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"Equal Opportunity Award" Architects Of Creativity Profiles Behind The Mask

The Urban League of Portland will honor the recipients of its 1999 Equal Opportunity award at a dinner on March 3, 1999 at the Hilton Hotel.

Each year, the Urban League presents this award to community members who have done exemplary work in the area of equal opportunity. Peter S. Gray, vice-president-director for corporate development, Bank of America and Kay Dean Toran, director, State Office For Services To Children and Families will be honored this year.

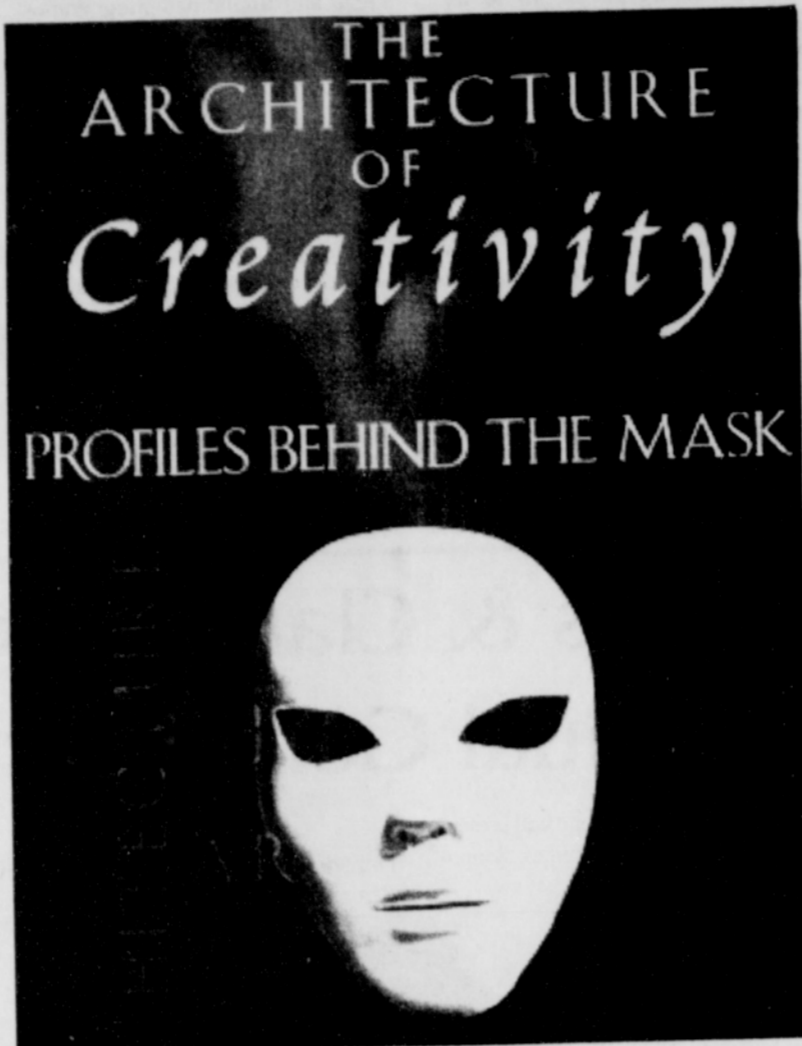
"Economic Power: Leveling the Playing Field" is the theme of this year's event and represents the League's mission of: Strengthening African Americans and all who strive toward economic self-reliance and social equality.

For tickets or information call 282-0193. The Equal Opportunity awards event begins at 6:00 p.m. with a no-host reception, followed by dinner and program at 6:45 p.m. Reservations are required. Contributing sponsors are Bank of America and Wells Fargo.



By RONALD TURCO, M.D.

Poignantly exploring the lives of Ellington, Rothko, Hardin, Mishima, VanGogh, Munch, Leonardo, Wyeth and Magritte, author RONALD TURCO immerses us in the common thread of shared human creative experience - experience that resonates with our own lives and hidden creative processes-dormant since childhood. The stories of these artists are OUR stories and, although each of us is unique, we can identify with their losses, tragedy, pleasure and aspirations. Art becomes life in the truest sense-the representational and vibrant depiction of human emotion. We find a sensuality in its complete



manifestation resonating with our own creative desires buried through time and filtered by the commonality of daily survival.

This book reads like a novel affording the reader an opportunity to become "friends" with the artists as the barriers to understanding are removed like veils. The author cuts to the heart of the psyche and intensely

explores the motivating forces fostering creativity and the struggles and blocks in the way, going well beyond biographical and historical description.

Architect of Creativity - Profiles behind The Mask may be ordered from IMAGO BOOKS - P.O. Box 25097, Portland, Oregon 97298. \$16.95 plus \$3.00 shipping/handling.



Portland Center Stage



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By JOHN HENRY REDWOOD

February 13 - March 13, 1999

Previews February 13, 14, 16, 17, 18; opens February 19; plays through March 13 at the Newmark Theatre, Portland Center for the Performing Arts, 1111 SW Broadway. For more information call 503-274-6582.

The Old Settler-Portland Center Stage, Spring 1999
Husband Witherspoon (Jeff Obafemi Carr) pleads for Elizabeth "Bess" Bony's (Tamu Grey) forgiveness in John Henry Redwood's gentle drama, The Old Settler. Directed by playwright John Henry Redwood; scenic design by Curt Enderle; light design by Dawn Chiang; costume design by Myrna Colley-Lee and sound design by Jen Raynak.

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