person, yet you become stronger for all the things you learn.

"People respond to my songs because romance is an important theme to many people, and everyone relates to pain and what it takes to heal," she adds. "I focus on the voice as an instrument, working on mood and technique so that whether I wrote the song or not, it becomes a part of me. I love ballads, but I felt it would be more interesting for the listener if there were a great deal of variety in tempo and arrangement. I feel a great electricity between me and my audience when I perform live, and I wanted to convey that same sort of excitement in the recording."

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 SE 88th and Holgate Blvd. Oregon Symphony Murry Sidlin, conductor

The Oregon Symphony is featured, performing light classical favorites and popular Broadway show tunes. Community music and arts activities take place from 1:00 - 6:00 pm

**FERNHILL PARK** Sunday, August 24 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
 Rain location: Grant High School Gym 2245 NE 36th Same date and time

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Two ensembles of Oregon Symphony musicians are featured at 2:00 pm and 4:30 pm. Community music and arts activities begin at 1:00 pm and continue through 6:00 pm.

**TOM McCALL WATERFRONT PARK** Monday, September 8 at 7:00 pm  
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