

Focus Entertainment Guide

The Great Russian Composers Thur. Nov. 30

This chamber music concert features the great Russian composers of the late 19th and 20th centuries. Violinist Aaron Meyer will be joined by pianist Janet Coleman and guitarist Bill Lamb. The program also includes the premier of a work by Aaron Meyer. The concert will be held at the Portland Art Museum, Whitsell Auditorium, located at 1219 SW Park Avenue. Call 503/226-2811 or visit the Museum's web site at www.portlandartmuseum.org.

Comedy Benefit Friday, Dec. 1

Northwest funny diva Valory J Lawrence brings her stand-up comedy stylings to Lincoln Hall's Studio Theater for a comedy benefit for the State of Oregon Charitable Fund Drive (CFD). The PSU players will open the show with original sketch comedy. The event will be on Friday, Dec. 1, 8 p.m. at PSU's Lincoln Hall Studio Theater, located at 1620 SW Park.

Annual

Instructors Show Tuesday, Dec. 5 - Wednesday, Jan. 3

Current work by the Multnomah Arts Center instructors will be on view at the Center Gallery beginning Tuesday, Dec. 5. The show will include various media such as fibers, ceramics, painting, calligraphy and drawing. The exhibit may be seen through Wednesday, Jan. 3. The Multnomah Arts Center is located at 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. in Portland. Call 503/823-3187.

The Listening Attic

Thur. Dec. 7 - Fri. Dec. 15

The Littman Gallery will present The Listening Attic, a unique exhibition that concentrates on the mixed emotions that dolls create. Amanda Gallagher simulates an alternate reality, which resides only within the interaction between the dolls, yet becomes temporarily frozen as you the viewer intrude upon the moment. This is a free event for all. The gallery is open Mon. - Friday, 12:00 - 4 p.m. and 12:00 - 7 p.m. on Thursdays.

Action Heroes

Wednesday, Dec. 13

From the fairground to the circus to the cinema screen, American stunt artists continue to thrill audiences

from every walk of life. In her newest piece, "Action Heroes," choreographer Elizabeth Streb pays homage to these uncelebrated and often disdained daredevils who are such a part of our popular culture such as Evil Knevil, Cannonball Joe and Annie Taylor, the hero of Niagra Falls. The event will be on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at the University of Portland Chiles Center at 8 p.m. For more info., call 503/242-1419.

A Nightmare in Portland Fri. Dec. 15 - Sun. Dec.



The Tears of Joy Theater will be showing a puppet rendition of the Mercer Mayer story called "There's a Nightmare in My Closet" from Dec. 15 - Dec. 31.

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Adapted from the book by American author and illustrator Mercer Mayer, "There's a Nightmare in My Closet" is a delight to audiences of all ages. The play incorporates a Danish folktale called "The Fat Cat" and a poem by Lewis Carroll entitled "Jabberwocky." Recommended for all ages. The performance will be held at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts, located at Dolores Winningstad Theater, 1111 SW Broadway. Call 503/248-0557 or 360/695-3050.

Woman Thou Art

Loosed Sun. Dec. 31

The #1 Gospel stage play in America, "Woman Thou Art Loosed" is coming to Portland at the Arlene Schnitzer Theater on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 at 5 p.m. This is the perfect way to end the old year and begin the New Year. Tickets are on sale now by calling 503/790-ARTS.

Miracle of a Million Lights Debut This Saturday



The Queen Anne Victorian Mansion invites visitors to attend the spectacular lighting of its 25 million lights.

Opening night for the 7th annual festival is Saturday Dec. 2.

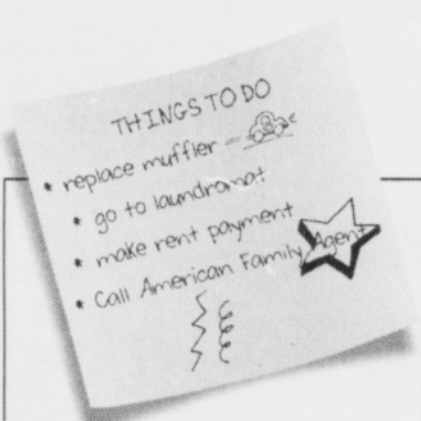
The festivities will include a children's winter wonderland, Santa Claus and a performance by premier northwest saxophonist Patrick Lamb and his band; along with special artist Debra Grove.

The Miracle of a Million Lights will presents its sole benefactor, Camp UKANDU, an American Cancer Society camping program for children with illnesses that otherwise

prevent them from enjoying such childhood experiences. Admission to the mansion is \$4 for adults, and \$2 for children 3-12.

The Opening night festivities are from 6-11 p.m. The mansion is located at 1441 N. McClellan, across the street from the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles.

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