

Theatre Company Tackles Tough Issues

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Not only does Deon have to explain to Marie about the scandalous ways of his past, but he must also face how his actions in the past will dramatically alter the course of their futures together.

"The characters have to really question their belief systems," said Siouxsie Suarez, a veteran PassinArt actress who plays Marie. "They have to stop and ask, 'What is forgiveness? What is acceptance? What is tolerance?'"

While the spotlight shines on the relationship between Deon and Marie, the play is actually about the dynamics of all relationships — husband and wife, parent and child, friend and friend — when they are forced to confront prejudice and make the choice to embrace or abandon those beliefs.

"Of the nine characters in the play, I don't think there is a single one who doesn't have to face those choices," said Kenneth Dembo, who plays Deon.

One of the most important points 'Deceptive Love' hopes to make is that AIDS is not a homosexual disease, but rather a human disease.

Since the PassinArt Theatre Company formed in 1984, it has



Brian Dance, Siouxsie Suarez, and Kenneth Dembo act out a scene from PassinArt's upcoming production of 'Deceptive Love'

tried to choose scripts with messages that impact on society in general, and particularly multi-cultural groups.

"This one is definitely going to bring up a lot of issues," said PassinArt Co-Founder Connie Carley.

So many issues, in fact, that the group will host a series of 'Talk Back' sessions with a panel of cast and community members, religious

leaders and health care professionals after the performance. Audience members will have a chance to ask questions and get feedback on

any of the issues presented in 'Deceptive Love.'

"We hope to get people talking," Carley said.

The play will be performed Friday, March 7 through Saturday, April 5 with 8 p.m. performances on Fridays and Saturdays and matinees at 3 p.m. on Sundays at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N Interstate Ave. General admission is \$15 and students and seniors get in for \$7.50. Tickets may be purchased by calling the IFCC box office at 503-823-4322.

There will be a community night showing on Wednesday, March 5 where public admission will be only \$5.

'Deceptive Love' cast members include Kenneth Dembo, Siouxsie Suarez, Brian Dance, Jerry Foster, Garfield Wedderburn, Laverne Green, Shelley Matthews, Kurt Robinson and Latasha Noonon. The play was written by Leasham M. Hopkins and is directed by William Earl Ray.

For more information on PassinArt, a theatre group established to increase the visibility and viability of African American and multicultural artists and theater in Portland, call 503-321-5163 or email passinart@yahoo.com.



Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose huddles with Sonia Wills, the mother of Conrad Johnson, one of the sniper victims, during a news conference in support of gun control last month. (AP photo)

Moose's activities may violate law

(AP)—People in Rockville, Md. still come up to Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose on the street, just to shake his hand or ask for an autograph. Shop owners tape up snapshots of themselves with Moose. Everywhere he goes, the chief is recognized.

However, the chief has found public attention has a different side: scrutiny of his actions, especially outside work stemming from the sniper investigation that he headed.

To some extent, the chief has made his new fame work for him. He is writing a book due out this fall. Moose and his wife formed a crisis management consulting company called "Two Moose: A Caring Partnership."

But he may face a significant hurdle for his plans. Moose's post-sniper activities may violate strict ethics laws that generally prohibit Montgomery County officials from profiting from their work.

Moose must get approval from the county's ethics commission for his outside work. The board is expected to review the book deal, consulting company, and a community college teaching post Moose has held for two years.

Ethicists say Moose finds himself in a familiar position for people suddenly and unexpectedly propelled into fame.

Duncan. The executive called Moose's failure to get timely approval for the consulting and teaching work an oversight and said the chief should have a chance to tell his story through a book.

Moose did not respond to requests for comment, but his wife said in a recent interview that the couple expected the board to approve the consulting firm and Moose's other work.

"Everything is going to be looked at," Sandy Moose said. "The ethics commission has work to do. They'll do that work and we'll be fine."

Before coming to Montgomery

County, Moose served six years as police chief in Portland. He drew national attention by moving into one of the city's toughest neighborhoods, a demonstration he said showed his commitment to community policing.

In 1999, he moved to Montgomery County, a largely affluent Washington suburb with a low crime rate and a relatively low-profile police department.

But Moose became a daily fixture on national television throughout the sniper investigation, giving news conferences several times a day.

Since the arrest of suspects Lee Boyd Malvo and John Allen Muhammad, Moose has been in demand. He has appeared on talk shows and been featured in newspapers, pursued by literary agents and honored by a host of organizations.

TriMet Boosts Fines, Security

TriMet has outlined a new security initiative that includes additional personnel, increased penalties for fare evasion and new signs on MAX and buses to maintain and reinforce the safety of the transit system.

TriMet General Manager Fred Hansen said the initiative addresses disruptive behavior that, while not illegal, can make riders feel less than secure.

"By going after disruptive behavior, we maintain the safety and integrity of the system and make it more inviting to ride, especially later in the evening," said

Hansen. TriMet is adding six additional security personnel to allow greater presence on the transit system, address disruptive behavior and fare evasion. The additional positions bring the total of security personnel to 78.

The TriMet Board of Directors has approved the first reading of an ordinance to increase the penalty for fare evasion, from \$77 to \$250, and the exclusion period from a maximum of 90 days to six months. Currently, riders without a valid fare can be excluded from all TriMet service up to 90 days.

Theft Ring Busted

(AP)—Police have arrested two people who allegedly stole luggage at Portland International Airport.

Police say it works like this. The suspect would drive to the front of the terminal. His accomplice would get out of the car, go into the baggage claim area and swipe a piece of luggage off the carousel, and jump into the getaway car.

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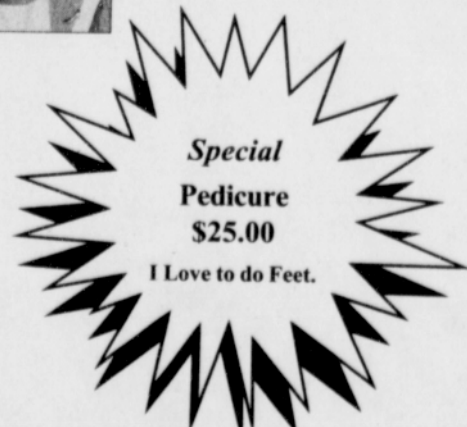
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