

P-Town Talent Night July 31

There's a new word out on the street. A new movement. A new sound. And it all comes together July 31st at the Aladdin Theatre when P-Town Talent Night makes its debut appearance. This performance of Portland's best amateur talent promises to be the Showtime at the Apollo and Solid Gold all rolled up into one exciting two-hour variety show. This is a family show folks, so bring granny and the little tykes, too. Tickets are \$8.50 in advance and are on sale now at the Aladdin Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster locations.

The show's organizers, Robbe Hardnette and Anna Stone, have been holding city-wide auditions since June 5th in three major categories: The Word - dramatic readings, skits, rap, comedy; The Movement - dance, tap, stomp; and The Stomp - vocal and instrumental music. Three performers from each category, a total of 9 acts, will be featured, with one winner per category. All styles of entertainment in these categories are welcome, and there's no cost to audition and no cost, if chosen, to perform.

Stone reminds you to "keep it clean. This is a family show, so no profanity or explicit lyrics." While P-Town Talent Night focuses on the youth of Portland, auditions are

open to all ages.

A less publicized feature of P-Town Talent Night is its special professional guest performers. These are seasoned performers who volunteer to appear at Talent Night as a service to the community. The organizers are secretive about who the first guest performer will be, but with a lineup that includes Portland's best amateur talent and a special guest performer, Portlanders are getting a great value for their entertainment dollar.

In addition to youth apprentices ranging from sound and lighting technicians to stagehands, P-Town will present a promising youth co-host at each of its monthly shows. So far, youth focus groups have helped with planning Talent Night, auditions, and distributing flyers. Hardnette wouldn't have it any other way. From mentoring youth in music and dance to volunteering with the Boys and Girls Club Center, Hardnette has always been involved with serving the youth of

the community. And he knows the entertainment side of things from his work as a background singer for Marvin Gaye and as a promoter of

acts such as Tina Turner and Prince in the Seattle area. Hardnette's dream is "to give the Portland metro community, especially the youth, a

public, professional, and competitive venue for their talents."

For more information, call 788-3606.

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SUMMER JAM I

JULY 29, 1999

PRESENTED BY:



SUMMER JAM ARTIST LINE UP INCLUDES:

(Subject to change)

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