

# Arts ENTERTAINMENT

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## THE PLAYERS CLUB

New Line Cinema's daring and surprisingly humorous drama, **The Players Club**, starring Lisa Raye with recording star Ice Cube making his writing-directing debut, opened in Portland April 8th.

When she's not raising her young son and trying to make ends meet, Diana Armstrong (Lisa Raye) dreams of becoming a broadcast journalist. Determined to survive and get a college degree, Diana takes a job as a stripper at The Players Club, a notorious strip joint run by a two-bit hustler named Dollar Bill (Bernie Mac).

Under the stage name of Diamond, Diana becomes a playful seductress, teasing and tempting the denizens of the dark for the crumpled dollar bills they toss on-stage. Unlike the other dancers—Ronnie (Chrystale Wilson) and Tricks (Adele Givens), whose ambitions have slowly withered beneath the harsh strip club lights—Diamond is determined to get in, get the money and get out.



New Line Cinema Presents, **The Players Club**, an Ice Cube/Pat Charbonnet Production of an Ice Cube Film. Written and directed by Ice Cube, the film is a Ghetto Bird Production produced by Patricia Charbonnet and Carl Craig. **The Players Club** stars Lisa Raye, Bernie Mac, Monica Calhoun, A.J. Johnson, Ice Cube, Alex Thomas, and Faizon Love with Jamie Foxx and John Amos. **The Players Club** is rated "R."

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## Manga Entertainment Presents General Chaos: Uncensored Animation, A Field Day Of Adult Crazy; Hits Portland On May 6 & 7

Manga Entertainment announces the Portland premiere of **General Chaos: Uncensored Animation**, a mind-boggling, eye-popping, heart-banging, pulse-racing, metaphor-mangling collection of the most eccentric, eclectic and audacious animated shorts ever to snake their way through a movie projector. If your idea of animation is a bland feature designed to sell hamburgers as well as tickets, then to the freezer and make sure Uncle Walt hasn't prematurely defrosted. But if you like animation with a sense of vi-

sual electricity, moral ambiguity and a wicked sense of the mature, then you've come to the right film! **General Chaos: Uncensored Animation** premieres in Portland at the Cinema 21 on Wednesday May 6 and Thursday May 7, 1998. Daily at 7:00, 8:55 and 10:00. Showtimes line: (503) 223-4515



Sex and Violence, Director & Animator: Bill Plympton

### "Author To Lecture At The 17th Annual Black Women's Gathering"

Empowerment '98 is this year's theme for the 17th Annual Black Women's Gathering. The Black Women's Gathering is on Sunday, May 9th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at King School, 4906 NE 6th.

Guest speaker is Debra Jackson Gandy, author of "Sacred Pampering Principals: An African American Women's Guide To Self Care and Inner Renewal." Ms. Jackson-Gandy has addressed organizations such as Black Women's Network, Washington State University's African American Women's Conference and the Annual Sister for Sister Conference. In 1998, she will co-moderate a forum for the African American Women on Tour Conference in four cities. Excerpts from her book have appeared in Essence and Today's Black Women magazines, and features have appeared in Upscale, Ebony, and Heart and Soul magazines. Her book has appeared on two best-seller lists for African American hardback non-fiction.

The Black Women's Gathering is an annual community event, to bring African American women together for a day of networking, sharing and self-renewal. For more information call 282-0193.

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