

SAIGON in Portland

Broadway's classic love story returns



The heat is on in Saigon.

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Romantic leads Jennifer Paz and Alan Gillespie embrace.

"Miss Saigon," Broadway's classic love story, will play at Keller Auditorium for 8 performances, from Tuesday, Sept. 7 through Sunday, Sept. 12.

Set in 1975 during the final days leading up to the American evacuation of Saigon, "Miss Saigon" is the story of two young lovers torn apart by the fortunes of destiny and held together by a burning passion and the fate of a small child. This musical, from the creators of "Les Misérables," with its

soaring melodies and powerful emotions has captured hearts – and awards – around the world.

Tickets range from \$23 to \$64 and can be purchased by phone at 503-790-ARTS, at the Portland Opera Box Office at 503-241-1802 or toll free at 866-739-6737 or in person at the Portland Opera offices, 211 S.E. Caruthers St. or at the PCPA Box Office, at Southwest Broadway and Main.

For more information, visit www.BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com or www.portlandopera.org.

Lopez to Star on 'Will & Grace'

(AP)—Jennifer Lopez will return to guest star on the season premiere of "Will & Grace." The singer-actress will continue in the role of herself in an episode to air Sept. 16 on NBC. In last season's finale, Lopez was recruited by Megan



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Mullally's character to sing at her Vegas marriage to another guest

star, John Cleese.

In this episode, Lopez returns to New York after her summertour, where Sean Hayes' character accompanied Lopez as a backup dancer.

Yet more guest stars are on the way for NBC's "Will & Grace." In the seventh season's second episode, Janet Jackson will appear.

Aretha to Perform for Clinton Library

(AP)—Little Rock, Ark. will get a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T when Aretha Franklin performs Nov. 16, as part of the festivities leading up to the Clinton Presidential Library's grand opening.

Franklin is slated to sing for more than 80 minutes, accompanied by the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra and her own band. The symphony will play classical

American music for the first half of the show and Franklin will perform after a 15-minute intermission.

The Franklin concert is expected to be one of several major artistic highlights of the week leading up to the Nov. 18 library opening. Other events include a documentary film festival, an exhibit of White House art and an outdoor concert.



Aretha Franklin