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Known as the world's largest fashion show, the 44th annual **EBONY FASHION FAIR** will be in Portland at the Oregon Convention Center on Friday, April 19 at 8 p.m. Many of the latest clothes by leading fashion designers of the world will be showcased. The event has all the energy of a Broadway show with its glamour, elegance and beauty.




BY STEVEN ROBY
BILLBOARD BOOKS; 2002
"Black Gold" is the first book to authenticate the lost sessions, previously unknown recorded collaborations, and rare film and video documents of one of the most innovative and influential rock guitarists in music history. From a wealth of unreleased and commercially unavailable studio, live, and home recordings, the author chronicles every stage of Hendrix's career, from his early tours and recordings with Little Richard, the Isley Brothers, and Curtis Knight to jam sessions with Janis Joplin, Frank Zappa, and Stephen Stills. By examining how

In Print

The Untold Life of Jimi Hendrix

Hendrix's fame was created and exploited, Roby counters many misperceptions to finally set the record straight. The author provides the first full analysis of "First Rays of the New Rising Sun," Hendrix's unfinished album; discusses "Black Gold," an unreleased autobiographical musical suite that has been in storage for thirty years; and speculates in his unfinished compositions, such as "Scorpio Woman," a twenty-four-minute piece recorded only weeks before his death and never released. Roby has uncovered the stories behind little-known and forgotten works, including Hendrix's participation in the recording of Don Covay and the Goodtimers' "Mercy, Mercy," a Top 40 hit in 1964, and his proposed collaboration with Quincy Jones. The author explores Hendrix's journeys into jazz with Miles Davis, John McLaughlin, and Raheem Roland Kirk; his excursions into blues with B.B. King, Johnny Winter, and Buddy Guy; and his backing of early rap pioneers like the Last Poets.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Italy's Best Abstract Artist **Thursday, April 4**
Celebrated Italian figurative artist Matteo Zacchino will debut his second major collection of paintings with his show "Sensualita." It portrays a particularly sensual side of the artist's work using mixed media, including charcoals, inks, acrylics, oils, and vitreous glass tiles. The event will be held on Thursday, April 4 at the Tiger Bar, 317 N.W. Broadway. Call 503-283-8520.

The Sky Concerts **April 4 - 7**
The four Blue Sky concerts feature over 35 area choreographers. This Dance Coalition fundraiser presents a great variety of dance: Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Tap, Folk, Irish, Flamenco, Japanese, Balinese, Indian and Middle Eastern. The event will be held at Brunish Hall, located at S.W. Broadway and Main, from Thursday, April 4 - Saturday, April 7, 7:30 p.m. Fortickets, call Fastixx at 503-224-8499.

IFCC Art Gallery **April 4 - 27**
The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center will be showcasing art, drawing and prints of Hector Hugo Hernandez and Sher Davidson. Hernandez uses the tradition of mural painting to express his understanding of human relations and nature. Davidson uses photographs to capture the romance of Latin people. The exhibits can be seen from April 4 - 27 at 5340 N. Interstate. Call 503-823-4322.

Dr. Richard Leakey Lectures **Friday, April 5**
Portland's Institute for Science, Engineering and Public Policy invites Dr. Richard Leakey, Kenya's paleo-environmentalist. The author of 100 scientific articles and books, Leakey is also renowned for his work in early human origins. He will be speaking on "Global Wildlife Wars" on Friday, April 5 at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. For more information, call 503-232-2300.

Creative Music Guild **Friday, April 5**
The Creative Music Guild is proud to present Tri-Factor, an all-star jazz trio featuring Kahil El'Zabar on percussion and drum kit, Billy Bang on the violin, and Hamiet Bluiett on saxophone and various woodwinds. They will be performing on Friday, April 5 at The Community Music Center, 3350 SE. Francis St. at 8 p.m. Call 503-772-0772.

Lakewood Theatre Auditions **April 6 & 7**
Lakewood Theatre Company will be having open auditions for the musical "Quilters" on Saturday, April 6 and Sunday, April 7. The director is seeking seven women, between the ages of 20 and 60 to play multiple roles. "Quilters" is a story that depicts the harsh challenge and abiding rewards of frontier life. Call 503-635-3901 to schedule an appointment time.

