

Waterfront Blues Festival Independence Day fun at downtown park



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Mary Flower



March Fourth and the March Fourth Dancers will be performing at the Waterfront Blues Festival.



Hubert Sumlin



Leon Blue

Grammy-award winning bluesman Keb' Mo' and the young blues-rocker Jonny Lang will headline the 2004 Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival, presented by First Tech Credit Union.

The 17th annual blues festival opens at noon on Friday, July 2 and concludes at 9 p.m., Monday, July 5, at Tom McCall Waterfront Park.

The largest blues festival west of the Mississippi, the Waterfront Blues Festival annually attracts

more than 120,000 blues fans from across the U.S. The festival offers close to 100 performances on four stages. This year's festival offers more workshops, more Blues Cruises on the "Portland Spirit," more films and special programming than ever before and fabulous fireworks on July 4.

The festival will celebrate the late Howlin' Wolf and spotlight the blues-based music of Louisiana and Texas.

Admission is \$5 plus two cans of nonperishable food per day. The festival is the major annual fundraiser for Oregon Food Bank.

This year's stellar line-up includes Keb' Mo', the gospel-infused blues of the Holmes Brothers, the rock-boogie-blues of Canned Heat, Robert Belfour with Mark Lemhouse and Roy Book Binder will kick-off the festival on Friday, July 2.

Enjoy blues, rhythm and blues,

and funk from the Gulf Coast states of Texas and Louisiana on Saturday, July 3 with Zydeco Swamp Romp, a day-long celebration of this Cajun-blues musical-hybrid, Cyril Neville and the Uptown Allstars and more.

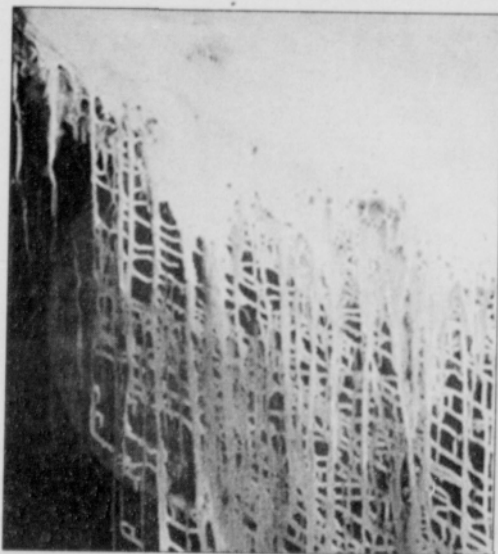
Winners of the recent International Blues Competition in Memphis will perform on Sunday, July 4. Bill Rhoades' annual Harmonica Blow-off, featuring national and regional blues harmonica aces

backed by an all-star band, will perform, Sunday, July 4. The evening will end with spectacular fireworks over the Willamette River.

On July 5, you'll enjoy Angela Strehli and Tracie Nelson with the Texas Horns and much more.

The Northwest Film Center will again present Reel Blues, a series of blues films at 10 p.m., Friday, July 2, and Saturday, July 3.

For information and line up, visit www.waterfrontbluesfest.com.



Artist Raina Imig's work is on display through July 25 at the Talisman Gallery in northeast Portland.

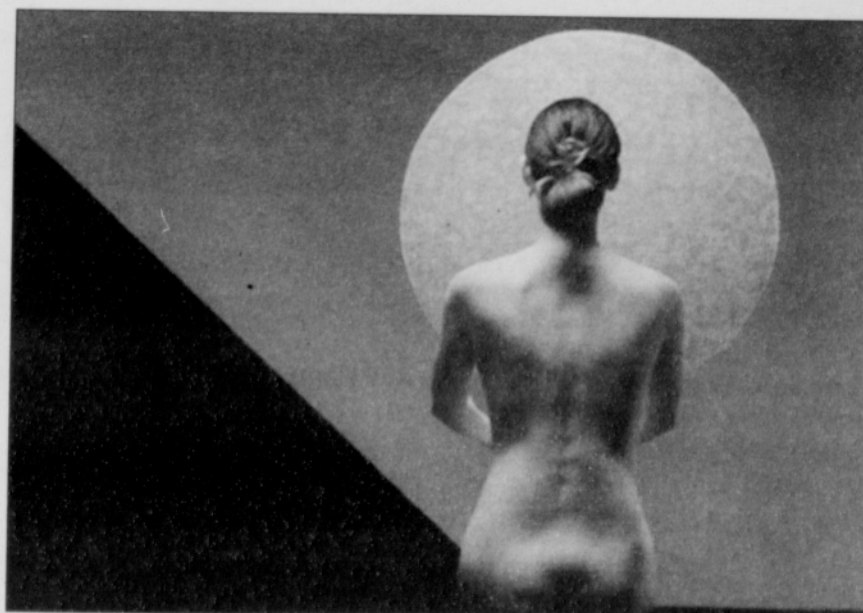
Artist Evokes Tranquility, Chaos

The summer season brings new artists to the Talisman Gallery.

The new show, featuring artists Dan Bronson and Raina Imig, will open with an artist's reception from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, June 24 and runs through July 25. Bronson presents a new series of monochrome and infrared figure studies printed on metallic photographic material, inspired by the ethereal beauty and quiet dignity of painter Maxfield Parrish.

Imig's images explore themes of illusion and reality in a series of abstract paintings, inspired by the mysteries of chaos and order.

For more information, visit the gallery website at www.talismangallery.com.



Artist Dan Bronson creates unusual photos inspired by painter Maxfield Parrish.