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Werther

Jules Massenet

November 6,8,10,13, 1999

Sung in French with translations
projected above the stage. All per-
formances begin at 7:30PM sharp,
Civic Auditorium, SW 3rd & Clay.

Portland Opera's all-new pro-
ductions will present a fresh look
at Goethe's melancholy hero, two
centuries after the original novel
dramatically changed the lives of an
entire European generation. The
Sorrows of Young Werther was
written in 1774 at the height of the
German literary style called " Sturm
and Drang," which was based in
idealism and emphasized strong,
turbulent emotions. The novel in-
troduced a different kind of hero,
one that suffered so tremendously
from the pangs of unrequited love
that he chose to take his own life.
Goethe's best seller had such a sig-

nificant impact
that it moved
young men of the
time to don fash-
ion straight from
the pages of the
novel, and
spurred a rash of
suicide by young
gents jilted in
love.

Although in
Werther's mind,
he and Charlotte
are the perfect
pair, Portland
Opera's produc-
tion will explore
the social and
emotional forces
that pull the
would-be lovers
apart. Charlotte
has promised her dying mother that
she will marry Albert. Is her deci-
sion based only on obligation or is
Charlotte looking for another sort
of life? How will Werther react to



her fateful decision?

The haunting, romantic music of
Massenet stirs both the heart and
soul.

Portland audiences will enjoy a

unique treat with this rarely-pro-
duced opera, which remains one of
Massenet's triumphs.

For ticket information, call 503/
241-1802.

Portland Jazz

All-Stars
honor Duke
Ellington

CONTRIBUTED STORY
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The African American Health
Coalition, Inc. will present a sophis-
ticated evening of the Jazz and good
fellowship on Wednesday, Novem-
ber 3, 1999 at the Double Tree
Lloyd Center.

The Portland Jazz All Stars, a
regionally acclaimed group of tal-
ented musi-
cians featur-
ing Darrell
Grant, piano;
Andre' St.
James,
bass;
Mel



Brown, drums and Marilyn Keller,
vocalist will perform a tribute to
Duke Ellington.

The African American Health Coa-
lition, Inc. (AAHC) is a non profit
group created to help improve
health and promote wellness in the
African American community. Or-
ganized in 1989, the African
American Health Coalition presents
an annual wellness conference and
wellness village so the community
can come together and learn ways
to stay healthy and well.

For more information, call 503/
282-0193 or 503/413-1850. The
event begins at 7 PM with a recep-
tion and silent auction, followed by
the program at 8 PM.

Self Enhancement, Inc. Presents...

Wild Wild West
Fun, Food and Prizes!

1200 Free tickets available at SEI, Mon-Fri 9-6pm

Sunday
Oct 31, 1999
4:30-8:30pm

Activities designed for Elementary and Middle school students.
ELEMENTARY CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED

Mozy down Main Street, Babble with the Barber,
Take a photo in the jail, Have some cider at the
SEI Saloon, Win prizes at the Carnival, Have a
show down with the Sherriff and MORE!



Harvest Festival

SEI thanks the following community organizations and businesses for their support: The Bonneville Power Administration, The Lippman Company, NE
Community Fellowship Church, Alliance Community Bank, etc.