

# FOCUS

# Local Artists Open Doors

## Northeast neighborhoods will participate in the Open House

### ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

#### Paul Rutherford and Torsten Muller; Wednesday, Dec. 4

Europe's finest experimental jazz musicians will come together in tandem for an evening of unprecedented jazz. Paul Rutherford, a Briton, has been a substantial influence in Europe's free jazz scene and is an undisputed master of the trombone. Torsten Muller, a German, has blazed trails on his bass only a few can follow. They will play for the first time together at Disjecta, 116 N. Russell St. at 8 p.m. Sliding scale admission is \$5 to \$10.

#### Kwanza Celebration; Thursday, Dec. 5 through Jan.

Over twenty local African American artists will exhibit textiles, paintings, prints, drawings, photographs, mixed media works and sculptures to reflect on one or more of the seven principles of Kwanza. The public is invited to attend the First Thursday opening with a live performance of traditional drumming and dance from West Africa. The IFCC is located at 5340 N. Interstate Ave. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call 503-823-2070.

#### Youth Gallery Showcase; Thursday, Dec. 5 through Jan.

This month the non-profit gallery for homeless and transitional youth will showcase glass works by Erika Kohr and Mel George. Kohr's pieces of mother's dresses, fathers shoes, beating hearts and fragility pair well with George's miniature versions of ordinary things like bathtubs, folded paper airplanes and tiny polo shirts. P'ear youth will exhibit work in various mediums, from chain mail to oil paints, graphite and plaster. Klezmer-inspired band 3-Leg Torso will play on first Thursday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

#### The SantaLand Diaries and A Christmas Memory; Friday, Dec. 6 through Monday, Dec. 23

The SantaLand Diaries tells the tale of a hapless unemployed actor and sometime Manhattan apartment cleaner who resorts to working as one of Santa's elves during Christmas time at Macy's. A Christmas Memory is a lonely child's memories told against the backdrop of the Depression-era rural south where expressive gifts like fruitcakes and kites meant Christmas love. The two dramas, one comical and one tender, evoke memories of childhood traditions and the bitter-sweetness of the holiday season. Show times at Portland Center Stage are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Thursdays at noon at 8 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and on Monday, Dec. 23 at 2 p.m. For Tickets, call 503-247-6588.

#### The King and the Fool; Dec. 6 through 15

The Portland Revels present the Christmas Revels joined by the Portland Brass Quintet and Seattle's early music ensemble, Jouissance, in this year's performance of The King and the Fool. Featuring a cast of about 70 children, teens and adults, the story of The King and the Fool involves a king who is conquered by a dark knight who is defeated by a fool. Show times at the Scottish Rite Theatre at SW 15th and Morrison are Friday, Dec. 6 and 13 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7 and 14 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 and 15 at 1:30 p.m. For tickets, call 503-274-4654.

#### The Rich Halley Trio; Saturday, December 7

Native Oregonian improviser/composer Rich Halley will play make his talents known on both soprano and tenor saxophones along with trio members Dave Storrs, on drums and percussion, and Clyde Reed, on bass. Los Angeles-based master trumpeter Bobby Bradford will join the trio for this concert at The Community Music Center, 3350 SE Francis St. at 8 p.m. General admission is \$12 and \$10 for Creative Music Guild members and students. For more information, call 503-772-0772.

#### Holiday Magic Breakfast Theatre; Dec. 7 through 21.

The Lakewood Theatre Company will present this original adaptation of holiday stories attendees enjoy a holiday continental breakfast. Young audience members can interact with the cast while they eat. Holiday Magic Breakfast Theatre is performed Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the community meeting room at the Lakewood Center for the Arts, 368 S. State St. in Lake Oswego. Tickets are \$8 by calling 503-635-3901

#### Jingle Bear Concert; Saturday, Dec. 7

The Portland Symphonic Girlchoir will feature its Prelude Singers, Debut Choir and Intermezzo Choir in the annual concert geared towards a younger audience. Music from around the world will be included and the audience can participate in sing-along carols. The concert will be held at the First United Methodist Church at 18th Ave. and SW Jefferson at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children and seniors. Call 503-226-6162 for more information.

#### Rick McNutt Quartet; Sunday, Dec. 8

Dick Bogle presents the quartet for this Sunday Jazz at the Gallery event at the Alberta Arts Pavilion, located at 2315 NE Alberta St. The Rick McNutt Quartet features McNutt on vibes, Paul Hunter on drums, John Walling on Bass and Gene Denardo on guitar from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. for \$8. Food and drink are available and children under 12 get in for \$4. For more information, call 503-282-7700.

