

Portland Observer **FOCUS**



HAIRSTORIES

Exploring the politics of African American hair through dance, text and music is "HairStories" by the Urban Bush Women, a local dance troupe. They will be performing at Portland State University's Lincoln Hall on Dec. 13, 14 and 15 at 8 p.m.



October 27 - April 28

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Tartuffe
A Classical Comedy on Morals



Family life gets turned upside down when a deceitful man pays a visit in "Tartuffe."

"Tartuffe: The Visitor" tells the story of a household turned upside down by a pious visitor who demands moral obedience from his host family—all the while conducting himself in quite a different manner. The story of virtue, vengeance and fanaticism is by turns hilarious, startling and disturbing as one family reckons with its own responses to their visitor's influence.

This style-hopping adaptation of Moliere's great comedy by the Sojourn Company explores the French tale in the context of a

world facing global conflict—what are the responses we find in our own house? Faith and righteousness become entangled in a battle between the play's plot and the emotions of the present moment as Sojourn artists offer an evening of dizzying surprises, choreographed collisions and challenging perspectives.

Performances of "Tartuffe: The Visitor" will be at the Echo Theatre, located at 1515 SE. 37th Ave., Dec. 14 - 16, 8 p.m. Call 971-544-0464 for ticket information or reservations.

At the Movies

Ocean's Eleven

Danny Ocean and his hand-picked crew of specialists gather in Las Vegas to attempt the most extravagant casino heist ever: they plan to rob the Bellagio, the Mirage, and Treasure Island simultaneously. In this remake of the classic Frank Sinatra film by the same name (regarded as one of the best the infamous "Rat Pack" ever made), there are a few modern-day differences. (Genre: action, adventure, comedy, crime, remake; Rating: PG-13)



A new generation of actors remake Frank Sinatra's 1960 film on multiple casino heists in "Ocean's Eleven."

Pinero

The film tells the life story of Miguel Pinero, the late Puerto Rican poet and playwright, who did time in Sing Sing for drug dealing and petty theft. When he turned his prison experiences into the 1974 Tony-Award winning play "Short Eyes," the resulting notoriety and fame was too much for the Latino bad-boy genius. He retreated to the darker corners of New York City dying prematurely in 1988. (Genre: biopic, drama; Rating: R; Running time: 129 mins.)

Baran

Young Lateef works on a Tehran construction sight with his fellow Iranians and a few illegal Afghan workers. When Lateef is given heavier tasks to accommodate new Afghan worker Rahmat, he resents his displacement and treats Rahmat cruelly. After one of his pranks, though, Lateef discovers Rahmat's secret—he is a woman. Lateef's heart softens, then, as he shows new affection for Rahmat by doing what he can to ease the hardships she suffers at work. (Genre: romance, teenage, drama; Rating: MPAA; Running time: 94 mins.)

concerts will feature an eclectic selection of beautiful holiday music to celebrate Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, Solstice and New Years.

Women in Chorus

The 100+ voices of Aurora Chorus will be presenting a non-traditional holiday concert to remind us of our relationship to the turning seasons of the earth, the mystery of the cosmos and of the soul's returning to its source through its yearnings for peace and good will. They will be giving two performances entitled "Nightsongs and Lullabies" on Sunday, Dec. 16 at the Parkrose High School Auditorium, located at 12003 NE. Shaver at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Call 503-287-6721.

Handel's Messiah at Oregon Garden

As a component of its holiday activities, The Oregon Garden announces the presentation of Handel's Messiah by the Portland baroque Orchestra on Monday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the J. Frank Schmidt Jr. Pavilion. Seating is limited to 600 for this outstanding holiday treat. Call 503-674-8264 or go online to www.pbo.org.

Hip Hop Punk Rock

The self-described "psychedelic hip-hop punk rock" outfit the Kottonmouth Kings from California will be performing at the Roseland Theater on Friday, Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. along with Primer 55 and Mix Mob. Tickets are on sale by calling 503-224-8499 or go online to www.fastixx.com.

Portland Opera Works

Portland Opera Works!, the touring division of Portland Opera's Education and Outreach program will be presenting an operatic production called "An American Magic Flute" that combines the beautiful melodies of Mozart's "Magic Flute" with Native American story-telling. The show will be at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts, located at 1111 SW. Broadway on Thursday, Dec. 20, noon time. Call 241-1407 or go online to www.portlandopera.org.

