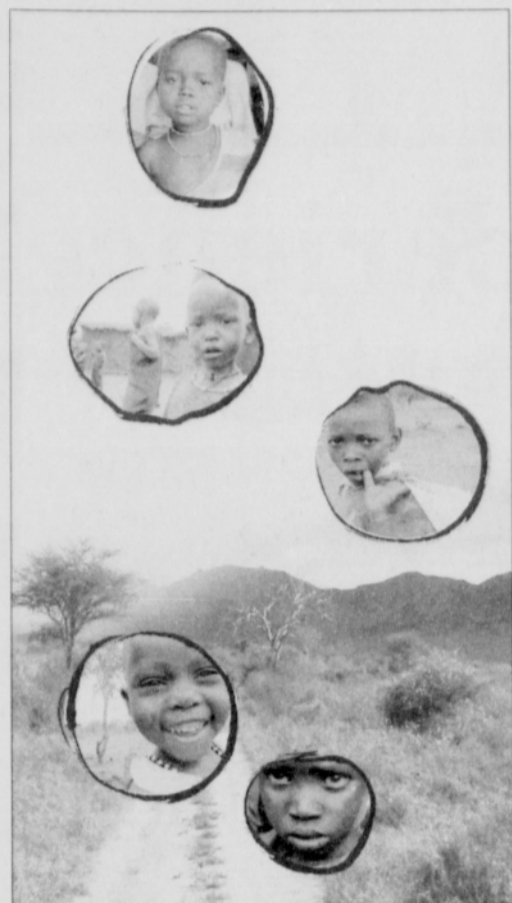


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Photographer Amber Geiger Morgan's "Kenya" is the result of travels through Africa, Cuba, Brazil and India.

IFCC's Art for January

Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center's Main Gallery hosts the work of mosaic artist Mary Tapogna and photographer Amber Geiger Morgan in the Entry Gallery.

The exhibition opens on Thursday, Jan. 6 with a First Thursday reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Artist's Talks are scheduled for Last Thursday, Jan. 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Tapogna, a former photojournalist, uses photography as a foundation for her mosaic work. Her aim is to obtain realism and emotion in facial expressions in her exhibit "Familiar."

Morgan took a voyage around the world in the fall of 2002, meeting the women and children she had long dreamed of photographing. Her exhibit, "Faces of Africa, Brazil, Cuba and India," is the interpretation of that experience.

For more information about the exhibits, visit www.ifcc-arts.org or call 503-823-4322.



Mary Tapogna's "Cupcake" is on display at IFCC's Main Gallery through Jan. 27.



Jamaican reggae singer Bob Marley in 1979. (AP photo)

Marley Nominated Jamaican Hero

(AP) — He's received countless musical accolades, inspired millions with his message of "one love" and is even hailed as a prophet by some.

Now, members of Bob Marley's estate are lobbying the government to proclaim the dreadlocked reggae singer a national hero, Jamaica's highest honor. Marley died of cancer in Miami in 1981 at 36.

"Anywhere you go in the world the first thing people think of when they hear Jamaica is Bob Marley," said Jacqueline Knight-Campbell, who is organizing the campaign for the Bob Marley Foundation. "He has inspired so many people with his songs so it's time for us to step up and take Bob's recognition to a higher level."

The foundation is also seeking to have his birthday - Feb. 6 - declared a national holiday. The group is planning special celebrations, including a concert and a block party in the capital of Kingston, to mark his 60th birthday next year.

Only seven Jamaicans have been named national heroes, including black civil rights leader Marcus Garvey and former Prime Minister Alexander Bustamante.

Past efforts to bestow Marley with the honor have failed, but support has grown in recent years as Marley's music enjoys a resurgence worldwide. The BBC recently named his "One Love" song the anthem of the century, and Time magazine called 1977's "Exodus" the album of the century.

Folk for Folks

Portland's largest annual folk music event, Winterfolk XVII, is at the Aladdin Theatre at 7 p.m. Feb. 5. This event celebrates Sisters of the Road's 25th year of service to Portland's homeless community. Tickets are \$23 in advance and \$25 at the door, available at Aladdin Box office and Music Millennium.

King Tribute

A tribute and celebration to Martin Luther King Jr. will be at Jefferson High School's Robert G. Ford's Auditorium, 5210 N. Kerby, on Monday, Jan. 17. Many speakers, performers and vendors will entertain participants. A donation of \$3 or three nonperishable food items is requested. For information, visit www.worldartsfoundation.org.

Random Dance

The Portland debut of Britain's explosive dance company, Random Dance, is from Jan. 13-15 at 8 p.m. at Lincoln Performance Hall, Portland State University. Tickets are \$14 for

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students and seniors and \$25 for adults. For tickets, call 503-725-3307. Ticketmaster outlets or visit www.whitebird.org. For more information, call 503-245-1600.

Love a Drama

Love can be a drama with the Nappy Roots production of "Tangoing with Tornadoes" at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center from Jan. 28 through Feb. 5. For more information, call 503-381-9088.

DinnerGrrls

Join the DinnerGrrls at Stacatto Gelato from 6:45 to 9 p.m. Jan. 15 at Horn of Africa for professional networking and female empowerment. RSVP to www.evite.com/portland@dinnergrrls.org or jan05guest@portland@dinnergrrls.org for more information.

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Gypsy Classes

Caravan Studios offers classes in belly dance, African dance and more. Visit www.gypsyncaravan.us.

Reel Music and Cinema

The Reel Music Festival, featuring music cinema, is from Jan. 7 through Feb. 13 at Guild Theatre, 829 S.W. 9 Ave. and Whitsell Auditorium, 1219 S.W. Park. For details, visit www.nwfilm.org.

Ski Weekend Set

A Winter Carnival is held from Jan. 13-17 by the Ebony Rose Ski Club and National Brotherhood of Skiers, Western Region at Whistler, BC, Canada during Martin Luther King's birthday weekend. For details, visit www.nbs.org or call 503-475-9003.

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.oms.edu.

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.

Amusement At Oaks Park

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