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ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE



Journey through the Amazon river, the mightiest river in the world and view the exotic animals of the rainforest at OMSI's Omnimax Theatre with the presentation of "Amazon." The film will be shown until April 18.

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.

Cascade Festival of African Films Feb. 1 - March 2

Portland Community College will celebrate Black History Month with a dynamic film festival. The 12th Annual Cascade Festival of African Films will feature 17 films and pay tribute to actor Danny Glover with two of his African film features. The month-long event is free and open to the public. The festival runs from Feb. 1 - March 2. For a complete listing of the films and a schedule, go online to www.cfaf.net.

Portland Center Stage Through Feb. 3

The Portland Center Stage is currently showing until Feb. 3 the Anton Chekhov play called "The Seagull" at the Newmark Theatre, located at 1111 SW. Broadway at Main. This is a play involving contradiction and confusion, comedy and drama. For more info., call 274-6588 or visit www.pcs.org.

Lakewood Theatre Presents 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 both Sundays of Feb. 3 and 17. The theatre is located at 368 S. State St. in Lake Oswego. For reservations, call 635-3901.

Oregon Symphony's 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.

Grand Funk Railroad to Perform Feb. 8 & 9

At its sweat-dripping best, the legendary rock band Grand Funk emits a surging, elemental blast of hard rock heat. Now you can enjoy this hard rock explosion when Grand Funk Railroad rolls into Chinook Winds Casino on Feb. 8 & 9. The show is at 8 p.m. every night. For more information, or to obtain tickets, call 1-888-MAIN-ACT (624-6228) or Fastixx, 1-800-992-TIXX (8499).

The Northwest 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.

O Brother Where Art Thou Concert Wed., 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 or www.hob.com.

Portland Rod & Custom Show Feb. 14 - 17

The hot rod and custom car industry will showcase the "Best of the Best" from around the world at Portland's annual Rod & Custom Show, Feb. 14 - 17 at the Portland Expo Center, 2060 N. Marine Drive. Call 236-0632 or go online to www.hotrodshows.com.

Albertina Kerr's Jazz Concert Saturday, Feb. 16

The Albertina Kerr Centers will be hosting "A Winter Night of Jazz" that will feature trumpet phenomenon Rick Braun and award-winning pianist Keiko Matsui. The concert is appropriate for any adult who enjoys jazz and wants to contribute to a good cause. The event will be on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 8-11 p.m. at the Tiffany Center, located at 14th and Morrison. Call 239-8101 or visit www.albertinakerr.org.

Congregation Beth Israel Tuesday, Feb. 19

Anita Diamant, author of the national bestseller "The Red Tent" will be speaking on "Judaism as a Pathway of Personal Meaning" at Congregation Beth Israel on Tuesday, Feb. 19. Touching on the Jewish calendar and lifecycle, Ms. Diamant will explain the ways that ritual connects to her own life. For more information and ticket prices, call 222-1069.

Lorrie Morgan at Chinook Winds Feb. 22 & 23

Take "Five Minutes" and get your tickets to see Lorrie Morgan when she comes to Chinook Winds Casino and Convention Center on Feb. 22 and 23 in Lincoln City. The show is at 8 p.m. each night. For more information, or to obtain tickets, call 1-888-MAIN-ACT (624-6228) or Fastixx, 1-800-992-TIXX (8499).

Homes of the Underground Railroad Sun., Feb. 29

In recognition of Black History Month, Home & Garden Television (HGTV) will take viewers on a fascinating journey to discover the secrets of the Underground Railroad, telling the stories of seven remarkable homes along this historic route. The show will premiere on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 9 p.m.

Portland Chinese Garden Celebrates Year of the Horse



To recognize the Year of the Horse, a series of cultural events will be held for the whole family at the Portland Classical Chinese Garden.

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 hong bao, a traditional New Year's gift.

Chinese New Year begins on the first day of the first new moon of the year, which is Feb. 12 this year, and culminates with the Lantern Festival Parade, which will be held March 2.

During the celebration, the New Year's Plant sale features many of the same plants that make the

Garden so exquisite. The sale will be located in the Courtyard of Tranquility close to the Garden entrance.

Traditional Chinese New Year gifts, such as paper lanterns, paper cutouts, kites and finger traps will be sold in the gift shop.

The largest piece of jade ever mined and carved, a two-ton jade frieze, entitled "100 Animals," will be on display in the Hall of Brocade Clouds.

Tours of the Portland Classical Chinese Garden are available daily at noon and 1 p.m. Call 228-8131 or go online to www.portlandchinesegarden.org.

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From Cedric, the King of Comedy

BY CEDRIC, BALLANTINE BOOKS; 2002

Cedric the Entertainer is best known as one of the "Original Kings of Comedy," the group that produced the highest grossing comedy tour in history. He is ready to spin his unique brand of comedy for the first time in print in his new book, "Grown-ASS Man."

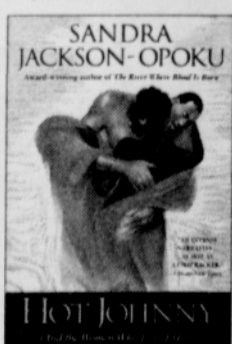


Portrait of a Complex Man

BY SANDRA JACKSON-OPOKU, BALLANTINE BOOKS; 2001

Like a ray of sun that can warm your skin for a moment but can't be captured, John the Baptist Wright has touched the lives of many women - heart, body and soul. Now, in this enthralling new novel by award-winning author Sandra Jackson-Opoku, we hear from the women who gave Hot Johnny his heat.

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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY THROUGH ART

An exhibition featuring African and African-American art in an exhibit called "Interpret the Dream" will be held at the Belinki & Duprey Art Gallery, 1224 SW. Broadway, starting on Thursday, Feb. 7, from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Artwork by the Zimbabwe Artist Project, celebrates the artistry and accomplishments of women from rural Weya in Eastern Zimbabwe. Through cultural education, sale of their art in the United States and special projects, ZAP helps women become economically self-sufficient.

The Black History exhibit coincides with the start of the Downtown Art Gallery Association's "First Thursday" and is free and open to the public.



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