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Portland Taiko

Portland Taiko, the Asian American drum performance ensemble, will celebrate its fifth anniversary with its home concert, **Making Waves**, on Friday, October 22 and Saturday, October 23 in Lincoln Performance Hall at Portland State University. (A shorter children's matinee with stories and taiko will take place on the afternoon of October 23.)

Portland Taiko's power, humor, and exuberance will weave through traditional and contemporary taiko rhythms, movement, and stories. The performing art of taiko has its roots in ancient Japanese tradition and is an evolving, contemporary Asian American art form. To continue this tradition of innovation, Portland Taiko will mark its fifth

anniversary with a program of all-original works. The company will debut four new original compositions, including Korean folk-influenced *Soonie's Swing*, grooving Fusion, the driving rhythms of the big drum in *Duodaiko*, and fast and furious movements of *Sandanuchi*, as well as new adaptations of other favorite

Portland Taiko works.

Join us for an evening of drama, celebration and exhilarating music as we celebrate Portland Taiko's fiftieth year of "making waves"

in Portland. Tickets available for a nominal service charge at the P.S.U. Box Office 503/725-3307 or any Ticketmaster outlet 503/790-2787 with full service charge.



Brothers Collaborate To Produce Innovative New Calendar

Majestic Enterprises

Flavor Of The Month 2000, a novel and innovative male calendar was the brainchild of Mitchell Jackson and Wesley Johnson. The calendars were created to promote cultural diversity and provide a unique form for some of the areas fine local talent to be showcased. The calendar poses representation of many ethnic groups, including Latino, Asian, African American, and Caucasian. Portland Trailblazer point guard and homegrown talent Damon Stoudamire is the marquee feature of the production.

"When Mitch asked me to do the calendar, and told me what it was about, I was all for it." Said Stoudamire. "Anytime I can help out a friend and be a part of something positive I'll jump at the chance. Besides, I think they (the calendars) came out great." Jackson a recent graduate of Portland State University and his brother a current Portland State university senior formed Majestic Enterprises, the company responsible for the calendars. "Our mission is growth.

This year we are prima-



rily local. Next year we want to expand to regional, and soon we will have national distribution." Said Jackson "People all over the country will see our extraordinary talent showcased like never before." The calendars are available at Powells Books, Tower

Books, Reflections Books, The Calendar Store, Music Millennium, and the House of Sounds, as well as local hair and beauty salons. For more information about the calendar, the company or for any special request please contact Mitchell Jackson at (360) 254-

4943.

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Promotional Party
November 27th stay tuned to 95.5 for location
A Comic Affair early 2000
Flavor Of The Month 2001
in stores Fall 2000