

Portland Observer **FOCUS**

# Portland to Host The New Chitlin' Circuit

A kick-off event to a new traveling Chitlin' Circuit will be held Sunday, Aug. 4 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Reflections Bookstore, 446 N.E. Killingsworth.

"The new Chitlin' Circuit is a throwback to a time when public accommodations were denied to people of African descent throughout the United States," said O.B. Hill, the circuit's primary creator.

Today's caravan will travel to various cities and designated sites of significance, holding forums on reparations to descendants of enslaved Africans, and offering vital historical information to the public.

Artists and performers will be featured in an entertainment program consisting of vendors, African dance, drumming, spoken word, hip-hop music, theatrical performances, short essays, gospel, and rhythm and blues vocals. Local politicians will also address the gatherings.

Musicians, performers, and entertainers traveled the old Chitlin' Circuit during the Jim

Crow era. The talented descendants of enslaved Africans played to a network of small and large nightclubs scattered in black neighborhoods throughout the nation. It was a safe haven for such travelers in general, including some of the most highly acclaimed recording artists of the time.

Denied public accommodations as well as human dignity, the old Chitlin' Circuit riders relied on local residents, churches and benevolent organizations for food, housing, advice and direction.

For more information, contact O.B. Hill at Reflections Bookstore at 503-288-2940.

## Lisa Tours

### Winnemucca, Nevada

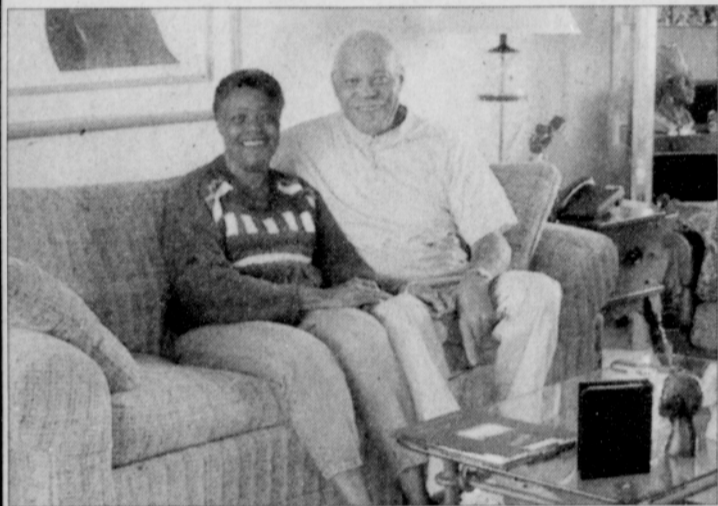
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## Alicia Keys

Reigning as an R&B diva, Alicia Keys will be performing at the Theatre of the Clouds at the Rose Garden on Monday, Aug. 12, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available by calling 503-224-4400.

Influenced in Africa at a time when Cuban music and American soul were combined, Ricardo Lemvo formed a band call Makina Loca in the 1990's to incorporate the sounds he grew up listening to. The group will be performing at the Oregon Zoo Summer Concert Series on Thursday, Aug. 1, 7 p.m. For tickets, they can be purchased at the Zoo reception office, a Safeway Fastixx Ticket Center or by going online to [www.Fastixx.com](http://www.Fastixx.com).



## At the Movies

### Austin Powers in Goldmember

Teaming up with the mysterious yet peculiar Goldmember, Dr. Evil hatches a time-traveling scheme to take over the world—one that involves the kidnapping of Nigel Powers, Austin's beloved father and England's most renowned spy. As he chases the villains through time, Austin visits 1975 and joins forces with his old flame, the streetwise and stylish detective Foxy Cleopatra. Together Austin and Foxy must find a way to save Nigel and stop Dr. Evil and Goldmember from their mischievous mayhem. (Genre: prequel, comedy)



Austin Powers' old love interest, detective Foxy Cleopatra, played by Beyoncé Knowles.

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For your convenience, tickets are available by calling: (503) 288-5331, (503) 288-2118, (503) 289-3490

Email: Millennium2000Group@yahoo.com

All tickets are on a first come first serve basis

## ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

### Jazz Concert Benefit; Thursday, Aug. 1

The smooth sounds of the Dan Balmer Group will return to southwest Portland on Thursday, Aug. 1, in a benefit concert for Hopewell House Hospice Center. The tenth annual "Jazz Under the Stars," supporting Hopewell House's charity care fund, will be held on the Hopewell House grounds, 6171 S.W. Capitol Highway, 7 p.m. Tickets are available by calling 503-221-1054 or 503-244-7890.

### Mt. Hood Jazz Festival; Aug. 3 & 4

After months of uncertainty, there will be a Mt. Hood Jazz Festival on Saturday, Aug. 3 and Sunday, Aug. 4 with gates opening each day at 2 p.m. The sounds of straight-ahead jazz will drift through historic downtown Gresham from the 17.5 acre Gresham Main City Park at the intersection of Main and Powell. For advance tickets, call 1-800-992-TIXX. For non-ticket information, call 503-665-3827.

### Poetry Contest; Friday, Aug. 9

Write a poem and win the \$1,000 grand prize! Hollywood's Famous Poets Society is sponsoring a new poetry contest, open to everyone. There is no entry fee, and nothing to buy. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave. #126, Hollywood, CA 90028. Or enter online at [www.famouspoets.com](http://www.famouspoets.com).

