

Write Around Portland

Write Around Portland's free creative writing are at various locations around the city. For more information and locations, visit www.writearound.org or call 503-796-9224.

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.

Songwriting Sensation

International talent Eric Bibb performs from his newly released album, "Friends," at Mississippi Studios at 8 p.m. Sept. 21. For tickets, call 503-753-4473. For more information, visit the website at www.mississippistudios.com.



Eric Bibb

Gotta Love That Pooch

Problem pooch classes are a must take for anyone who may be new to the world of pet

parenthood or is interested in considering adopting a new friend.

Come to the Oregon Humane Society to find out why your dog does those silly little things. Meetings are every first and third Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. For more information, call 503-285-7722.

Greatest Show on Earth

The all-new 134th edition of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus comes to Portland for shows Sept. 22 through Sept. 26. Matinee and evening performances are scheduled. Call the Rose Garden ticket office for more information.

Ongoing and Upcoming Music

The Blue Monk on Belmont plays live jazz. For a schedule, visit the website at 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

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plays jazz at Jimmy Maki on Tuesdays, Thursdays, 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 MLK Jr. Blvd. and Shaver. R&B and live funk bands perform weekends at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center.

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.

Trippin' through Town

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.

World Animal Festival

A multi-cultural celebration on Sept. 25-26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be an exciting showcase of how various cultures around the world revere and celebrate animals. For more information, visit the zoo's web site at www.oregonzoo.org or call 503-226-1561.

Animal Festival

The Oregon Zoo's World Animal Festival is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 2 and 3. For more information, visit www.oregonzoo.org.

Native Art Exhibit

Lewis and Clark College presents "Encounters: Contemporary Native American Art through Oct. 24 at the Ronna and Eric Hoffman Gallery of Contemporary Art. For more information, call 503-768-7687.

Local Artists Featured at Abbey Cafe

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



Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus comes to town on Sept. 22nd.

Laughing Through It

A Portland Jam Night plans to heal the community's ills through laughter at the

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Cub Scouting is Fun and Adventure at Every Turn.

ATTEND A CUB SCOUT SIGN-UP NIGHT IN YOUR AREA.

Peace Lutheran Church	Sat, Sept 19	7:00 pm
All Saints Parish Hall	Tues, Sept 21	7:00 pm
Rose City Park Methodist Church	Tues, Sept 21	6:30 pm
Richmond Elementary	Wed, Sept 22	7:00 pm
St. Johns Church	Mon, Sept 27	7:00 pm
Alameda School	Mon, Sept 27	7:00 pm

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New Season for Judge Mathis

"Judge Mathis" returns for its sixth season this month with new cases, new litigants and a brand new season of justice. Inspired by Judge Greg Mathis' own gang-to-gavel story, "Judge Mathis" is a nationally syndicated reality-based court show presided over by former Detroit-area District Court Judge Greg Mathis.

Each one-hour episode of "Judge Mathis" features four cases with Mathis' decision being legal and binding. More importantly, his decisions provide resolution and counseling, the likes of which earned the show a 2004 NAACP Image Award.

The key to Mathis' success in the courtroom is his relatability. Having made the journey from behind bars to passing the bar, Mathis believes rehabilitation is within



Judge Greg Mathis

everyone's reach if they receive the right guidance, which is what he tries to provide. In addition to upholding the rule of law in court, he makes it a point to stress that education is the key to a better future.

Armed with the motivation, the information and the resources, Mathis believes anyone can turn their life around, no matter their background or life experience.

As a young man, Greg Mathis was involved with gangs, dropped out of school, spent time in jail and then, as a promise to his dying mother, turned his life around. He attended college, earned a law degree, became the youngest judge in Michigan's history and then served as a Superior Court Judge for Michigan's 36th District.