

FOCUS

Phifer Keeps it Real

Talented actor stars in hip-hop drama

Mekhi Phifer stars in Universal Pictures' and Imagine Entertainment's hip-hop drama 8 Mile, opening nationwide Friday. Phifer plays Future, the best friend of Jimmy played by multi-platinum rap star Eminem.

Set against the 1995 hip-hop scene in Detroit, 8 Mile is the story of a young man struggling to find strength and courage to transcend the boundaries that define his life. Future motivates and encourages Jimmy, constantly urging him to utilize his uncanny skill to rap to move towards a better life.



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Academy Award-winner Kim Basinger (L.A. Confidential) plays Jimmy's mother, the fictional Stephanie, while Brittany Murphy (Clueless, Don't Say a Word) plays his girlfriend Alex. In addition to Phifer, others in Jimmy's crew include Eugene Byrd, Omar Benson Miller and De' Angelo Wilson.

Currently, Phifer can be seen as a new series regular on the Emmy Award-winning series, E.R., as Dr. Gregory Pratt, an arrogant intern. Last year he starred in the ABC television movie Brian's Song, as well as playing opposite songstress Beyonce Knowles in MTV's Carmen.



Norman Sylvester is bringing his band to northeast Portland for a series of performances at Billy Reed's restaurant.

Norman Sylvester at Billy Reed's

The Norman Sylvester Band has a new home after more than 10 years at the Candlelight Café, downtown.

The jazz sensation is bringing hot blues and rhythm and blues to Billy Reed's Restaurant at 2808 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Performances will take place nightly each Thursday, from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., during both November and December.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Blithe Spirit; Nov. 1 through Dec 8

The Lakewood Theatre Company presents Noel Coward's comedy about a man who is literally haunted by his past. After his first wife, Elvira, passes away, british novelist Charles Condomine remarries and life seems fine until he invites Madam Arcati into his home to do a séance as research for a new book. Madam Arcati rematerializes Elvira and what follows is a comic haunting between battling brides and the complete disruption of Condomine's peaceful life. Thursday through Saturday nights show time is at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7 p.m. Admission is \$20, \$18 for students and seniors. The Lakewood Center for the Arts is located at 368 S. State St. in Lake Oswego. Call 503-625-3901.

True West; Friday, Nov. 1 through Sunday, Nov. 17

Portland Center Stage presents Sam Shepard's fiercely comic retelling of the Cain and Abel myth where Eden is a '70s era suburban kitchen 40 miles east of L.A. Evening shows at the Newmark Theatre, 1111 SW Broadway, are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays at 7 p.m., Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Call 503-274-6588 for tickets.

Emotions; Wednesday, Nov. 6

Come to Sweetwaters, 3350 SE Morrison St., at 7:30 p.m. to hear poetry from some of Portland's most promising young poets. Samuel Irving and Marquis Stoudamire, authors and co-founders of the Portland-based publishing company, Abstract Visionz, will host the first of what they hope will be many bi-weekly poetry nights called 'Emotions.' Caribbean meals are included in the \$10 admission price. For more information, call 503-238-4771.

Black Baby White Hands book signing; Wednesday, Nov. 6

Dr. Jaiya John, an undergraduate of Lewis and Clark College and former professor of social psychology at Howard University in Washington, D.C., will visit Reflections Coffee and Bookstore for a 6 p.m. signing of his biography, *Black Baby White Hands: A View From the Crib*. Reflections is located in the Walnut Park Retail Center at 446 NE Killingsworth. For more information call 503-288-2940.

Pride and Prejudice; Thurs., Nov. 7 through Sat., Nov. 16

15 students from Portland Christian High School will perform Jane Austin's 'Pride and Prejudice' on Thursday, Nov. 7, Friday, Nov. 8 and 15, and Saturday, Nov. 9 and 16. The school is located at 12425 NE San Rafel St. and tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. For more information on this production, call 503-256-3960.

The Mad Day: Summer of '68; Nov. 7 through Dec. 29

When lost photographs of the Beatles resurfaced in one of Tom Murray's drawers, the now world-renowned photographer knew he was on to something. The photographs, taken in the streets, docklands and parks of London, were of the last publicity shot ever taken of the 'Fab Four' as a group. 11 years ago Christie's Auction House valued the original negatives at \$2.3 million, but this year Portlanders without that kind of cash can see some of the rarest photos ever taken of the Beatles at the Photographic Image Gallery at 208 SW First St. At the opening on First Thursday, four lucky people will win VW Beetles.

Tales from a Southern Front Porch; Nov. 8

Kathryn Windham will draw on her background in journalism, photography, acting, broadcasting and the civil-rights movement to entertain listeners with tales from the South. Windham uses her wry sense of humor to describe the times, people and places that have captured her imagination. The event is a part of the Multnomah County Library's Tapestry of Tales storytelling festival. Windham will speak Nov. 8 at 8 p.m. in the Mago Hunt Center Theatre at the University of Portland, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd.

'Bears' at OMSI; Starting Nov. 8

OMSI will begin showing this new film from the National Wildlife Federation on Friday, Nov. 8. The film 'Bears' shows a fresh view of these powerful and majestic animals in the full glory of their natural habitat. For more information, call OMSI at 503-797-4537 or visit www.oms.edu.

THE WONDROUS WORLD OF DR. SEUSS



Natasha Vetta Williams plays Sour Kangaroo in "Seussical the Musical" coming to Keller Auditorium Nov. 12-17. The musical, depicting the wondrous world of child book author Dr. Seuss, stars Cathy Rigby as the Cat in the Hat. Two Horton the Elephant adventures are woven into the plot. The production is part of the Portland Opera Presents Broadway in Portland series.

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table. He says officers should also be aware that during Ramadan Muslims are less willing to open their homes to non-family members, and that there are more activities at mosques.

It's estimated that between 10,000 and 15,000 Muslims live in the Portland area, the largest concentration in the state.

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