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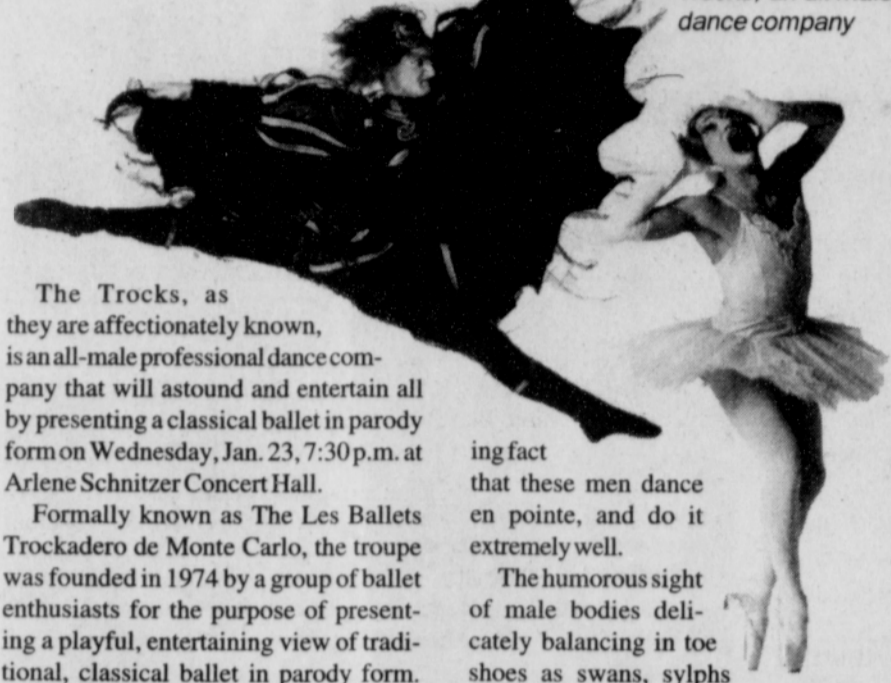
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## Not Your Typical Ballet Performance



Bringing their hilarious style of classical ballet to Portland are the Trocks, an all-male dance company

The Trocks, as they are affectionately known, is an all-male professional dance company that will astound and entertain all by presenting a classical ballet in parody form on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m. at Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

Formally known as The Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo, the troupe was founded in 1974 by a group of ballet enthusiasts for the purpose of presenting a playful, entertaining view of traditional, classical ballet in parody form. Since then, this all-male ballet company has found enormous critical and popular success all over the world, not only for its humorous take on classics like "Swan Lake" and "Giselle" but for the astonish-

ing fact that these men dance en pointe, and do it extremely well. The humorous sight of male bodies delicately balancing in toe shoes as swans, sylphs and water sprites - the gleeful leaps, poses and plunges - delight, amuse and serve the Trockaderos' original purpose: to bring the pleasure of dance to the widest possible audience.

## @ THE MOVIES

### Black Hawk Down

Based on actual events, "Black Hawk Down" is the heroic account of a group of elite U.S. soldiers sent into Mogadishu, Somalia in Oct. 1993 as part of a U.N. peacekeeping operation. Their mission: to abduct several top lieutenants of the Somali warlord, Mohamed Farah Aidid, as part of a



Josh Hartnett plays Eversmann on a special peacekeeping mission in Somalia in "Black Hawk Down."

strategy to quell the civil war and famine that is ravaging the country. Young Rangers and veteran Delta Force soldiers must fight side by side against overwhelming odds. For 18 harrowing hours, they remain trapped and wounded until a rescue convoy can be mounted to retrieve them. (Genre: adaptation, drama, political, war, historical; Rating: R)

### The Mothman Prophecies

Unexplained lights in the sky, strange noises and a bridge disaster are just a few in a series of strange events that transpire in a small West Virginia town. Psychic visions and winged alien creatures are supposedly at the root of these oddities. Hoping the occurrences will be a link to his wife's mysterious death, reporter John Kline goes to investigate. (Genre: adaptation, romance, sci-fi, thriller; Rating: PG-13; Theatrical Release: 1/25)

## ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

### Afghan Film at Cinema 21 Thursday, Jan. 24

Cinema 21 will be showing an Afghan film called "Kandahar" on Thursday, Jan. 24, located at 616 NW 21st Ave. This is a partially fictionalized documentary that illustrates the suffering of Afghan women under the Taliban regime in the year 2000. A refugee living in Canada returns to save her suicidal sister from being oppressed by the ruling government. Disguised in heavy head-to-toe burka, she begins her journey. Call 223-4515.

