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Bite of Oregon

Celebrate The Bite's 21st birthday, the state's largest food, bev-

erage and music event. This festival is also a benefit for Special Olympics Oregon at Waterfront Park, downtown Portland Aug. 13-15. Call for more information at 503-248-0600.

Love In Action at Highland United

Highland United Church of Christ invites area residents to enjoy free food, fun and good entertainment at its 7th annual Love in Action Saturday, Aug. 21 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Alberta Park.

Love and Hate on Black Relationships

An open forum on black relationships will meet Friday, Aug. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Savannah Caribbean restaurant located at 105 N.W. Third Ave. for an electrifying discussion about relationships: the good, bad, ugly and indifferent. Topics include everything you love and hate about black woman.

Fear No Music

Portland-based band Fear No Music plays "Spring Quartet and Selected Works for Strings" at a free open rehearsal at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12.

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Disjecta Rules on Northeast Russell

Disjecta, 116 N.E. Russell St., has a full lineup of music, film and arts exhibits in August, including the John Tchicai Trio legendary sax performance on Sunday, Aug. 15 and Monday, Aug. 16. For information, call 503-335-6979.

Oregon Air Show This Weekend

The 17th Annual Air Show Aug. 13-15 at Hillsboro Airport features the nationally renowned U.S. Navy Blue Angels jet team including death defying airborne acts, military fly-bys, historic aircrafts and a spectacular evening of fireworks. General admission is \$15 for adults and \$6.50 for children. For more information, call 503-629-0706.

Joe 'Bean' Keller Party

Joe "Bean" Keller invites you to get your groove on with live music, DJ and dancing Saturday, Aug. 21 from 9 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Peggy Brooks Building; 3620N.E. Williams Ave. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, call 503-493-3533 ext. 24 to order. Full bar and appetizers provided by Doris Café.

Blues In Schools at the Aladdin

Safeway and the Cascade Blues Association present Blues in the Schools benefit starting international bluesman Kenny Neal on Friday, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Aladdin Theater. For more information, call 503-282-2042.

Wine and Jazz in Vancouver

Music and libations come together from Aug. 27-29 at the 7th annual

Vancouver Wine and Jazz Festival at Esther Short Park, downtown. For more information, visit www.vancouverwinejazz.com.

Ongoing and Upcoming Music

The Blue Monk on Belmont plays live jazz. For a schedule, visit www.thebluemonk.com. Interstate Bar and Grill has mature live music at 4234 N. Interstate. The Black Notes plays Thursdays at the Candlelight Room. Mel Brown plays jazz at Jimmy Maks on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Fridays and Saturdays at Salty's on the Columbia. A Community Unity Breakfast is every third Thursday at SEI at 7:30 a.m. Skip Elliott Bowman Jazz Trio plays Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon at Hannah Bea's, on northeast Shaver. R&B and live funk bands perform weekends at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center.



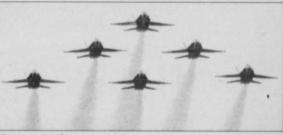
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Laughing Through It A Portland Jam Night plans to heal the community's ills through laughter at the Wave Theatre in north Portland. The live music and sketch improv comedy is at 9 p.m. Fridays. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids. For more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

www.jam-night.com.

Trippin' through Town at the Ohm

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.



Oregon Air Show

Local Artists Featured at Abbey Cafe

The Abbey Café, 441 N. Killingsworth St., invites musicians to sell their CDs and perform on Fridays and Saturdays. For information, call 503-286-4847.

Creepy Crawlers to Invade OMSI

Make your way to the 20th annual Reptile and Amphibian Show held at OMSI on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4th though the 6th. Check out a live demonstration, touch and learn about the nearly 200 assorted animals from the experts. Free with paid admission.

Discovering Chimpanzees

Come learn about the incredible world of Jane Goodall and her 40 years of research with wild monkeys from Sept. 28 through Jan. 2 at OMSI.

