

Zoo Celebrates Summer Concerts

Mary Chapin Carpenter kicks off 25th year

The Wells Fargo Summer Concert series at the Oregon Zoo celebrates its 25th anniversary as Portland's longest running summer concert series. Along with a fabulous roster of premium musical acts, this year's outdoor series kicks off with five-time Grammy winner Mary Chapin Carpenter on Wednesday, June 23 at 7 p.m.

Carpenter, who has just released her first album in three years, *Between Here and Gone*, defies categorization with her talented mix of country, rock, folk and blues music. In addition to her collection of five Grammy awards, Carpenter has received two "best female vocalist" awards from the Country Music Association, and sold more than 12 million records and has ascended to the heights of popularity in country music.

Opening for Carpenter,

Grammy-winner Jim Lauderdale will begin the evening with an acoustically charged blend of bluegrass and country. Lauderdale's most recent album, *Headed for the Hills*, was co-written with long time Grateful Dead lyricist Robert Hunter.

The silver anniversary series features more than 20 shows in all, including the Indigo Girls,



John Hiatt will perform at the Oregon Zoo on July 23.



Grammy-winner Mary Chapin-Carpenter kicks off the Summer Concert series at the Oregon Zoo.



Bela Fleck and the Flecktones will perform on July 25 at the Oregon Zoo.

Emmylou Harris, David Byrne, Robert Cray, Cowboy Junkies, Lucinda Williams and John Hiatt.

The concerts are held on terraced lawns near the Asian elephants who have been known to listen in on the tunes. The series helps financially support the zoo's mission of conserva-

tion and education.

Tickets can be purchased at the zoo reception office with no service charge. Doors open at 4 p.m. and concerts begin at

7 p.m. For more information about the summer concert series, or to find picnic information, visit www.oregonzoo.org or call 503-525-4215.

NEWS in brief

Parks Season Begins with Party

Free swimming, games and crafts will kick off the Portland Parks and Recreation summer season during a celebration at Peninsula Park, 700 N. Portland Blvd. on Friday, June 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A free NikeGO basketball mini-clinic is scheduled during the party, giving area kids a taste of the fun they can enjoy in Portland parks all summer long.

Parents are invited to the festivities to learn more about the 2,000 summer recreation activities available through the parks department. The selection includes day camps, arts and crafts, sports, swimming and many other opportunities

Park Shuttle Starts Busy Season

The Washington Park Shuttle is an easy way to get around some of Oregon's most popular attractions throughout the summer.

The shuttle stops at the Oregon Zoo, the Children's Museum 2nd Generation, the International Rose Test Garden, the Japanese Garden, Hoyt Arboretum, Forest Discovery Center, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Rose Garden Children's Play Park and hiking trails.

Catching the shuttle is easy by riding TriMet's Max Blue or Red Line to Washington Park Station and taking the elevator to ground level. The shuttle runs at least every 15 minutes between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. through Labor Day.

Regular TriMet transfers and fares apply. For trip-planning assistance, visit trimet.org or call 503-238-RIDE weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

C-Tran Sells Summer Passes

C-Tran has partnered with Vancouver area businesses to offer the Summer Blast Pass giving youth 18 years of age and younger unlimited rides on all C-TRAN routes as well as free rides on TriMet buses and MAX in Portland.

The Summer Blast Pass costs \$24 for a June 20 through Aug. 31 pass and \$12 for a July 20 through Aug. 31 pass.

For more information, call C-TRAN Customer Service at 360-695-0123.

House of Umoja Summer Camp

Northeast Portland's House of Umoja offers culturally based educational activities during its summer camp for youth, ages 11 through 15, each Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning June 28 and continuing through Aug. 19.

Daily snacks and lunches and weekly field trips are provided in addition to basketball and sports tournaments. To register, call 503-282-3296.

Home and Garden Fair Saturday

Learn how to save time and money at home and in the garden at the city of Portland's Fix-It Fair at George Middle School, 10000 N. Burr, on Saturday, June 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The free neighborhood resource fair offers workshops and exhibits on affordable green home repairs, lowering utility bills, home safety and health, cooking, gardening and living on a tight budget. Whether you are a renter or a homeowner, local experts will demonstrate how to save money, conserve resources and strengthen your neighborhood. Childcare will be provided throughout the day at this family-friendly event.

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