

# Focus



Beyoncé Knowles stars in a new movie, "The Fighting Temptations."

## Beyoncé Switches Stage for Screen

Comedy pairs her with Cuba Gooding Jr.

(AP)—In her new movie, "The Fighting Temptations," Beyoncé Knowles plays a singer - but that's where the similarities between the superstar and her character end.

Beyoncé's "Lily" is a single woman with a young son and questionable morals. When filmmakers learned that Beyoncé - who has a sexy yet sugary-sweet persona - was interested in playing the role, she says they attempted to change the character to match her wholesome image.

"I was like no, it makes the character more interesting. I'm becoming an actress, so the more depth to

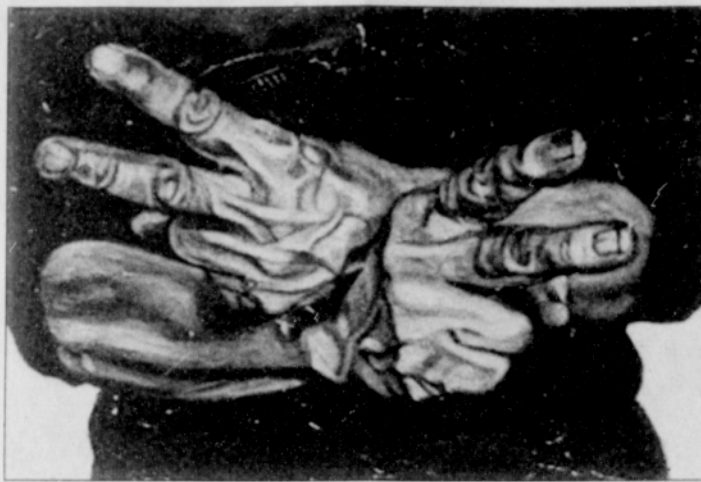
the character, the better," she said.

Although Knowles made her movie debut as Foxy Cleopatra in last year's blockbuster, "Austin Powers in Goldmember," she's known more for musical smash hits like "Crazy In Love." Now she wants to be just as big as an actress. "The Fighting Temptations" could be her vehicle - the family friendly comedy that romantically pairs her with Oscar winner Cuba Gooding Jr.

Knowles found this role after her decision to take acting more seriously.

"I told my agent the next movie I did, I wanted to make sure that it was something that was real, it was a realistic character, and I wanted to make sure that I could show a little more of my range and add more dramatic scenes," she said.

## Art Talks and Walks



Artist Lorna Nakell exhibits her work at the IFCC through Oct. 30.

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center and Froelick Gallery mark First Thursday with the Oct. 2 reception of two accomplished artists.

Lorna Nakell and Rick Bartow are displaying their works at the IFCC Main Gallery, 5340 N. Interstate Avenue, through Oct. 30.

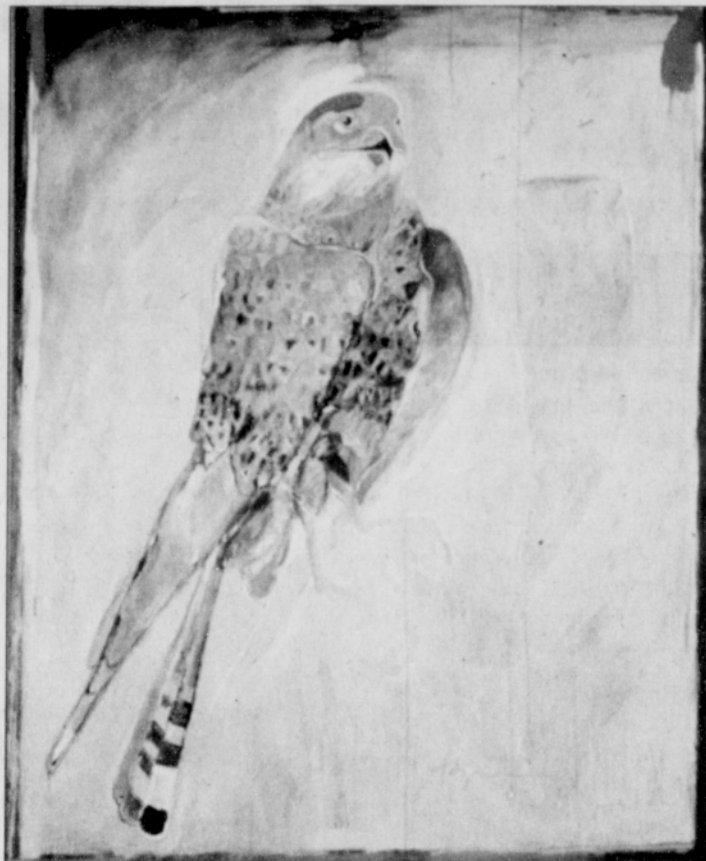
Nakell presents "Nonverbal," paintings that capture the symbolism of body language with the study of kinesics, American sign

