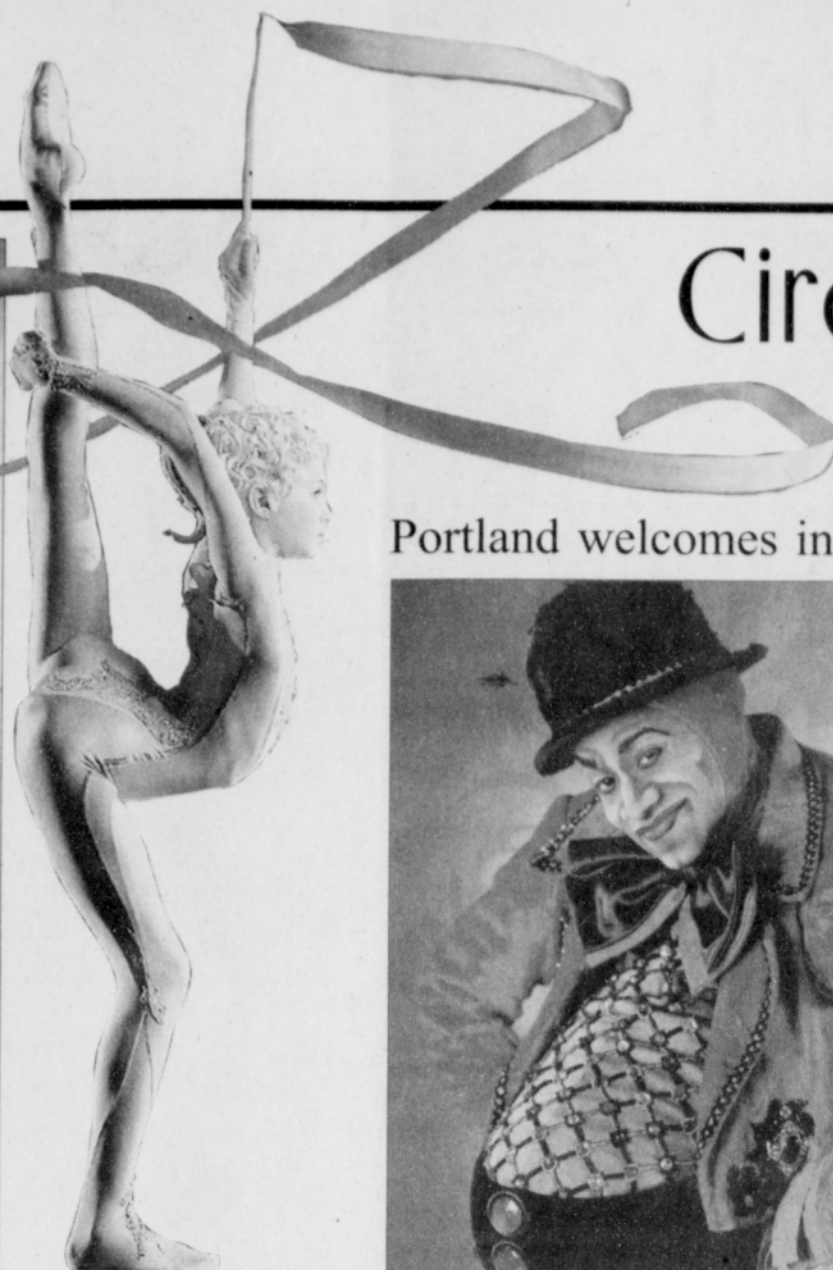


Focus



Cirque du Soleil is Joy of Spectacle

Portland welcomes international cast of performers



Following the success of Saltimbanco and Dralion, Cirque du Soleil presents Alegria under its Grand Chapiteau, a dazzling white, state-of-the-art big top, on Southwest Moody Avenue from Thursday, Oct. 2 through Oct. 26.

