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Bones & Brew

The Bones & Brew National Invitational Cook-off, the only national barbecue competition on the West Coast, will fill Tom McCall Waterfront Park with fun for the whole family from Friday, Sept. 6 - Sunday, Sept. 8.

Mid-Autumn Festival Parade



The Portland Classical Chinese Garden will mark its second anniversary at the Mid-Autumn Festival Parade on Saturday, Sept. 7. Parade starts at 11 a.m. Afterwards, visitors are invited to the block north of the Garden at N.W. 2nd and Flanders, for the Mid-Autumn Festival Fair, from 1 - 5 p.m. Admission to the fair is free. There will be food, music, children's entertainment and martial arts demonstrations. Call 503-228-8131 or go online to www.portlandchinesegarden.org.



Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center; Sept. 5-27

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center will be having two gallery exhibitions throughout September featuring artists Buff Medb Neretin and Allegra Villarreal Disraeli. Neretin's illustrations convey the Jewish Mystical Experience and Disraeli's portraits combine the passion of Mexico and place it in a Jewish context. The cultural center is located at 5340 N. Interstate. Call 503-823-2070.

Vancouver Sausage Festival; Friday, Sept. 6

Pre-sale ride tickets are now on sale for the 31st annual St. Joseph Vancouver Sausage Festival, running Friday, Sept. 6 through Sunday, Sept. 8 at the St. Joseph Parish Grounds 6600 Highland Drive in Vancouver. There are plenty of amusement rides for the kids. Admission and parking are free.

PSU Piano Recital; Sunday, Sept. 8

Portland State University will kick off their 25th Piano Recital Series on Sunday, Sept. 8 at the Newmark Theatre, 1111 S.W. Broadway. Listen to the expressive power of American pianist Garrick Ohlsson. For more info., call the PSU Box Office at 503-725-3307.

Commemorating Sept. 11; Sept. 10, 11 & 12

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center is hosting a patriotic presentation called "We Hold These Truths" on Sept. 10, 11 and 12 at both 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the IFCC theatre. The presentation features a grandfather who takes his two young grandchildren on an odyssey through American history to show that the event of Sept. 11, 2001 are not a reason to be fearful or lose faith in our way of life. Call 503-823-4322 or go online to www.ifcc-arts.org.

Literary Arts; Wednesday, Sept. 11

Literary Arts is honored to host a special reading event debuting the new anthology by Portland publisher of the book, "September 11: West Coast Writers Approach Ground Zero." This thoughtful reading will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m. in the First Congregational Church. The event will feature several previous Oregon Book Award finalists and winners. For more info., call 503-227-2583 or go online to www.literary-arts.org.

Mt. Angel Oktoberfest; Sept. 12 - 15

Mt. Angel's annual Oktoberfest runs from Sept. 12 - 15. Every year over 350,000 people come to Mt. Angel for the weekend of their lives. Besides 60 little food chalets serving Bavarian treats, there will be plenty of good alpine country music and fun things for kids. For more information, call 503-845-9440 or go online to www.oktoberfest.org.

Sabor Latino Dance Co.; Sept. 13 & 14

Sabor Latino, the Northwest's premier Latin dance company, presents "Going Places." This music and dance excursion via salsa, cha-cha, and hip-hop, features new and electrifying choreography by Maggie Gould. It will be held on Sept. 13 and 14, 8 p.m. at the Winningstad Theatre, Portland Center for the Performing Arts, 1111 S.W. Broadway. Tickets are available at the door or by calling Ticket Master at 503-224-4400.

Creative Music Guild; Sept. 14

The Creative Music Guild is excited to present two workshops by the duo of Mark Dresser and Denmon Maroney, two of the most respected innovators in New York City's vibrant jazz scene. There will be a young people's infomance, from 11 - 12 p.m. Admission is free. From 1 - 4 p.m., a workshop for Musicians, from 16-years-old and up are welcome to attend. Cost is \$3. The center is located at 3350 S.E. Francis St. Call 503-772-0772.

Alberta Street Fair; Saturday, Sept. 14

The annual Alberta Street Fair celebrates the multicultural neighborhood with art, food, music, entertainment, children's activities and more. It will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at N.E. Alberta St. For more information or to volunteer, call 503-972-2206 or go online to www.albertastreetfair.com.

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