### Rose Festival Airshow; Aug. 17 & 18

With the theme "Freedom Takes Flight," the 15th annual Rose Festival Airshow presents the excitement of aerobatic pilots, the latest in military technology on exhibit, interactive displays and amazing ground acts. The shows will be held on Aug. 17, 11 a.m. and on Aug. 18, 5 p.m. For tickets, call 503-648-1102 or 503-224-5373 or go online to [www.rosefestival.org](http://www.rosefestival.org).

### Lents Founders Day; Aug. 18

The annual Lents Founders Day celebration in southeast Portland will be held at the Lents Park Gazebo Stage. There will be a parade at noon time, with big band jazz from the Providence Stage Band at 1 p.m. and Hawaiian music at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 503-823-2223 or go online to [www.PortlandParks.org](http://www.PortlandParks.org).

### Lakewood Theatre Company; Through Aug. 18

The Lakewood Theatre Company is celebrating its 50th anniversary season with "Quilters," a musical about the lives of pioneer women who helped tame America's wild frontiers. The show runs until Aug. 18. The theatre is located at Lakewood Center, 368 S. State St. in Lake Oswego. For reservations, call 503-635-3901.

### The Pacific Festival Ballet; Aug. 20 & 23

The Pacific Festival Ballet will perform at the Oregon Zoo Amphitheatre on Aug. 20 and 23, 7 p.m. This is a family-oriented program featuring many classical ballet favorites. Principal dancers from various ballet troupes will be performing. For tickets, call or visit any Safeway Fastixx outlet or call 503-224-8499. For information, call 503-977-1753.

### Festa Italiana; Friday, Aug. 23

The Italian community was very visible in Portland up to 1938. Celebrate the Italian in us all with food, wine and music at the Pioneer Courthouse Square, located at 612 S.W. Sixth Ave., on Friday, Aug. 23. For more information, call 503-768-5634.

### Oregon State Fair Concerts; Aug. 23, 26 & 30

The Oregon State Fair has booked the first four big-name acts for its 2002 concert series. Tickets are available through Aug. 21. On Friday, Aug. 23, Lifehouse, a modern rock L.A. band will be playing. Rockin' Roadhouse is performing on Monday, Aug. 26. The Charlie Daniels Band plays great country music on Friday, Aug. 30. And, taking the stage on Monday, Sept. 2 will be Fabian, Jan and Dean and the Surfaris. All concerts start at 7 p.m. Tickets are sold at any Safeway Fastixx outlet. Call 503-244-8499 or go online to [www.fastixx.com](http://www.fastixx.com).

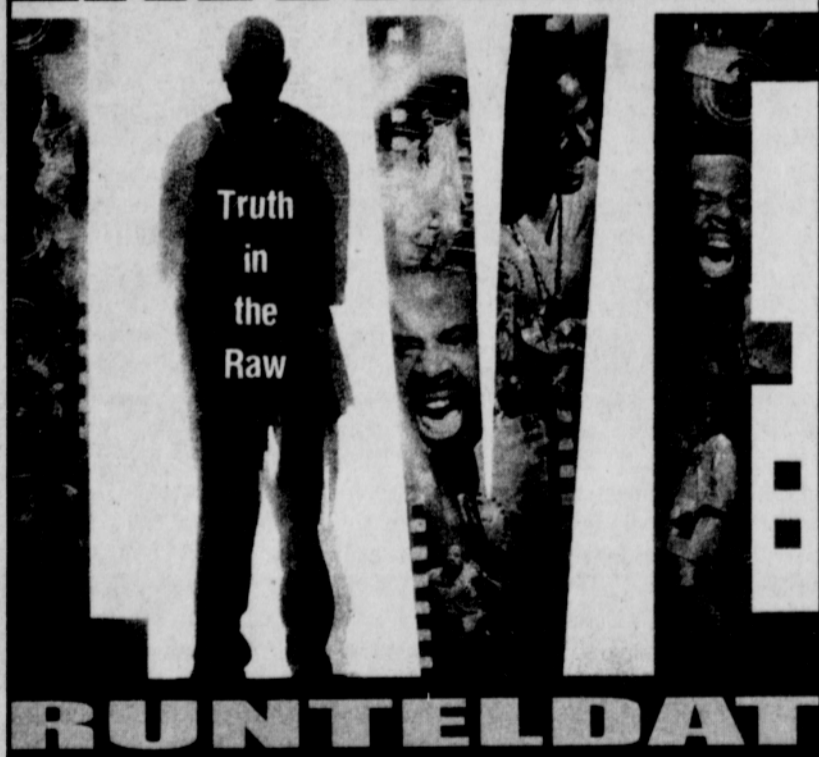
### Homowo Festival of African Arts; Aug. 24 & 25

The Homowo Festival of African Arts is the largest cultural festival of its kind in the Pacific Northwest. The festival commences with a traditional procession with volunteers dressed in royalty. There will be music, food and children's activities. It will be held at Portland State University's South Park Blocks on Aug. 24 and 25, 1 p.m. Call 503-288-3025 or go online to [www.homowo.org](http://www.homowo.org).

### Talisman Gallery; Through Aug. 25

The Talisman Gallery will be celebrating its One Year Anniversary on Alberta Street with a 19 member Group Show. The celebration continues through Aug. 25 at 1476 N.E. Alberta Street. For more information, call 503-284-8800.

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