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World Music and Dance

World music and dance is on Thursday, Dec. 2 from 8-10 p.m. at The Egyptian Club, 3701 S.E. Division. \$5 cover. For more information, call 503-236-8689.

Holiday Ballet

Oregon Ballet Theatre's production of George Balanchine's the Nutcracker shows at Keller Auditorium Dec. 10 through Dec. 23 at 7:30 p.m. Fortickets, call 503-2-BALLET or visit www.obt.org.

Where I Come From

An African dance performance, "Langivela Khona (Where I come From)" with Zimbabwean artist Loveness Wesa is at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 and Saturday, Dec. 4 with a matinee at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5.

Puppet's Nightmare

A play for kids ages four and up, is playing through Dec. 12 at Winningstad Theatre, 1111 S.W. Broadway. Tears of Joy Theater presents "There's a Nightmare in My Closet," on Fridays at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 11 a.m. and Sundays at 2 and 4 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for kids and \$15 for adults. For more information, call 503-248-0557 or visit www.tojt.com.

Dreams and Desire

Dreams and Desire, The Films of Wong Kar-Wai, play at the Northwest Film Center through Dec. 19 at the Guild Theatre, 829 S.W. 9 Ave and Whitsell Auditorium, 1219 S.W. Park. Admission is \$7 general, \$6 members, students and seniors. Visit www.nwfilm.org for full schedule.

Have a Ball

Kids will have a ball at OMSI's new Innovation Station by exploring the human side of technology. For more information, visit www.omsiedu.

The Land Civilization Forgot

The simulator thrill-ride Dino Island: The Land Civilization Forgot has returned to the Oregon Zoo by popular demand. Riders become part of a scientific team whose mission is to explore a newly formed island that has baffled scientists around the world. For more information call the zoo at 503-220-5716 or check out the website oregonzoo.org.

Wreck the Halls

The 9th annual Holiday Ale Festival is from Dec. 3-5 at the Pioneer Courthouse Square from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission is free but a souvenir mug, required for tasting, costs \$4. For more information, call 503-252-9899 or visit www.holidayale.com.

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.

Glacier Run

The Oregon Zoo presents Glacier Run, a simulator ride worth bundling up for. For more information, visit www.oregonzoo.org.

Sick Wid Holiday Show

Legendary hip hop group Bay Area Tycoon E40 will perform on Friday, Dec. 10 at Roseland Theater, 8 N.W. Sixth Ave., for Sick Wid It Holiday show at 8 p.m. All ages. \$20.

Laugh Factory

Comedy returns every second Wednesday of the month at the upscale Bacchus Restaurant, thanks to EEI International. For more information, call 503-223-5236 or visit www.eei-international.com.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Festival of Chorale

The Columbia Chorale of Oregon performs at The Grotto for this season's Festival of Lights on Saturday, Nov. 27 at 7 p.m. Additional performances are at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 N. Portland Blvd. and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Olmscheid Auditorium at St. Helens High. Tickets are \$12.50 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. For more information, call 503-543-6620.



Zimbabwean Loveness Wesa performs African dance.

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 Maki's 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.

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.

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.

Local Artists Featured at Abbey Cafe

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

Patriotism Studied

"Between Patriotism and Fanaticism" is a temporary installation by artist Sebastian Garrido-Bor. His work is displayed by the Regional Arts and Culture Council in the Portland Building lobby through Dec. 7 at 1120 S.W. Fifth Ave.



"There's a Nightmare in My Closet," by Tears of Joy Theatre

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