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The Finest Asian American Performances at Art 3

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Indonesian, Indian, Hawai-

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Nepalese and Per-

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ArtExplosion

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day, June 23, will

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Lao, Samoan, Indian, Japanese

and other Asian

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from: The Cam-

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Cultural Dance

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Portland Taiko presents the finest of four region's Asian Pacific American performance at ArtExplosion! Asian Pacific American Performing Arts Festival-celebrating contemporary and traditional dance, music and theater. The first-ever ArtExplosion will feature a dynamic range of beauty, intensity, drama, and the many diverse cultures of Asian/Pacific America.

Portland Taiko has discovered a veritable explosion of Asian American art in our region and will showcase 18 artists and ensembles - over 100 performers in all-at a series of four

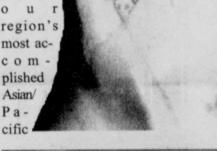
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events. The first, a Brown Bag Lunch Artists' Dialogue, will be a free public dis-

cussion with the evening program artists on Monday, June 18 at noon at the Multnomah, County Public Library. The ArtExplosion Evening Concerts on Friday and Saturday nights, June 22 & 23, will present





American dancers, musicians, and actors. Many of the performers on these evening programs are masters of their art forms and leaders in their reOregon's Samoan Dancers, and United Voices of the American Friends Service Committee Latin/Asian Pacific Program.

OCEAN 503 COMING EVENTS

JUNE FRIDAY, JUNE 22ND - 6:30 TO 10:00 PM BILLY REEDS ON MLK 503-493-8127 JULY FRIDAY, JULY 6th STERNWHEELER CRUISE - 6:30 PM TO 10:00 PM SATURDAY, JULY 7TH - 9:30 PM TO 1:30 AM Candlelight Room - 5th & Lincoln - 503-222-3378

FRIDAY, JULY 13th - 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM CHICAGO BLUES - 109 W. 15TH IN VANCOUVER 360-735-0600

SATURDAY, JULY 14th - 7:30 TO 11:00 PM BILLY REEDS ON MLK 503-493-8127

SATURDAY, JULY 21 RED LION INN COLISEUM, EDGEWATER LOUNGE

AUGUST FRIDAY, AUGUST 3RD & FRIDAY AUGUST 10TH STERNWHEELER CRUISE - 7:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4TH RIVER CITY SALOON, HOOD RIVEH, OR SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH - 1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM MIRACLES STREET CELEBRATION - MLK & MASON ST. FRIDAY, AUGUST 17TH & SATURDAY AUGUST 18TH Candlelight Room - 5th & Lincoln - 503-222-3378

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