

# RELIGION

## Easter Presentation

The 1999 Easter Presentation The Love of the Father will be presented at Beaverton Christian Church, 13600 SW Allen Boulevard in Beaverton Friday, April 2 through Sunday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m., with a matinee on Saturday, April 3 at 3:00 p.m.

The original script tells the story of a young girl who seeks Christ for healing of a large scar on her face, only to find that others want to do all they can to keep her from Christ.

The 130-voice choir and the 30-piece orchestra, along with a cast of over three hundred will be part of the presentation.

Complimentary tickets are available through the BCC ticket office, area code 503, 646-2151, ext.237.

Contact Person: Sherri Lacy (503) 646-2151 ext.230

## The Tribe Called Judah

*"Demo Release Party"*  
Saturday March 27, 1999 - 7:30 P.M.  
Maranatha Church  
4222 NE 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue

We will be sharing the vision God has given to us to reach "Generation X". We will minister in song and we will fellowship with you during the reception. There is no charge for this event.

## Somebody Oughta Tell GOD Thank You

•Back by Popular Demand. One night only at the Civic Auditorium, Saturday, May 8, 1999, 8:00 P.M.

The Hit Gospel Stage Play "Somebody Oughta Tell God Thank You, was a huge success as it played to a sell-out crowd at the Schnitzer on January, 8. Brought to you by Standing Room Only Production company, critically acclaimed national playwright Delilah Rashell Williams certainly has another hit on her hands. Delilah has demonstrated that she can capture an audience by storm with her history of sell outs here in the Portland area. She brought

## Walt Whitman and The Soul Children of Chicago ...and what a 17 years it's been!

Mentor, motivator, rites of passage leader, disciplinarian, father figure, visionary and lifelong friend are a few of the words those close to him use to describe the sensational and award winning Soul Children of Chicago founder Walter W. Whitman, Jr. Known throughout Chicago as a dynamo and virtual living legend, Whitman formed the 75-voice Soul Children of Chicago (who range from ages seven to seventeen) in October 1981.



The choir was originally created as an extra-curricular activity to the music curriculum of St. John De LaSalle Elementary School. The mission remains constant: to maintain a demonstrational workshop environment that uses the choir experience to teach self-discipline, academic excellence, mutual support and responsibility.

Responsibility is something that Whitman learned a long time ago as the son of a Master Sgt. In the Air Force. By the age of 17, he had lived in



Left, Walt Whitman. Above, The Soul Children of Chicago

Athens, visited Ireland, Rome, Amsterdam and other countries in and throughout Europe. Born in San Antonio, Texas, with family roots in Chicago, he graduated from the famous Calumet High School, a Chicago alma mater to countless "windy city" entertainers. Whitman received his musical foundation in the church and went on to study classical piano at the Chicago Music Conservatory and took

courses at De Paul University.

The Soul Children of Chicago sing a variety of high-powered, energetic music including classical, gospel, Negro Spirituals, anthems and hymns. Regardless of the musical genre, sheer excitement is on the face of every child as their spirit lights up in song and choreography!

Often referred to as Chicago's "Goodwill ambassadors, the choir has

you "Things ain't What They Used To Be" God Is Trying To Tell You Something, and The Tour of Life and the now "Somebody Oughta Tell God Thank You" is sweeping the nation. Taking a break from Europe to play just in time for Mothers Day. As noted from curtain to the end, this is one exceptional play you definitely don't want to miss!