BY WYNDE DYER  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Head out - with pocketbooks in hand - and let your cultural compass guide you.

Just in time for Christmas shopping local north and northeast restaurants, retailers and art studios will throw open their doors and welcome in browsers for the Fifth Annual Spirit Celebration 2002 Open House Weekend this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Mississippi Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd will host open houses, Alberta St. will feature a weekend long Holiday Gift Walk and restaurants on Killingsworth will serve up special dishes for the Humboldt Holiday Food Fair.

A kick off ceremony for the weekend of fun will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6 at the Harry Jackson Plaza on northeast Alberta and MLK Jr. Blvd. The festival will include Hanukkah and Kwanzaa ceremonies, a Solstice display, poetry readings, a caroling choir, dancers, Santa, a canned food drive and announcements of the Holiday Lights and Window contest winners.

Take a trip down the historic Mississippi district to see what area artists do inside their private studio spaces.

Polyp and Fury, a cooperative art space and experimental music venue will open up Friday night from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. with beer, wine and music by DJ Future-Nature and friends SKA and UK Garage. Dan Tronix will perform at the same time on Saturday and the art space will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday for a studio sale. Erika Daihl and fellow space mates will showcase their paintings, prints and works in progress. Fine art will be sold at discount prices.

On Friday night the Mississippi Pizza Pub will sponsor a grand opening party for its new wine bar. On Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. the Mississippi Music Room will be the home of SCRAP's Holiday Bazar, a sale of unique Christmas gifts made from reused materials.



A work in progress and a intricate pencil drawing of an x-rayed lung projected on paper hang inside Polyp and Fury, a cooperative art space and experimental music venue. The art space, at 3967 N. Mississippi Ave. will open to the public all weekend for a studio sale featuring discount fine art by three artists.

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Across the street, SCRAP will host an open house and open workshop for anyone interested in crafting his or her own gifts with SCRAP supplies.

Pistils Nursery's Holiday Sale will feature seasonal garlands, wreaths, trees and plants.

Other Mississippi Ave. artist spaces that will open their doors late for the public

from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and early on Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. include Altura Furniture and Rachel Elizabeth Studio. The art sale at Rachel Elizabeth Studio will include handmade pottery, bags, hats and jewelry.

The Purple Parlor will be open late on Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a new menu of holiday fare

including gingerbread, pumpkin pie, spiced cider and soy nog. The Fresh Pot will serve up live music and caffeine on Friday night until midnight.

Then head up the street to the Humboldt Neighborhood for tantalizing treats at all of the restaurants on N. Killingsworth.

**Down on Alberta**  
open house visitors can find unique gifts at affordable prices.

Mother Dear's Tasty Pastries will sell holiday baked goodies, Capuia's International Restaurant will feature Angolian specials on Saturday from 12.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Blind Onion Pizza will be tossing holiday pies, Golden Chopsticks will offer specials on Chinese Seafood and Pho Thanh Thao will serve Vietnamese and Thai Cuisine. The

African International Food Market will showcase African arts, crafts and food and at ET Mart anyone who spends more than \$10 can enter to win a brand new car.

Down on Alberta open house visitors can find unique gifts at affordable prices. Littleton's Sundries will hold a Holiday Craft Fair, and Onda Gallery will have a Latin American Holiday showcase with specials on gifts, ornaments, music, wearables, jewelry and home décor. Scary Monster Music will have a half-off all holiday music sale with a performance by the Chumptonics at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Also on Alberta, Annie Mae's Unique Gifts and Collectables will give away coupons, free food and gifts. The Star E. Rose will have a \$2 eggnog latte special all weekend long. To bring the open house weekend to a close, The Rick McNutt Quartet will place from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Alberta Arts Pavillion on Sunday.

Though less culturally developed than these neighborhoods, MLK Jr. Blvd. will be holding its own this weekend with the open house specials. Eliot Emat Café will offer free internet time with the purchase of any item and \$1 drinks with the purchase of an animal mug. Stellar Coffee will offer specials on hot-spiced cider and eggnog lattes. Adidas will be open all weekend and the Sabin Community Development Corporation will hold a Community Holiday Bazar from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

So head out, with pocketbooks in hand, and let your cultural compass guide you.

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