### Jazz Tribute at McMnamins Thurs., Jan. 24

McMenamins Kennedy School will present a live show featuring top local musicians to honor the trumpet masters who helped shape jazz as we know it: King Oliver, Louis Armstrong, Bix Beiderbecke, Roy Eldridge, Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, Clifford Brown and Freddie Hubbard. The tribute is open to all ages. McMenamin's Kennedy School is located at 5736 NE 33rd Ave. Call 249-3983.

### Warner Pacific College Concert Fri., Jan. 25

Classical pianist Dr. Heidi Louise Williams will perform selections by Beethoven, Schumann, Chopin, and Barber on Friday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in McGuire Auditorium on the campus of Warner Pacific College, located at 2219 SE 68th Ave.

### Sundance Film Festival Saturday, Jan. 26

Most filmgoers are familiar with the Sundance Film Festival. Known for its yearly hype, new filmmakers and independently produced feature films will be shown at the historic Hollywood Theatre. A premiere screening of the films will be on Jan. 26. Call 209-2440 or go online to [www.hollywoodtheatre.org](http://www.hollywoodtheatre.org).

### Congregation Beth Israel Saturday, Jan. 26

Local cabaret artist Liz Keever, accompanied on piano by Richard Bower pays tribute to five funny ladies in an evening of songs and stories about famous Jewish women on stage: Molly Picon, Sophie Tucker, Fanny Brice, Barbra Streisand and Bette Midler.

### Circus Act at Rose Garden Jan. 26 & 27

Coming to the Big Tent, better known as the Rose Garden, with the Royal Hanneford Circus is the Motorcyclist extraordinaire, The Cyclones. Numerous other acts will perform, including Siberian and Bengal tiger, aerial and a high wire act that currently holds a record in the Guinness Book of World Records. For tickets, go online to [www.rosequarter.com](http://www.rosequarter.com), [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or call 224-4400.

### Lakewood Theatre Presents Jan. 27, Feb. 3 & 17

Lakewood Theatre Company begins the new year with the opening of "Fiddler on the Roof," an exuberant and touching musical based on Sholem Aleichem stories. There will be matinee performances at 2 p.m. on Sundays, Jan. 27, Feb. 3 and 17. The theatre is located at 368 S. State St. in Lake Oswego. For reservations, call 635-3901.

### Talisman Gallery, The Blue Show Through 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.

### Portland International Auto Show Jan. 31 - Feb. 3

Make plans to start your engines and head on down to the 2002 Portland International Auto Show. Featuring hundreds of the latest cars, trucks, minivans and sport-utility vehicles, this automobile extravaganza will take place Thursday, Jan. 31 through Sunday, Feb. 3 at the Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. For info, go online to [www.autoshowusa.com](http://www.autoshowusa.com).

### Oregon Symphony Youth Concerts Thurs., Feb. 7

Teaching local, sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders about composers' great moments of inspiration, the Oregon Symphony will perform enduring musical phrases of composers like Beethoven, Bach and Haydn in a Youth Concert called "Got It! Composer's Brainstorms" led by Resident Conductor Murry Sidlin on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 10 and 11:30 a.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Call 228-4294.

### The NW Afrikan American Ballet Sat., Feb. 9

The Heritage Concert presented by Target Stores will be celebrating Black History Month with a performance by the Northwest Afrikan American Ballet at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall on Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call 224-8499.

### Chinese Garden Celebration Feb. 12 - Mar. 3

The Portland Classical Chinese Garden welcomes the Year of the Horse with a multi-layered Chinese New Year celebration, Feb. 12 - March 3. During the first week, the first 100 visitors each day during the celebration will receive a hong bao, a traditional New Year's gift. The garden is located at NW Third and Everett.

### O Brother Where Art Thou Concert Feb. 13

The Coen Brothers and T Bone Burnett will be taking the hugely successful music from the feature film "O Brother, Where Art Thou" on the road for the first time. The tour, entitled "Down from the Mountain," will be stopping at Portland's Schnitzer Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. For tickets, call 224-4400 or go online to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.hob.com](http://www.hob.com).

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