### Davis Seal

International Recording Artist and phenomenal actor David Seal delivers an Oscar Award Winning performance as Claude Pryor, the man who forgets about God despite his

wives constant reminder, and causes us to take stock in just how frail we really are as his reaping days leaves audiences everywhere taking serious account of themselves. Back up singer with the legendary Temptations Review featuring Dennis Edwards, this gifted and gentle man delivers dynamic performances that one critic compared only to Sydney Poitier's performance in a "Raisin in the Sun." when the curtain rises we are convinced you will agree! You might remember his outstanding performance as Oscar Crawford in the smashing hit "Things Ain't What They Used To Be". He will once again

light up the stage as Claude Pryor, the arrogant ungrateful fool

### Also joining the cast...

Veteran actor Phil Lewis from the mega hit "Gods Trying To Tell You Something" and Jane Kennedy's "The African American". Phil captivates audiences across the country with ease taking charge every moment he is on stage. Mr. Lewis plays a handsome Christian widower whose persona leaves ladies in the house on their feet and panting for air. This anointed ordained minister is also the strong and powerful voice of God in the finale.

recorded four critically acclaimed albums "We Are One", "This Is The Day", "Live and Blessed" and the Stellar Award winning CD "Growing Up" (featuring 1996's breakthrough hit, "Shabach").

The Soul Children of Chicago have worked with a cornucopia of artists including Rev. James Cleveland, Kirk Franklin, Neil Diamond, Diana Ross, Gladys Knight, Sandi Patti, Stevie Wonder, Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey and many others. Whitman served as musical director of award winning plays such as "Godspell", "Don't Bother Me I Can't Cope", and "In De Beginning". One of his most incredible productions was the Soul Children of Chicago's powerhouse version of the Broadway musical "The Wiz".

Whether it's expressing heartfelt

pain for the delivery of a Negro spiritual at Saturday morning rehearsals, tutoring young minds or going over final details on the set of The Oprah Winfrey show, Whitman has divine purpose. He is a man of integrity set with a charge to lead the children of the world into a new millenium. He accepts the charge boldly as he shapes the minds and hearts of today's youth. Walt Whitman and the Soul Children of Chicago...an experience that lasts a lifetime

A new album, Generation Celebration X, from Walt Whitman & The Soul Children will hit stores, Tuesday, March 23. The new CD from CGI Records, is the group's first in a couple of years. Their last CD, Growing Up garnered a Stellar Awards nomination.

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc.  
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## Happy Birthday Maggie Gibson



From Carl, Larry, Tamra and The Portland Observer and Friends!  
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## OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of Elenora Christina Fielder born in Houston, Texas 12/29/15, died 3/10/99 in Portland, Oregon. Employed counselor for the state of Oregon Welfare Department retired in 1986. Elenora was a member of the American Women Business Assoc, Metro Citizens Board, National Bowling Assoc. NAACP, Northwest Business Boosters, Bethal AME Church, and Albina Rotary. Survivors of Elenora Phyllis Stevens Daughter; of Oregon City, Renay Johnson daughter; of Portland, Oregon, Minnie Jones sister; of San Antonio, Tx 5 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and 3 nieces.

In Loving Memory of Harrison Hayes, Jr. Born 7/25/55 in Clarksdale, AR, died 3/9/99 in Portland, Oregon. Harrison was a member of Church of

the Living God. Survivors of Harrison Hayes, wife Traci Hayes married on 2/28/92. Riene Hayes mother; Portland Oregon, Georgia Brooks sister; Myles Brooks brother both of Chicago, IL; Sally Brooks sister of Detroit, MI; Hassie Hayes sister of St. Louis, MO; Irene Roberts sister, Odell Hayes sister both from St. Louis, MO; Cleotha Hayes sister of St. Louis, MO Lizzie Swinton sister of Little Rock, AK; Josephine Hayes sister, Ella Hayes sister both of Portland, OR; JD Hayes brother of St. Louis, MO; William Hayes brother of Portland, OR; Larry Hayes brother of St. Louis, MO; Margaret Johnson mother-in-law of Mt. Morris, Michigan; Karin Johnson sister-in-law, Phillis Tidwell sister-in-law both of Portland, OR; Gerald Johnson brother-in-law of Portland, OR.

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#### Spring Schedule, March 29 - June 11, 1999

Monday Evenings, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

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Carol Chism, N.S.W.

Tuesday Mornings, 9:00 - 12 Noon

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Bible Lands and Customs  
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Michael Lindsey, M.Div.  
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Thursday Mornings 9:00 - Noon

Old Testament Survey III  
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