

The Focus **Smokey Robinson to perform at Chinook Winds**

• *The Miracle man comes to Oregon*

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Smokey Robinson brings the silky sounds of Motown to Chinook Winds Casino, October 13 & 14. A founding Motown executive, songwriter and producer, Smokey began his career fronting the Miracles, as well as composing tunes for other Motown acts. While performing with the Miracles his song-writing credits included R&B and Rock standards including "Shop Around," "Goin' To A Go-Go," "You've Really Got A Hold On Me," "Tears Of A Clown," "Ooh Baby Baby," "I Second That Emotion," and "More Love." The singer is just as renowned for the

songs he composed for other Motown artists including classics like The Temptations' "My Girl," "Get Ready" and "The Way You Do The Things You Do;" Mary Well's "You Beat Me To The Punch," "My Guy" and "Two Lovers"; Marvin Gaye's "Ain't That Peculiar" and "I'll Be Doggone" and The Marvelettes' "Don't Mess With Bill." His songs have been recorded by a diverse array of artists worldwide, including The Beatles, D'Angelo, Terence Trent D'Arby, Aretha Franklin, Jackson 5, Massive Attack, Dolly Parton, the Rolling Stones and others.

Smokey has 36 top 40 hits to his credit. He has received the Grammy "Living Legend" Award, and has



been inducted into both the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriter's Hall of Fame. He is also a recipient of the Soul Train "Heritage Award" and MARAS "Lifetime Achievement Award." With a voice as smooth as silk and as timeless as the passions he sings about, Smokey's music has never lost its smoldering allure. Smokey still sings with the same sensual passion that generations of Americans have come to love. As Smokey says, "My songs are written about love. It's an ever-lasting subject. Love always has significance and it never goes out of style." Concert time is 8 pm. both Friday and Saturday night with ticket prices ranging from \$35 - \$60, depending on seat location. For more information, or to obtain tickets, call 1-888-MAIN-ACT (624-6228) or Fred Meyer Fastix, 1-800-992-TIXX (8499).

Ain't Nothin' But a Buncha Bull

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Ain't Nothin' But a Buncha Bull is a new comedy that will open September 8 at the Wilson Center, YWCA, SW 10th and Main Streets. It plays Thursdays through Sundays at 8 p.m. through October 7.

Bunch Bull was written by Wil Sharp and is directed by Edgar Reynolds. In it, a young African American man, a white collar worker, moves from Seattle to Drywell, a small town in southern Oregon. He is there to run a diner he inherited from white relatives. Drywell residents who frequent the diner are divided about the newcomer, especially when a local young woman takes a romantic interest in him. A candid look at the realities of race relationships in rural Oregon, the comedy has been developed over a year at Artists Repertory Theatre, Miracle Theatre and the Northwest Playwrights Guild.

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