language and observation of cultural gestures.

Nakell will give an artist's talk from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on last Thursday, Oct. 30.

Bartow's "Through Many Eyes," includes drawings, masks and sculptures with essays that offer a multi-faceted look at the complexities of the artistic process.

Bartow will discuss his work during an IFCC reception at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22.



Oregon artist Rick Bartow illustrates the artistic process in his exhibit at the IFCC.

## Singer Charged in Car Shooting

(AP)—R&B singer Sisqo was arrested after he allegedly shot at a car from the front porch of his home and resisted arrest, Baltimore County police said.

The 24-year-old singer, whose legal name is Mark Andrews, was arrested Sept. 13 and charged with first- and second-degree assault, reckless endangerment and resisting arrest.



Sisqo

A man visiting a neighbor early that day told police that a man started firing at his vehicle while he was sitting in his vehicle. No one was injured in the shooting.

Police said they found two 9mm shell casing on Andrews' front porch and a bullet in his foyer.

Andrews was released on bail. No court date has been set.

## Film Explores Life on Minimum Wage



Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center chose a lineup of films to stimulate and entertain for the upcoming Student/Senior Matinee film series. The titles are Nickel and Dimed, Through Coyote's Eyes, Kristmus Karel, Three Billy Goats and The Outcasts of Poker Flat. The first film, Nickel and Dimed, explores life in America at minimum wage. The film begins at 11 a.m. Oct. 15 and 16. All other shows begin at 9 a.m. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 503-823-4322.

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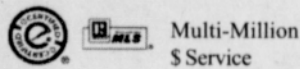
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## ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

### Take a Trip

Take a trip through time to find the hottest poetry, hip hop and soul influencing Portland Wednesdays at the Ohm. \$7 cover. 31 NW 1st Ave.

### Fairy Forest

Get a quick glimpse of fairy life, build fairy houses and sing and dance to fairy songs at a Fairies in the Forest party at the Hoyt Arboretum from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5. Cost is \$10 per child, free for parents. For registration, call 503-823-3601.

### Trees Have Friends

Friends of Trees hosts a CommuniTree festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 5 at 3117 NE MLK Blvd. The celebration includes fun tips for identifying trees, a naturescape garden tour, papermaking and other showcases. For more information, call 503-282-8846.

### Wild Party

Excite your child with a birthday party in the woods, meadow or near a pond, hosted by Portland Parks and Recs staff. Themes include forest fairies, Indian legends, Lewis and Clark exploration, animal tracking, camouflage critters and "what's in a waterdrop." Parties begin at \$100 for 10 children, including games, activities and favors. For more information, call 503-823-3601.

### Heading Out

Bookies Sports Bar and Lounge offers entertainment Thursdays through Saturdays in October. Mutha Funk Jam plays Thursdays, DJ "T Luv" jams on Friday, Oct. 3, Black Notes performs Saturday, Oct. 4 and Ocean 503 performs Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10 and 11.

### A Living Classic

The West End Players perform Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" weekends from Oct. 19 through Nov. 2 at the West End Theater, 1220 SW Taylor St. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 503-288-7465.

### Get Involved!

The Portland Gay Men's Chorus is currently accepting new members. This energetic group needs people willing to make a commitment to the organization, whether on or off the stage. For more information, call 503-226-2588 or e-mail join@pdxgmc.org.

### Coco Performs 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.

### 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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