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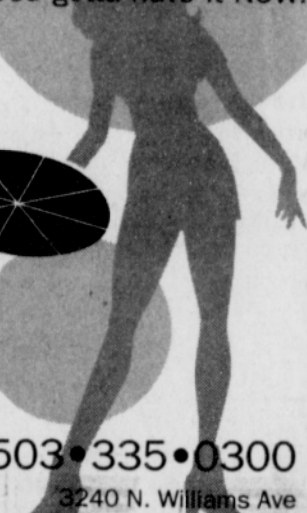
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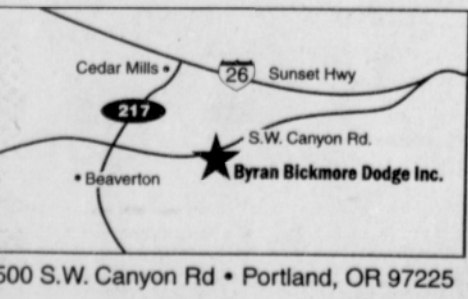
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Stage Set for Inner City Blues

Annual show to "Keep it Real" with R&B, jazz and funk



Linda Hornbuckle

Tickets are on sale now for the Portland Rainbow Coalition's 14th Annual Inner City Blues Festival on Saturday, April 19th, from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Melody Ballroom, 615 S.E. Alder.

This year's event "Keeping It Real" promises to highlight the talents of many award winning Portland-based jazz and blues stars.

Starring in the show and closing out the evening will be the R&B and Funk grooves of the award-winning Linda Hornbuckle Band. Linda has performed in many of the past Inner City Blues Festivals and is always a crowd favorite.

Opening the festival will be the jazz/blues of the Dave Fleschner Trio, featuring Ken Ollis on drums, Billy Hagen on guitar and the Hammond B3 organ stylings of Dave Fleschner. The trio plays a variety of original songs and standards in the tradition of Jimmy Smith, Jimmy McGriff and Portland's own Billy Larkin and the Delegates.

Next on the program is the Jim Mesi Band, featuring last year's Cascade Blues Association Muddy Award winner for best vocalist, Mel Solomon. Mel started his singing career in the 1950s with Hank Ballard and The Midnighters and it was a pleasure to see him receive this well-deserved award.

Following in order to "Keep It Real" is the ever-popular Norman Sylvester Band, featuring La Rhonda Steele. Norman has been a main organizer of the Inner City

Blues Festival since it's inception. Joining Norman will be veteran blues artist Raydell Clay and singer Linda Madison.

Raydell Clay cultivated his rootsy R&B style working in many of the clubs such as Geneva's, the Cotton Club, Niecies and Texas II which attracted blues and jazz fans to northeast Portland from the 1960s through the early 1990s.

For the 14th straight year we are pleased to have as Master of Ceremonies, Paul Knauls. Paul is a long-time community activist, business owner and the former owner of the Cotton Club and Geneva's, Nightclub.

Tickets are \$15 or two for \$25 and may purchased in advance from Music Millennium, Geneva's Shear Perfection, Reflections Bookstore, Doris Cafe and Dale Ann's Ladds Inn or from members of the Rain-

bow Coalition. Complete dinners or entrees of red beans and rice, barbecue ribs and chicken will be available for sale. The Melody Ballroom features a full-service, no host bar, and due to Oregon liquor control regulations, no minors will be allowed at the event.

This year's event will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Rainbow Coalition, which established a Portland chapter in 1983 through the efforts of community activists such as Beverly Stein, Maceo Pettis, Ron Herndon and former State Sen. Bob Boyer. All proceeds will go to fund the on-going work of the Rainbow Coalition and the Portland chapter of Jobs With Justice.

The event is co-sponsored by the Cascade Blues Association and CBA members will be admitted for \$1 off per ticket.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Paris without leaving Portland
 Until March 23, the Portland Art Museum will feature 'Paris to Portland: Impressionist and Post-Impressionist Masters in Portland Collections.' The show includes 165 works drawn from private collections in the Portland area and has work by Cezanne, Renoir, Monet, Gauguin, Picasso and prints by Toulouse-Lautrec, amongst others.

Reparations Thursdays
 David Park's new band, The Reparations, will play every Thursday at 9 p.m. with DJ Chill and special guest performers and DJs at The Red Sea, 318 S.W. Third Ave. Admission for those 21 and older is \$5.

Faces of Art and Psychology
 'Faces' by Gary Mac Smith will be showing through March 28 at Portland State University's Littman Gallery. Smith is a Portland psychiatrist specializing in individual psychotherapy.

Back to the Doo Wop days
 Levi Stubbs, Renoldo "Obie" Benson, Abdul "Duke" Fakir and Lawrence Payton began marveling their audiences with an infectious blend of pure vocal power and sweet harmonies in 1954. Once they signed with Motown Records in the 60s as the Four Tops, the group churned out hit after hit eventually ending with an induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. With 43 years of playing history, the group will play at Chinook Winds Casino on Friday, March 21 and Saturday, March 22 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 to \$40 depending on seat location. For more information or to buy tickets, call 1-888-624-6228, or Fastixx at 1-800-992-8499.

Bosko VIP Lounge Party
 On Thursday, March 27 Bosko, one of the northwest's most talented musicians, will showcase his skills with Cool Nutz, Maniac Lok, Brotha Luv, The Reparations and DJ Chill at The Red Sea, 318 S.W. 3rd Ave. Bosko has produced songs for Tyrese, E-40, Limp Bizkit, Jimmy Cozier, Tupac and the Outlaws, Junior Mafia, The Luniz and many other groups. The show starts at 9 p.m. with \$10 admission for those 21 and older.

NW Photography at the Talisman
 A show featuring two northwest photographers, Dan Bronson and John McAnulty, will open at the Talisman Gallery, 1476 N.E. Alberta, on Thursday, March 27 with a reception from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Bronson explores the beauty of life by capturing infrared light on film to create surreal landscapes and figure studies with a sensuous yet classic quality. McAnulty shows the beauty of nature with highly saturated images of the northwest and southwestern deserts.

Joe Mus Paintings
 The Alberta Arts Pavilion and Our Dream Gallery will feature the paintings of Joe Mus all month long at 2315 N.E. Alberta St. There will be a Last Thursday opening for the artist on Thursday, March 27 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 503-282-7700.

Tim Acock Photography
 Photographs by Tim Acock will be showing at the Guardino Gallery, 2939 N.E. Alberta, beginning with a Last Thursday art reception on Thursday, March 27 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Acock is an Alberta Street neighbor who focuses his lens on the street at night and uses the ambient light of street lamps and store windows to illuminate features that go unnoticed during the day. Also showing with Acock are Rachael Chenven Powers mixed media constructions. For more information, call 503-281-9048.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL

Inner City Blues Festival

Saturday, April 19th, MELODY BALLROOM, 615 SE Alder, 6:30 pm - 12:30 am

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