Oregon Symphony Presents **April 6 - 8**
One of the most in-demand pianists of his generation, Jean-Yves Thibaudet will make his Oregon Symphony debut performing Ravel's Concerto for the Left Hand in a Classical Applause concert, April 6 - 8 at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. For tickets, call 503-228-1353, 800-228-7343 or go online to www.orsymphony.org.

Riverdance **April 9 - 14**
"Riverdance" is a celebration of Irish music, song and dance. The show focuses on the evolution of Irish dance and its similarities with, and influences on other cultures. This extraordinarily unique performance features an international company that has taken the world by storm. Performances will be from Tuesday, April 9 - Sunday, April 14 at the Keller Auditorium, located at S.W. 3rd and Clay. Call Ticketmaster at 503-224-4400.

Radical Women Book Group **Wednesday, April 10**
Radical Women will be having a book review on Leon Trotsky's "Women and Family" and a discussion follows. The talk will be, can equality exist in the household or is the nuclear family inherently oppressive? The event will be on Wednesday, April 10, 7 p.m. at the Bread and Roses Center, 819 N. Killingsworth. The meeting is free and open to the public. Call 503-240-4462.

One-Woman Musical Comedy **April 12, 13, 19 & 20**
A new one-woman musical comedy called "Chocolate Confessions" will premiere at the Old Church, located at SW. 11th and Clay on April 12, 13, 19 and 20. The show focuses on chocolate shop owner Coco Bliss as she welcomes an array of amusing customers to her show. Call 503-224-8499 for tickets.

Luau at Pacific University **Saturday, April 13**
Pacific University Hawaiian Club's 42nd annual Luau is scheduled for Saturday, April 13. The theme for the Luau is "No Task Is Too Big When Done Together." The evening will feature Polynesian dance, music and entertainment, as well as an authentic luau menu. The Luau meal is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. in the University Center on the campus in Forest Grove. Call 503-359-2107.

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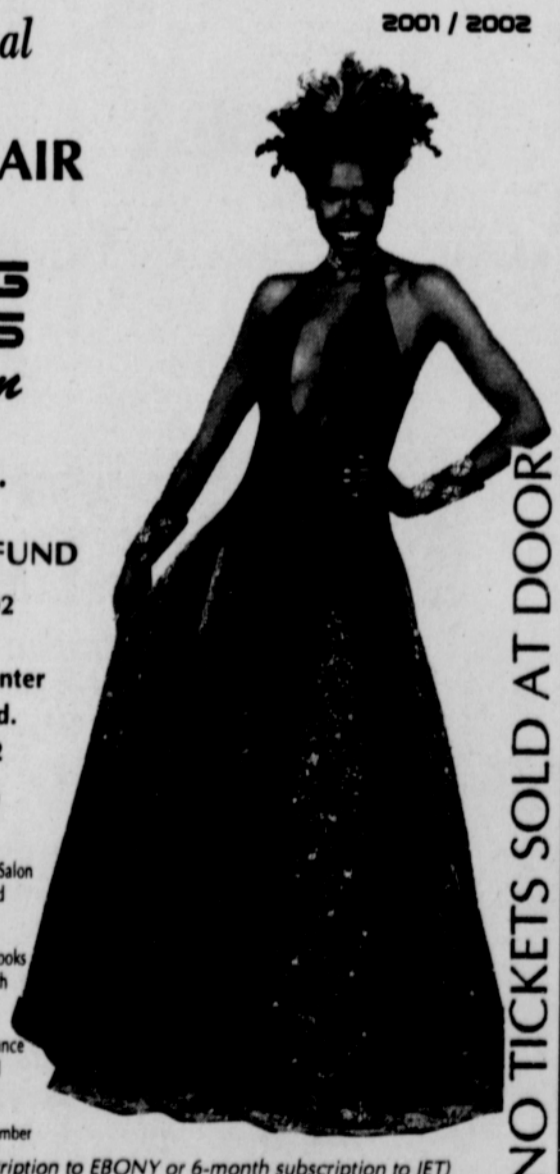
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