

Focus

Homowo Festival This Weekend at PSU



Patience Sewor and Kwaku Mensah participate in Homowo, a harvest festival marked by traditional Ghanaian dancing, music, crafts and food. This year's annual event is held on Saturday, Aug. 9 and Sunday, Aug. 10 on the South Park Blocks at Portland State University. (Photos by Julie Keefe)



Cuban rhythms beat at the Oregon Zoo: Stella Chiweshe (left) will move your body with celestial mbira dza vadzimu sounds and Cubanismo performs rich orchestra sounds fused with Cuban jazz.

Cha-cha Cubana in Portland

Oregon Zoo concert goes rumba, cha-cha or just soak up the sound when Cubanismo performs on Wednesday, Aug. 13, and relax as Stella Chiweshe, "Queen of Zimbabwe" reigns over the concert lawn on Thursday, Aug. 14. Both concerts begin at 7 p.m.

Cubanismo fuses the traditional sounds of Cuba with contemporary jazz idioms, and Chiweshe's African rhythms to create a unique and enlightening experience for listeners.

Cubanismo's 15-piece orchestra of Cuban all-stars showcases some of Cuba's hottest musicians. Stella Chiweshe is one of the only women in the world playing a sacred homemade instrument used in Shona ceremonies to call ancestral spirits.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Natural Medicine Benefit Concert

Jesse Colin Young, singer for The Youngbloods, will rock the Aladdin Theater at 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 15 with a concert benefiting education about naturopathic medicine. Tickets are \$25 in advance. 3017 S.E. Milwaukee Ave. For more information, call 503-233-9914 or visit www.aladdin-theater.com.

Pioneer Square Concerts

Pioneer Courthouse Square is the place to be for free summer concerts from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 27. The New Power Band will play funk on Aug. 13 and the group I & I will move you with reggae sounds on Aug. 27. 701 S.W. 6th Ave. (between Morrison and Yamhill).

Celebrate African Culture

The Homowo Festival of African Arts celebrates community, African music, dance, pageantry, crafts and food from 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 and 1 to 6 p.m. Aug. 10 at the south Park Blocks on the Portland State University Campus between southwest Harrison and southwest College streets. A \$5 donation is appreciated. For more information, visit www.homowo.org or call 503-288-3025.

Shakespeare at Columbia Park

Portland Actors Ensemble present "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at

Columbia Park on North Lombard and Woolsey, Saturday, Aug. 9 and Sunday, Aug. 10 at 3 p.m.

Kennedy School Sing-along

Feel pretty at McMenamins Kennedy School's sing along showing of "West Side Story." Dress up as your favorite Jet or Shark and sing along at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 or Sunday, Aug. 10. 5636 N.E. 33rd Ave. For more information, call 503-249-3983 or visit www.mcmenamins.com.

Swing Kitten in the Parks

A free, family-fun big band brings swing to Washington Park at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6 and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17 at Lents Park, southeast 92nd, south of Holgate. For more information, call 503-823-PLAY.

Party at Music Millenium

Music Millenium's 11th Annual Customer Appreciation BBQ is from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9. Enjoy live music and free food at 3158 E. Burnside. For more information, call 503-281-8943.

Grassroots Underground

O.A.R., Slightly Stoopid and The Red Wet perform at the Roseland Theater at 8 p.m., Monday, Aug. 18. Tickets re \$14 in advance or \$17 at the door. For more information, call 503-224-8499.

Coco at Roseland

Tommy Castro and Coco Montoya perform at the Roseland Theater at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 25. \$16 in advance. For more information, call 503-224-8499.

Musical Spitfire Grill Premiers

Lakewood Theatre Company presents "The Spitfire Grill" at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays through Aug. 17. \$26. The musical with a soulful combination of American folk and country, is temporarily performing at Fir Acres Theatre, Lewis and Clark College, 0615 S.W. Palatine Hill Rd. For more information, call 503-635-3901.

Concerts at Dawson Park

Summer concerts in the park are free, family friendly and begin at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Dawson Park on North Stanton between Williams and Vancouver. For more information, call 503-823-PLAY or visit www.portlandparks.org.

Laser Motown at OMSI

OMSI's Murdock Planetarium features a fun-filled tribute to the Motown sounds of Diana Ross, The Temptations, The Four Tops and more. 1945 S.E. Water Ave. For a schedule of shows, call 503-797-4646 or visit www.omsi.edu.

Symphony in Irving Park

Oregon Symphony performs at Irving Park at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at Northeast 7th Avenue and Fremont at 7 p.m. For more information, call 503-823-PLAY.

IFCC Summer Festival

Interstate Avenue Cultural Center will coordinate music and kids art booths for the Interstate Avenue Fair and Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 16 and 17. The IFCC is located at 5340 N. Interstate. No admission is charged, but donations appreciated. For more information, call 503-823-4322.

"Ceramics: All Levels"

Portland Community College offers high-fire stoneware clay classes this summer. The first class takes place Mondays through Aug. 18. The second class takes place Wednesdays through Aug. 20. Both classes meet at the following time and location: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Room 130 of the Terrell Hall Building at PCC's Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St. For more information, call 503-978-5143.

Reparations Thursdays

David Park's band, The Reparations, will play Thursdays 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.

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