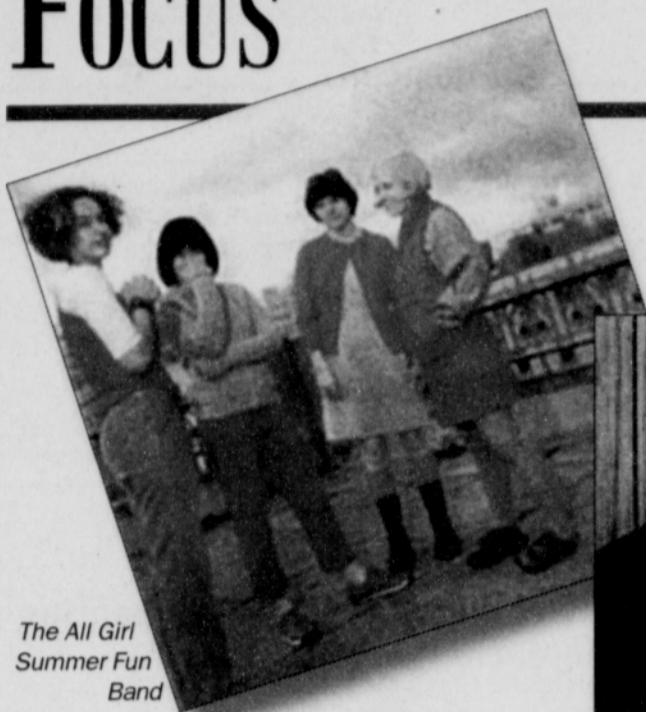


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The All Girl Summer Fun Band



The Thermals



The Shins

Northeast theatre will host diverse festival showcasing local talents

## Russell Street's *Disjecta* to Jam

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It's going to be a busy weekend for *Disjecta* at 116 NE Russell.

With a fundraiser for the Portland Documentary and Experimental Film Festival on Friday and two evenings of local music at the Arctic's Fest on Saturday and Sunday, the theatre and gallery will be bursting at the seams.

"This is my chance to say, 'Look - this is what the kids are doing,'" *Disjecta* Director Bryan Suereth said. "That's always a lot of fun." When looking for fun, go ahead

and count on the Friday night lineup to deliver. Burnt Ploives mix music with film to create a surreal combination of sonic noise, melody and percussion. The Thermals serve up a healthy dose of power-pop and The All Girl Summer Fun Band will make you want to get up and dance with their unique mix of sixties pop with an ounce of punk rock heart ache. The Shins, recent Portland transplants, will headline the evening with two of their four members. Since their 1996 inception in Albuquerque, NM, The Shins have carved their own niche in the

world of pop rock by blending infectious hooks and melancholy lyrics.

In addition to music, films and videos from the archives of Peripheral Produce will be shown. A \$6 donation at the door will help Peripheral Produce fund the four-day expo of independent film coming to Cinema 21 for the PDX Film Festival. From Dec. 12-15, the festival will present the finest in contemporary underground cinema.

The Arctic's Fest on Saturday and Sunday evenings is the cold weather companion of this

summer's Tropics Fest. Suereth said he wanted to give some more local bands a place to play, so he put together this two-day festival with over 16 bands. On Saturday, Xui-Xui, Panama, Yellow Swans, Nice Nice, Super Unity, Ghost to Falco, Panther and Boom de la Boom will play. Come back on Sunday to see The Lowdown, Jonny X and the Groadies, Point Line Plane, Shadow Glove, Reeks and the Wrecks, Moustache, Sleetmote/Nightmote and Formless. Cost is \$6 a night with music starting at 7 p.m.



## Album Pays Tribute to Left Eye

TLC, the best-selling female group in music history, has a new CD entitled "3D." The group's fourth album is a loving tribute by Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins and Rozonda "Chilli" Thomas to their beloved friend and fellow group member, Lisa "left Eye" Lopes, who died in a tragic car accident earlier this year. One of the key cuts features "Girl Talk," a no-holds-barred rap by the much-missed Lopes.

## Artist Builds Tiny Tribute to the 'Hood'

Acclaimed African American artist Annie Lee decided to add a little bit of her history to the predominately white world of miniture pristine buildings and cottages usually found amongst miniature collections.

She teamed up with manufacturer Sandy USA to create "Annie Lee's Neighbor-

Hood by Sass'n Class," a 'hood' developed for African-Americans. Tiny renditions pay tribute to old neighborhoods of buildings, people, sights and sounds unique to the African-American community. In each miniature scene, Lee brings to life the features of every building or person rooted in her spirit



Artist Annie Lee creates miniature renditions of typical 'hood' scenes.

and memory. The scenes can be found at most miniature shops at affordable prices or by calling Sandy USA at 1-800-607-2639 or by visiting the web site at www.SandyUSA.com.

## Jazz Band Toots its Own Horn

For the Portland Community College band, the music is about all that jazz and more.

The PCC Jazz Band is a high-energy, 40-member strong group based at the college's Cascade Campus. The eclectic band is quickly becoming one of the more popular local acts in Portland, wowing audiences at such venues as the Northwest Car Classic Show at the Expo Center in October.

"The organizers raved about our performance and invited us back in 2003," band member Ken Stine said. "And, organizers of a similar event held in Forest Grove on the campus of Linfield College asked us to play there next summer."

Catch the PCC Jazz Band at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24 in the theater of the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, located at North Interstate.

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