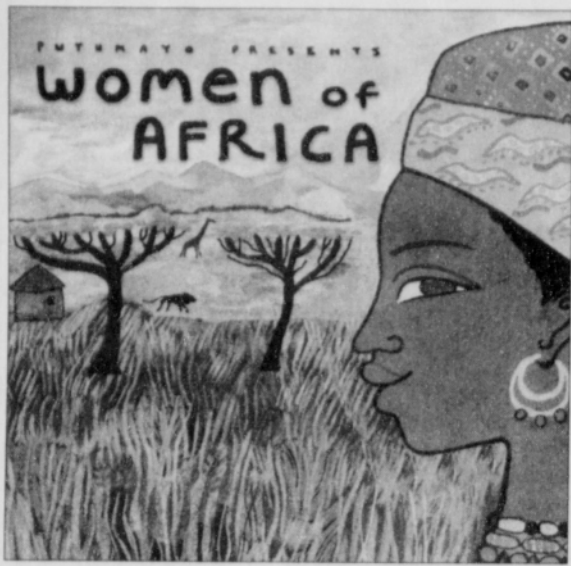


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Women of Africa is a collection featuring lyrical and moving songs by leading female artists throughout the African continent.

The CD celebrates the importance of women in contemporary music of this culturally diverse region. Women have always played an essential role in the preservation of African culture. From lullabies sung to sleepy children to chants of celebration, women are bearers of tradition. Unlike some areas in the world where females are discouraged from taking part in public musical performance, in sub-Saharan Africa, music is an essential social activity for all members of the community.

Women of Africa features favorite songs by women from Algeria to Zimbabwe, ranging from revered artists such as Angelique Kidjo, Tarika and Women of Mambazo to rising stars such as Judith Sephuma, Nawal and Kaissa.

Laughing Through It

A Portland Jam Night plans to heal the community's ills through laughter at the Wave Theatre in north Portland. The live music and sketch improv comedy is at 9 p.m. Fridays. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids. For more information, call 503-735-4184 or visit www.jam-night.com.

Trippin' through Town

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

Musical Event

An Evening with John Farrell, a musician and writer, is from 7-8 p.m. May 15 at the Hollywood Theatre, 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd. Ticket are \$4 for kids, \$7 for adult and \$12.50 for a family. For more information, visit www.hollywoodtheatre.org.

Le Femme Filmposium!

Le Femme Filmposium is from May 22-23 at Itisness, 3016 N.E. Killingsworth. For information, visit www.zonkerfilms.com.

Mississippi Street Fair

A Mississippi Street Fair is on May 20 and 22. Local cuisine, Grandfather's rib-off contest, children's games, artists' booths, musical performances, magic and puppet shows, giant community yard sale and a horse drawn trolley are all part of the fun. Main events are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 503.287.0154.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Titanic Exhibit At OMSI

Titanic Science: Real Artifacts, The True Stories exhibit will open on Saturday, May 29. For information, call 503-797-4533.

Chris Isaak with Special Guests

Chris Isaak will appear at Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall on Aug. 5 at 8 p.m. To charge by telephone, call 503-224-8499 or 800-992-8499 or order online at www.ticketwest.com.

Urinetown: The Musical

Urinetown is the story of two kids who fall in love in a city in the middle of a water shortage. The musical is the winner of the 2002 Tony Awards. It opens on June 1 and runs through the 6th at Keller Auditorium. For more information, call 503-790-ARTS or 503-241-1802.

Annual Alberta Art Hop

The 5th Annual Alberta Art Hop will be held on Saturday May 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be art pieces, displays and demonstrations by artists, a parade featuring community groups, marching bands, music, food and much more.

Storytellers at Kennedy School

The Portland Storytellers Guild presents Pit Stops, Panoramas, Pancakes Journey and Travel Story. Shows are Saturday, May 15 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the McMenamins Kennedy School, 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave. A suggested donation is \$3 for children \$4 for adults and \$10 for families.



WE ARE ONE

Champagne Rhone, a fourth grader at Woodlawn Elementary School in northeast Portland, moves with power and grace with the Kukatonon Dance Troupe at Self Enhancement, Inc.

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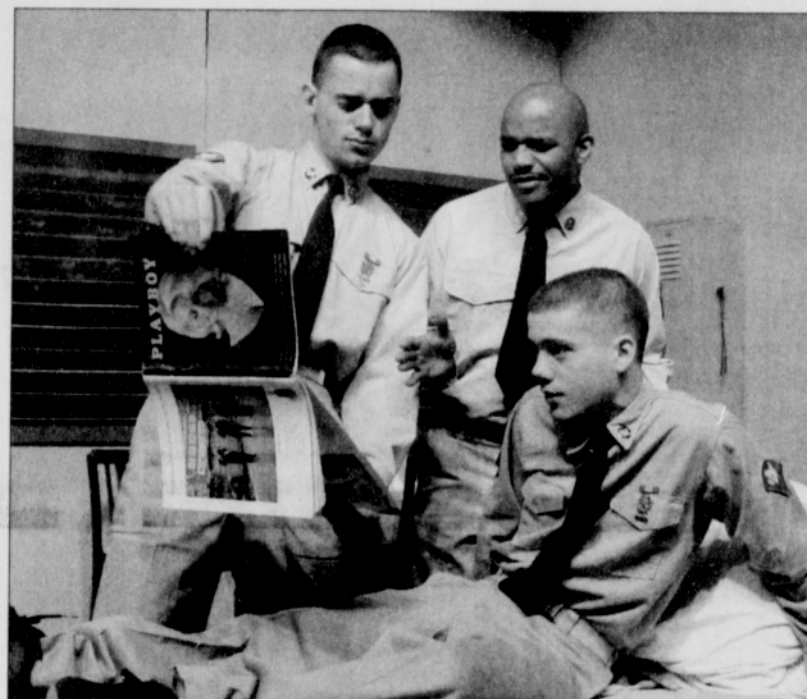
African dance troupe to perform at SEI

A children's African dance troupe Kukatonon, meaning "We are One," has a spring fundraising event at Self Enhancement, Inc. 3920 N. Kerby Ave. on Friday, May 21 at 7 p.m.

The troupe is under the direction of gifted African dance instructors Rolia Manyongai-Jones from Liberia and Ruby Burns-Johnny and set to the rhythm and rumble of

Caton Lyles and Hakim Muhammad on Djembe drums. Tickets are \$12.50 for adults and \$6.50 for kids. For more information, call 503-916-6282.

Army Life Exposed in 'Streamers'



Josh Randall (from left) Kenneth Dembo and Russell Dodge star in "Streamers," a drama by David Rabe that centers on the story of a young gay man in the straight world of the U.S. Army in 1966 and discussions with his straight, very drunk sergeants. The Portland Community College Theater Arts production is scheduled on May 20, 21 and 22 and May 27, 28 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. each night at the PCC Sylvania Campus. For tickets, call 503-977-4949.

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