


FOCUS

Portland is Gonna Jump and Jive with "Swing"

Nominated for six Tony Awards, "Swing" is a celebration of the music and dance phenomenon that swept the nation in the '30s and '40s and has returned to become one of today's fastest growing trends. More than a dance revue, "Swing!" crosses ethnic and cultural barriers, hi-lighting an eclectic mix of Jive, Latin Swing, West Coast Swing, Hip-Hop Swing and Country Western Swing.

This all-singing, all-dancing evening features a mix of new and classic songs and over 30 tour de force dance numbers — some comic, some romantic, some nostalgic, some sexy. "Swing!" also features spectacular vocal performances, while the entire show is driven by the dynamic sound of a hot neo-Swing band.

The original Broadway Musical "Swing!" will play Keller Auditorium for eight performances, Jan. 1-6. For tickets and information, call 241-1407 or go online to www.portlandopera.com.



Having some friendly competition, "Swing" dancers show their stuff as they try to top each other.

At the Movies

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring



Uruk-Hai, an army of horrible mutants battle for blood in "The Lord of the Rings."

Set in mythic pre-historic times, the story of a desperate battle against encroaching evil unfolds. It pits young hobbit Frodo, who has inherited a magic ring from his elderly cousin Bilbo, against the dark Lor Sauron. Wise to the powers that the magic ring holds, Sauron desires it, knowing its power will enable him to enslave the people of Middle Earth. In an effort to thwart Sauron, Frodo recruits the fellowship of the wizard, an elf, a dwarf and others on a mission to destroy the ring so no being can misuse it; however, by casting it into the volcanic fires in the Crack of Doom, the ring unleashes its own power in the struggle. (Genre: epic, adaptation, live-action, fantasy; Rating: PG-13; Running time: 87 mins.)

The Royal Tenenbaums



A family of eccentric geniuses reunite unexpectedly after a long separation in "The Royal Tenenbaums."

Royal Tenenbaum and his wife Etheline have three children—Chas, Margo and Richie—a family of geniuses. Chas started buying real estate in his early teens (having a seemingly preternatural understanding of international finance), Margot was a playwright (who received a Braverman grant of \$50,000 in the ninth grade) and Richie was a junior champion tennis player (who won the U.S. Nationals three years in a row). Each genius' ability appeared unparalleled until Royal and Etheline separated and virtually all memory of the Tenenbaum brilliance was subsequently erased. The tale follows the family's sudden and unexpected reunion one winter. (Genre: comedy; Rating: R; Running time: 90 mins.)

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE



In celebration of the seven principles of Kwanzaa, the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, located at 5340 N. Interstate, will be having a multi-artist exhibition until the end of the month. To recognize creativity on the last day of Kwanzaa, IFCC will be offering music, ceremony and a feast. For more information, call 823-2072.

The Blue Show at Talisman Gallery Dec. 27 - Jan. 27

A unique group of artists will premiere their works in an exhibit around the theme color of blue in the "Blue Show." The opening reception of 17 artists will be on the Last Thursday, Dec. 27, from 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. at 1476 NE. Alberta St. The Talisman Gallery has 2-4 Group shows annually and rotates 2-person shows year round. All events are free and open to the public.

Kwanzaa for Kids Dec. 27 & 28

Children ages 6-12 can celebrate Kwanzaa in a safe and supportive environment at the Matt Dishman Community Center, located at 77 NE. Knott. Practice cooperation and team work with sports and games. Develop creativity with arts and crafts. Please bring a lunch. This Winter Break Camp will be continuing on Thursday, Dec. 27 and Friday, Dec. 28, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 823-3186.

Kwanzaa Gala & Gentlemen's Ball Saturday, Dec. 29

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.

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. For tickets and information, call 360-695-0477.

Caroling at Pittcock Mansion Through Dec. 31

"Carols of the Season" is the theme selected for Pittcock Mansion this holiday. The Northwest Society of Interior Designers has volunteered to provide traditional and festive backdrops throughout the Mansion. Carols are played throughout the rooms and there will be some live performances on the weekends. The holiday make-over can be viewed until Monday, Dec. 31, from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. every day at 3229 NW. Pittcock Dr. Call 503-823-3624.

New Year's Eve Bash at Seges Monday, Dec. 31

Enjoy your New Year's Celebration at Seges, a Portland nightclub located at 818 SW. 1st. Music artist Shamir will be playing, from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., with DJs Sweet Pea and Felix finishing up the night spinning music to dance to. Call 503-279-0250.

Artist Exhibit at Lawrence Gallery Friday, Jan. 4

Best-selling sculptors and watercolor artists Gene and Rebecca Tobey will begin an exhibit of their work on Friday, Jan. 4 at Lawrence Gallery in Sheridan and in Portland's Pearl District. The Tobey's collaborate to make animals out of ceramic and bronze, and do watercolor painting on embossed paper. The Lawrence Gallery features more than 150 Northwest artists. Call 228-1776 or go online to www.lawrencegallery.net.

Hip Hop Dance Workshop Jan. 15 - March 7

An eight-week Hip Hop dance workshop will be held at PSU's Peter Stott Center Room 207, Jan. 15 - March 7, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 5:15 - 6:45 p.m. Maricella Devine will teach an enticing combination of Hip Hop moves with a personal flair. Call 725-5670.

Chinook Winds Coastal Carving Show Jan. 20 & 21

The Coastal Carvers of Lincoln City invite you to their 10th annual "Artistry in Wood" show and sale to be held on Jan. 19, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Jan. 20, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City. The free art show will have over 60 exhibitors with fine wood carvings on display for the public to enjoy. Aspiring artists and the casual observer will enjoy carving demonstrations both days. Items will be raffled throughout both days. Call 541-996-5900.

25th Anniversary of "Roots" Jan. 20 - 25


On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of its original 1977 premiere, "Roots," Alex Haley's Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece of storytelling is presented exclusively, from Sunday, Jan. 20 - 25, 9-11 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 26, noon to midnight on Hallmark Channel U.S. Throughout the weeklong celebration, Hallmark Channel U.S. will salute the 25th anniversary with interviews with some of the miniseries' original stars and producers. Alex Haley's family will also participate.

Lou Rawls at Chinook Winds Jan. 25 & 26

"You'll Never Find (Another Love Like Mine)" or a better chance to see the legendary Lou Rawls than when he performs at Chinook Winds Casino & Convention Center on Jan. 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. in Lincoln City. For more information, call 1-888-MAIN-ACT (624-6228) or Fastixx, 1-800-992-TIXX (8499).

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