Kwanzaa Gala & Gentlemen's Ball

The Bridge Builders will be having their fifth annual Kwanzaa Gala and Gentlemen's Ball on Saturday, Dec. 29 at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, located at SW. Broadway and Main. The ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a post celebration gala at the Governor Hotel, located at 611 SW. Tenth Ave., from 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. African or European inspired formal wear is recommended. Call 306-2960.

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ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Oregon Ballet Theatre's "The Nutcracker" Through Dec. 23
"The Nutcracker"—a spellbinding and enchanting ballet about fantasy, magic and childhood dreams performs until Dec. 19 in Portland's Keller Auditorium. Tickets are available by phone at 503-2-BALLET, toll free at 1-888-9-BALLET, or through TicketMaster at 503-790-ARTS.

Tears of Joy Theatre Through Dec. 30
Tears of Joy Theatre will be giving a performance of "Alice in Wonderland" throughout December. In the production, Alice meets masked characters and puppets in a treasure-filled Victorian attic. This is fast-paced physical theatre with masks, puppets and music. The theatre is located at 1111 SW. Broadway. Fortickets and information, call 360-695-0477.

Barnes & Nobel Art Exhibit Friday, Dec. 14
Barnes & Nobel, Jantzen Beach will be featuring abstract collage prints by the student in Jill Brenan's Third Grade Class at Chief Joseph Elementary School in North Portland. You can meet the student artists at an Artists' Reception in their honor on Friday, Dec. 14, from 7-8 p.m. Help support these young emerging student artists! Call 503-283-2800.

OMSI Celebrates Winter Solstice Dec. 14, 15 & 21, 22
Travel through time on a journey of discovery with: "Return of the Light" at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. This is a multi-media planetarium show celebrating the winter solstice with an extraordinary combination of live vocals and imagery. Show times are Dec. 14, 15 at 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Dec. 21 and 22. Tickets are available by calling 797-4661.

Lakewood Theatre Company Dec. 15 & 22
The Lakewood Theatre Company will be presenting a child focused musical review called the Holiday Magic Breakfast Theatre. The show is an original adaptation of holiday stories and songs from different cultures. Performances are suitable for ages 3-12. The event will be held in the Community Meeting Room at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Saturdays, Dec. 15 and 22. A continental breakfast is included. Call 503-635-3901.

Portland Gay Men's Chorus Dec. 15 & 16
The Portland Gay Men's Chorus will be giving their annual holiday concert called "Holiday Voices" on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. in the Kaul Auditorium, Reed College. The

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John D. Papp, Music Director & Conductor

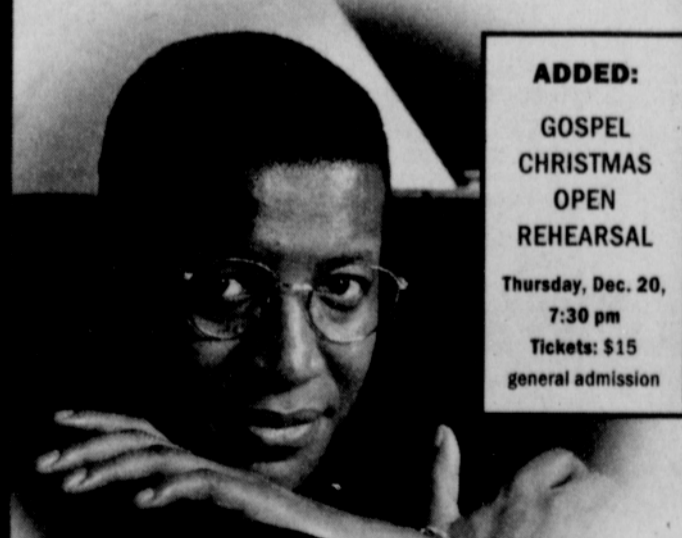
GOSPEL CHRISTMAS

Friday, Dec. 21, 7:30 pm Sponsored by Kuni Automotive
Saturday, Dec. 22, 7:30 pm Sponsored by Time Warner Telecom

Charles Floyd, conductor
Northwest Community Gospel Chorus

Join Charles Floyd, the Oregon Symphony and the acclaimed Northwest Community Gospel Chorus for an inspiring and spirited Christmas celebration. Please bring a can of food for the Oregon Food Bank.

Tickets start at \$19
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ADDED:
GOSPEL CHRISTMAS OPEN REHEARSAL

Thursday, Dec. 20, 7:30 pm
Tickets: \$15 general admission

FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION:
Call 503-228-1353 | 1-800-228-7343 | Mon - Sat, 9 am - 5 pm
www.orsymphony.org | 503-790-ARTS (service charge may apply)
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