

Portland **FOCUS** Observer

Blues Festival to Feature 100 Performers

STORY CONTINUED FROM METROFRONT 4th to complete its campaign to build a new warehouse and office facility. Call 503/282-0555, ext. 227 for more information.

In order to prepare for this important fundraiser, the Hawthorne Bridge will close to motor vehicle traffic at 6:30 p.m. on July 3rd and will re-open at 5 a.m. on July 5th. The event and its auxiliary effects-trailers, catering vehicles, etc. will occupy the two south lanes from the east end of the drawbridge section. The bridge spans closest to the west side of the river will remain open to the public at the discretion of the city's emergency services.

Performing on Wednesday, July 4 (Noon - 10 p.m.)

✦ 21-year old Shemekia Copeland, daughter of the late Texas guitar legend, Johnny Copeland, who headlined in 1992;

✦ The likely instigators of the recent swing revival, Roomful of Blues, featuring a variety of blues-based styles;

Thursday, July 5 (Noon - 10 p.m.)

✦ Austin, Texas drummer Chris Layton and bassist Tommy Shannon, AKA Double Trouble, form one of the world's premiere blues/rock/R&B rhythm sections, recording and touring with a venerable Who's Who of the contemporary blues scene from Eric Clapton to B.B. King.

✦ Vocalist Malford Milligan will also be featured earlier in Austin Kick-Butt Gospel, featuring Austin blues/reggae veteran Papa Mali, bassist Sarah Brown, guitarist Steve James and others.

Friday, July 6 (Noon - 10 p.m.)

✦ Transcending traditional musical boundaries, Little Feat's inimitable fusion of California rock and Dixie-inflected funk-boogie

has been building a cult following since 1969;

✦ Big Chief Bo Dollis & The Wild Magnolias, the reigning chieftains of New Orleans Mardi Gras Indian tribes. With their blinding sequins and feathers, they are the prototype glitter band, providing



Wild Magnolias are part of New Orleans' Mardi Gras Funk Tribe. They are known for their traditional call and response chants to the hot, biting percussion that underscores the Crescent City's historical ties with French Haiti and West Africa. Their music has influenced Neville Brothers and many major R&B artists. They will be playing at the Waterfront Blues Festival on Friday, July 6.

Saturday, July 7 (Noon - 10 p.m.)

✦ Harmonica ace Rockin' Jake was named "Best Blues Harmonica" player by his peers several years running at the "Best of the Beat" New Orleans music awards;

✦ New Orleans' acclaimed singer/songwriter/guitarist and ex-cab-driver Mem Shannon pays homage to the music of Memphis and New Orleans, and proves why he has been hailed as one of the finest contemporary writers of blues;

✦ Saturday's lineup closes with a rare appearance by legendary soul singer Solomon Burke; Pro-

claimed as the "King of Rock and Soul" and "the Bishop of Soul," Burke became one of the mainstays of Atlantic Records "soul clan";

Sunday, July 8 (Noon - 9 p.m.)

✦ Other highlights Sunday include main stage and Front Porch

gospel sets by soul diva Linda Hornbuckle; blues harmonica legend Paul deLay and his band; the Albina Originals, featuring Rainelle Clay, Lloyd Allen, Mel Solomon, Norman Sylvester, and others; the Santa Fe guitarist Key Frances; a festival debut by Eugen's Rue de Blues, featuring the formidable guitar work of Don Altars and soulful vocals of Marily Keller; and a front porch set by Sheila Wilcoxsona dn Steve Cameron.

Additional acts to be announced. Schedule subject to change. For updates, complete lineup, in-depth artist bios and sound clips, visit www.waterfrontbluesfest.com, or phone the Waterfront Blues Festival information line at 503/973-FEST.

**Summer's Biggest Blockbusters, Continued From Page B2
Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within**

Synopsis: The year is 2065 and Earth is under siege. A meteor has crashed onto the planet, unleashing millions of alien creatures which roam the Earth. Decimating field and city alike, these predators are threatening to extinguish all life on the planet. The survivors of the initial onslaught have retreated to barrier cities built to protect the inhabitants of Earth from the marauding invaders. But the few cities around the globe are in decline and time is running out. Yet, the spirit of humankind is resilient and embodied in the brilliant and beautiful Dr. Aki Ross. Determined and capable, Aki strives as Earth's last hope against extinction. With the guidance of her scientific mentor, Dr. Sid, and the aid of the Deep Eyes military squadron led by the courageous Captain Gray Edwards, Aki races to save both the Earth and herself. But her quest is jeopardized by the militant opposition of General Hein, who plots to unleash a massive space cannon that will annihilate the aliens and possibly the Earth.



Genre(s): adventure, animation, sci-fi, adaptation; **Rating:** MPA PG-13; **Runtime:** 91 mins.; **Distributor(s):** Columbia Pictures (USA); **Theatrical Release:** July 13.

Jurassic Park 3

Synopsis: Anxious to fund research for his new theory of velociraptor intelligence, renowned paleontologist Dr. Alan Grant is persuaded by a wealthy adventurer and his wife to accompany them on an aerial tour of Isla Sorna. This infamous island, once InGen's site B, has become both a primordial breeding ground for John Hammond's magnificent creations and a magnet for thrill-seekers eager to encounter them. When a tragic accident maroons the party of seven, Grant discovers the true reason deceptive hosts have invited him along. In their perilous attempt to escape with their lives, the dwindling group encounters terrifying new creatures undisclosed by InGen, and Grant is forced to learn the dreadful implications of his raptor intelligence theory firsthand.



Genre(s): sci-fi, action, sequel, adventure; **Rating:** MPA PG-13; **Distributor(s):** Universal Pictures (USA); **Theatrical Release:** July 18.

Planet of the Apes

Synopsis: Three astronauts land on a mysterious planet which is ruled by intelligent apes and are taken prisoner. Soon, they find out they have travelled in a time warp to the Earth, but in its far future.

Genre(s): action, drama, sci-fi, adventure, adaptation; **Rating:** MPA NR; **Distributor(s):** 20th Century Fox (USA); **Theatrical Release:** July 27.

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