A Spanish word for elation, joy and jubilation, Alegria features an international cast of 56 performers and musicians from 13 countries. Alegria has a baroque and operatic style with flamboyant costumes, extraordinary lighting and an elaborate set design enhancing an astonishing spectacle of athleticism and artistry. The result is an impressive mix of skill, strength and speed combined with elegant, almost ethereal performances.

The 2½ hour spectacle showcases breathtaking acrobatics including the dramatically sensuous Synchro Trapeze and the hi-speed, hi-energy Aerial High Bars where daring aerialists fly to catchers swinging more than 40 feet in the air. Imagine two agile performers who bring alive the Mongolian art of contortion and an artist manipulating flaming knives around his body in a rhythmic and dangerous Fire Knife Dance.

Tickets range from \$45 to \$65 and are available by calling 800-678-5440 or online at cirquedusoleil.com.

Chuck D Slams Gangsters

(AP) — Rapper Chuck D, who helped pioneer political rap music with his group Public Enemy, urged black college students to forgo hip-hop's gangster style and hit the books, not the streets.

"There is no such thing as a college thug," the 43-year-old told several hundred students crammed into an auditorium at Albany State University last week. "It's either the block ... or you become the smartest (expletive) around."

He criticized rappers who use racially offensive slurs as common slang, and said too often so-called street credibility is valued over true knowledge among young blacks.

"This is your world, but it won't be your world if you're not mentally prepared for it," he said.

Naomi Campbell Touts Political Fashion

Appearance draws attention to AIDS epidemic

(AP) — Another day at London Fashion Week, another display of beauty, sexy clothes and a celebrity on the catwalk. But the appearance of semi-retired supermodel Naomi Campbell on the runway wearing a skimpy, sparkling bikini came with a twist — emblazoned across her chest was the slogan, "Use a Condom."

The stunt was the latest of several attempts by British designer

Katharine Hamnett to marry her 20-year career as one of the country's leading designers with her strong political views.

Hamnett said Campbell's appearance was designed to draw public attention to the AIDS epidemic in Africa and to promote safe sex.

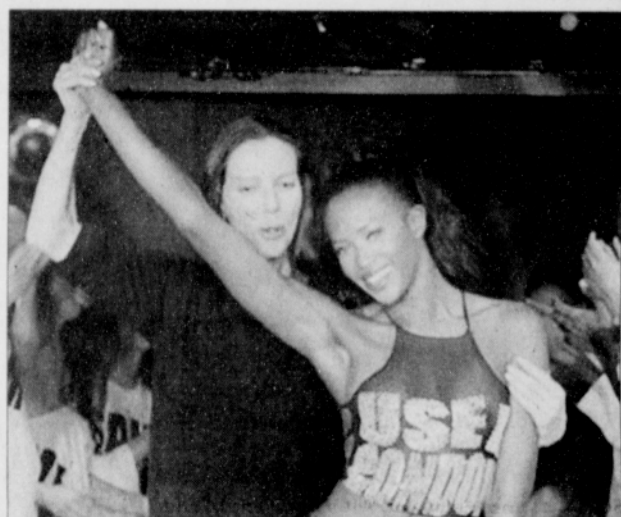
"It was about breaking a major taboo, and Naomi is the perfect person to do that because she is a huge icon in South Africa," the designer said backstage after her show in a south London nightclub.

"AIDS awareness was big in the 1980s when there were several campaigns, but the new generation

hasn't benefited from that awareness. They don't understand how serious the situation is in Africa, that a whole continent could be wiped out."

More than 30 million people in Africa, or 70 percent of the world total, carry the HIV virus that causes AIDS.

Campbell was the centerpiece of a show that also cut short the display of Hamnett's new collection — cream dresses and layered chiffon skirts — to parade models in oversize white T-shirts bearing the black slogans "Save Africa" and "Make Trade Fair."



British designer Katherine Hamnett (left) holds up the arm of model Naomi Campbell. (AP photo)

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