

Focus



National Jazz Artists Coming to Disjecta

Saxophonist Charles Gayle joins bassist Michael Bisio for a special performance at Disjecta, 116 N.E. Russell St. on Saturday, Jan. 10 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at The Ozones and Jackpot Records.

Gayle's energetic saxophone explorations are poignant and unequalled. Like Coltrane during his late years, Gayle is

blistering and introspective—like listening to the history of the saxophone in a minute and a half. His playing comes from an untraceable genius—unmatched and utterly important.

Bisio is a renowned musician in his own right and has been an untiring supporter of free jazz over the years.

Charles Gayle

Michael Bisio



Oprah Still Favorite TV Personality



Oprah Winfrey retained her title this year as America's favorite TV personality. (AP photo)

(AP)—Oprah Winfrey has retained her title as America's favorite TV personality, according to a recent poll.

The Harris Interactive poll named the talk show host the most popular TV figure for the second year in a row. She also won in 1998 and 2000.

Since the poll began in 1993, Winfrey has held one of the top three spots.

David Letterman took second place this year, followed by Bill O'Reilly, Ray Romano and Jay Leno.

Whoopi Goldberg finished ninth.



Recording artist Mary J. Blige

Mary J. Blige and Record Producer Marry

(AP)—Mary J. Blige married record producer Kendu Isaacs at her Bergen County, N.J., home on Dec. 7.

A guest played "Here Comes the Bride" on the piano, and Blige's mother, Cora, and sister LaTonya whipped up a menu of oxtail, barbecued chicken, crab, red rice and salad, the People magazine reported in its Dec. 22 issue.

A photo showed Blige wearing a sleeveless white dress.

"He completes me in the areas that I'm weak in. He's an analytical brain. I'm a creative brain. We pray together. We read the Bible together," the 32-year-old singer is quoted on her Web site.

Rapper Nas Arrested for Alleged Assault

(AP)—Rapper Nas turned himself in to New York City police and was charged with assault for allegedly throwing a bottle at a man during a fight in a Manhattan nightclub.

Nas, 30, was with several other people on Dec. 10 at the Greenwich Village club Ciclo when an unidentified man approached his table and claimed the rapper had grabbed him, police said.

A fight followed but a bouncer broke it up, police said. While the bouncer was talking to Nas, the rapper grabbed a bottle and threw it at the unidentified man, hitting him in the head and cutting him, police said.

Nas, born Nasir Jones, grew up in the Queensbridge housing projects in Queens. He made his name as one of rap's top performers in 1994 with his breakout debut, "Illmatic." In his latest release, "God's Son," he feuds with fellow rapper Jay-Z.

Rapper Bad Boy Avoids Prison with School Talks



Trick Daddy

(AP)—Rapper Trick Daddy has avoided prison by agreeing to make 24 free appearances to talk to high school students about the dangers of guns, AIDS, drugs and violence.

Trick Daddy, whose real name is Maurice Young, entered a plea bargain in Miami Thursday that reduced a felony aggravated assault with a firearm charge to a misdemeanor of improper display of a deadly

weapon. He also pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of cocaine and marijuana.

The prosecutor said Young will be on three years' of supervised probation and will have to attend an anger control course.

The 29-year-old rapper is known for songs such as "Thug Life Again," "Sweatin' Me" and "In Da Wind."

Larger Than Life-sized

OMSI's OMNIMAX theater is showing "Pulse: A Stomp Odyssey" through February, "Coral Reef Adventure" through March, "Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West" through June and "Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees" through May. For more information, call 503-797-4588.

Communal Art

Talisman Gallery features a group show of all members with diverse style, content and media from Jan. 2-25 with an opening at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 2. For more information, visit www.talismangallery.com.

Nationals Emergency

The Harlem Globetrotters will play the New York Nationals at the Rose Garden Arena at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. Tickets start at \$11 and can be purchased at the Rose Garden box office or by calling 503-227-4400.

No Sissies!

Bump In the Road Theatre presents "(Old Age Ain't) No Place For Sissies" from Jan. 23 through Feb. 7 at the Fine Arts Building at Concordia University, Northeast 27th Avenue and Highland. A "pay what you will" performance is at 8 p.m. Jan. 22. Other performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets range between \$10 and \$12. For reservations, call 503-750-1439.

Vroom!

The Portland International Auto Show is from Feb. 5 through 8 for domestic and imports, concept and economy cars, at the Oregon Convention Center. General admission is \$8. For more information, call 800-322-4821.

Stack 'Em Up

Adult Lego enthusiasts will love the 2004 BrickFest Expo at the Oregon Convention Center. The exhibit will have themed dis-

plays and mosaics from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 15 for an admission of \$5 per person or \$20 max per family. For more information, call 503-297-5090.

Tet Celebration

The Vietnamese community celebrates the year of the monkey with a traditional festival Tet and Lion Dance on Saturday, Jan. 17 at the Oregon Convention Center. Festivities, games and music are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. with a fundraising dance at 8 p.m. for a cost of \$25. For more information, call 503-780-0842.

Ozzie's Birthday

Join Oregon Zoo staff for a third birthday party on Jan. 2 for Ozzie, the famous otter, who was conceived, born and raised by his mother in captivity. Birthday party guests receive cupcakes. For more information, call 503-226-1561 or visit www.oregonzoo.org.

Sax Files West

Charles Gayle, a New York jazz saxophone street performer, will have a rare West Coast performance at Disjecta, 116 N.E. Russell St., on Jan. 10. Free.

Trippin' through Town

Take a trip through time to find the hottest poetry, hip-hop and soul influencing Portland Wednesdays at the Ohm. \$7 cover. 31 N.W. First Ave.

Wild Party

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

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