



The Focus on Entertainment

Entertainment Guide

Saturday Storytime Every Saturday

Every Saturday, we read your favorite children's books aloud for children and their adult companions. Specifically for children ages 0-6, Saturday Storytime always features refreshments and a coloring activity, as well. This month, we'll also have Storytimes featuring books about Irish Heritage Month and Women's History Month. Call 503/335-0201 for information about this week's title.

Whiskey Dinners in the Ballroom Thursday, March 8

On Thursday, March 8, McMenamins Edgefield serves the Jameson Irish Whiskey Dinner in the Ballroom. Seating begins at 7 p.m., as Executive Chef Chris Berning prepares a special menu of four courses, each paired with a Jameson whiskey and McMenamins Dry Irish Stout. For reservations, call 503/669-8610.

Columbia River History Program Fri. March 9 & Sat. March 10

On Friday, March 9 and Saturday, March 10, renowned Northwest artist Lillian Pitt and Elizabeth Woody will combine image and the spoken word to express their perspectives of Columbia River Basin history. This FREE program entitled "Memory and Other Familiar Words" will begin at 7:30 p.m. on both nights. The Center for Columbia River History is located at O.O. Howard House, Suite D; 750 Anderson St. in Vancouver, Washington. Call 360/992-1821.

Metropolitan Youth Symphony Spring Concert Fri. March 9

The Metropolitan Youth Symphony will present a concert for spring on Friday, March 9. The 7:30 p.m. concert will be held at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, Portland. The concert will also showcase the winner of the annual concerto competition. The evening promises to delight the whole family with wonderful music presented by some of the area's finest young musicians. Call 503/239-4566.

Poems Over Broadway Friday, March 9

Poets of all ages, styles and skill levels are invited to read their work in a comfortable, non-confrontational setting. Poetry lovers can sit in and listen as well. Barnes & Noble Booksellers, located at NE 13th & Broadway (Lloyd Center) will be hosting "Poems Over Broadway" on Friday, March 9 at 7 p.m. For more information, call 503/335-0201.

Concert to Benefit Domestic Violence Survivors Saturday, March 10

Michael Allen Harrison will be giving a piano concert to benefit Human Solutions' work aiding survivors of domestic violence. The concert will be followed by a small auction. Human Solutions' programs include services to families affected by domestic violence and pregnant and parenting teens. The event will be on Saturday, March 10, 7 p.m. at the Persimmon Country Club, located at 500 SE Butler Road in Gresham. Call 503/674-3385.

30th Annual Instrumental Jazz Festival March 16 & 17

Talented young jazz musicians from around the Northwest will

gather at Clackamas Community College for the 30th annual Instrumental Jazz Festival on March 16 and 17. The best of middle, junior high and high school bands from Oregon, Washington, California and Idaho will compete. The competition begins about 8 a.m. each day in the Randall Gym. Final competitions will be held at 7:30 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday. Call 503/657-6958, ext. 2434.

Women's History Month Book Party Saturday, March 24

Women's History Month celebration and book launch for the new edition of "The Radical Women Manifesto: Socialist Feminist Theory, Program and Organizational Structure." Festivities include a presentation on the radical roots of the fight for equal rights, a tribute to trailblazing foremothers and readings from the book. This event will be held on Saturday, March 24, 6 p.m. at Radical Women, located at 819 N. Killingsworth. Call 503/240-4462.

Chinese Take-Out Sat. March 24 & 31

"Chinese Take-Out" is an innovative and imaginative theatre production for adults, will be performed at the Deloris Winningstad Theatre located at 1111 SW Broadway. The show varies with what the audience chooses to "takeout." Our host takes our order from a menu of Chinese food names, and then serves the order in the form of several vignettes. It is a brilliant conceptual piece, unique and fully developed. The pieces range from whimsical to bawdy. Call 503/248-0557.

The Original Cats are Back

Portland's Most Legendary Musicians Get Together for Regular Gigs The Original Cats are Portland's treasure of jazz musicians. Their live show can consist of be-bop, straight, swing, blues; any genre, any time. Not only are "The Original Cats" a link to another age in America and specifically Portland, "The Cats" are playing as good as ever! These guys still have something to say. And we're still listening.

Members of the group include:

Bobby Bradford - Trumpet. For the last 40 years, Bobby has been considered one of Portland's most important musical influences. Recently Mr. Bradford was coaxed up on stage by Branford Marsalis to sit in during a date here in town Bobby spend his early years playing and touring with such acts as Illinois Jacquet, Charlie Barnett, Jabbo Smith, Ray Charles and Quincy Jones.

Cleve Williams - Trombone. A first cousin of Bobby Bradford's, Cleve has been a fixture on the Portland scene since he and his cousin arrived here from Arkansas more than 40 years ago. Mr. Williams has sat in and toured with such heavyweights as Billie Holliday, Dinah Washington, Fats Domino, Ernestine Anderson, and local greats Warren Bracken and Roscoe Weathers.

"Sweet Baby" James Benton - Vocals. "Sweet Baby" started his career when he joined the Frank Martin trio for 4 years and then continued as a prominent member of the legendary west coast vocal jazz groups The DelTones and The Audios during the Williams St. heyday during which he ran the famous "backyard" after hours nightclub. Mr. Benton continues to be in demand and his work on the latest Mel Brown release 'Mister Groove' showcases his timeless, soulful vocals.

Bob Hernandez - Saxophone. After spending 35 years in Las Vegas and before that time spent in New York, New Orleans, Los Angeles, and Monterey as a professional musician; Bob has been a Portlander since 1986. He has performed and recorded with such acts as Billy Eckstine, Rosemary Clooney, Lionel Hampton, Ella Fitzgerald, Jack Constanzo, Xavier Cougat, and Louis Prima.

Frank de la Rosa - Bass. Frank has played and toured with such heavyweights as Harry "Sweets" Edison, Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn, and Ernie Andrews. Mr. de la Rosa was a high-demand session player in Los

Angeles for 30 years and was a member of the backing band for Frank Sinatra and the original "Rat Pack" at the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas.

PortlandJazz.com is honored to present "The Original Cats." Catch local jazz legends play at Berbat's Pan, located at 231 SW Ankeney St., from Wednesday, March 7 through May 2. They will also do live performances at the Paragon Restaurant, located at 605 NW 13th St., from

8:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. on Thursday, March 29 and Thursday, April 26. For more information



"Sweet Baby" James Benton

on these acts, or to book them for an event, call Tim Gallineau at 503/232-1556.

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