



Celebrate Diversity

Come eat, dance, sing, connect and thrive at The Global Portland Festival: Hope begins when Fear Ends will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12 from noon to 6 p.m. downtown on the Portland State University Park Blocks. For more information call 503-223-4464.

Smokin' Music On The Waterfront

Nothing goes finer with delicious food and drink than great music. Join Rogue Bones and Brew as they offer up some delicious talent on stage Friday, Sept. 10 – Sunday, Sept. 12 at Tom McCall Waterfront Park. The weekend consists of an eclectic music line up including Celtic, bluegrass, jazz, pop, folk, soul, and alternative country with some of the hottest artists in the country. To learn more, visit online at www.bonesandbrew.com.

Concerto Under The Stars

Riverside Symphony Under The Stars with the

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. at Esther Short Park in downtown Vancouver. A variety of classical music and a 9-11 tribute of patriotic songs are scheduled. Visit online at www.vancouversymphony.org.

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.

Amusement At Oaks Park

Celebrating 99 years of fun, Oaks Park in southeast Portland offers rides, picnic grounds, roller-skating and family games in the shade of 100-year-old oak trees on the banks of the Willamette River. Rides and roller-skating are open daily. For more information, call 503-233-5777.

Wellness Is Within Reach

Join the Wellness within Reach Walk, sponsored by the African American Health Coalition on Saturday, Sept. 4 at 9 a.m. at Dawson Park in north Portland. You can walk either the 1.5 or 4-mile course in celebration of the community's overall improving health. Entry fee is \$15 per person; pre-registration is highly encouraged. To register, call 503-413-1850.

Wine and Jazz in Vancouver

Music and libations come together from Friday, Aug. 27 to Sunday, Aug. 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

play 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 held 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.

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 clean 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.



Reptile and Amphibian Show held at OMSI.

Trippin' through Town

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

World Animal Festival

This multi-cultural celebration on Sept. 25-26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. is an exciting showcase of how various cultures around the world revere and celebrate animals. Visit the zoo's web site at www.oregonzoo.org for more details or call 503-226-1561.

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 more information, call 503-286-4847.



Mel Brown