

# FOCUS

## Ongoing and Upcoming Music

- The Blue Monk on Belmont plays live jazz. For a schedule, visit [www.thebluemonk.com](http://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 Mays 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 MLK Jr. Blvd. and Shaver.
- R&B and live funk bands perform weekends at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center.
- After work, stop by The Red Sea, 381 S.W. 3rd Ave. from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays.
- Don't miss Reggae Thursdays at Savannah's at First Thursday celebrations at 8 p.m.
- DJ OG ONE spins R&B at Savannah's on Fridays.
- Savannah's Restaurant welcomes Ron Steen Jam Session Sundays at 8:30 p.m.
- Live Reggae Fridays and Saturdays at Montego Bay, 1239 S.W. Jefferson.
- Politics and Poetry is every first and third Thursday at AJ Java's Internet Café from 6 to 8:30 p.m.
- Chicago Style Steppin is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Fridays at Matt Dishman Community Center and Sundays from 7 to 11 p.m. at Flirts Holiday Inn Airport.
- DJ Vance spins on Saturdays at Bookies Sports Lounge on North Lombard and Albina; no cover before 10 p.m.

## Foxx Honored for Ray Charles Film

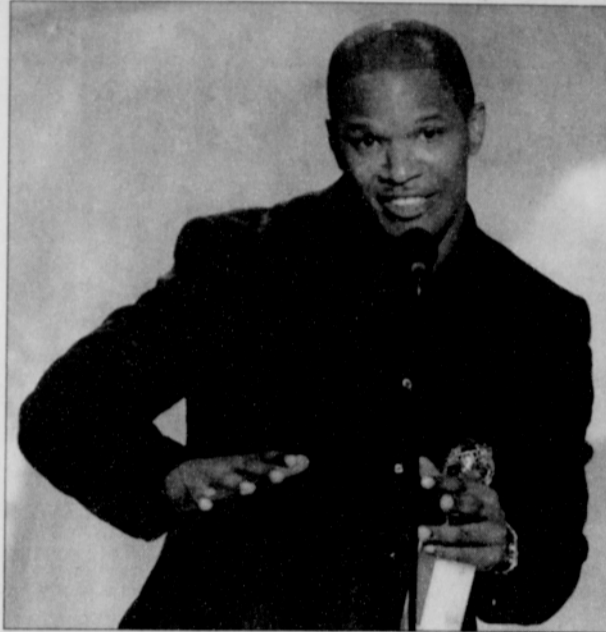
### Best actor award firms up Oscar hopes

(AP) — Jamie Foxx firmed up his Oscar front-runner status at the Golden Globes Sunday.

Foxx won the best actor award for the Ray Charles film biography "Ray."

The Howard Hughes epic "The Aviator" was the big winner with three Globes, including best dramatic picture. The road-trip comedy "Sideways" was named best musical or comedy film, while lead-acting honors went to Swank for "Million Dollar Baby," Annette Bening for the theater farce "Being Julia," and Leonardo DiCaprio as Hughes in "The Aviator."

Clive Owen and Natalie Portman won supporting-acting honors for the



Jamie Foxx gets emotional as he accepts the award for best actor in a musical or comedy for his work in "Ray," the movie about the legendary Ray Charles, at the 62nd Annual Golden Globe Awards. (AP photo)

sex drama "Closer." Their wins were a bit surprising given that Morgan Freeman for "Million Dollar Baby" and Cate Blanchett for "The Aviator" had been viewed as more likely favorites.

Foxx, considered the best-actor favorite for the Oscars Feb. 27, said backstage it was the best night of his life, winning the prize for his uncanny re-creation of singer Charles, who died last year.

"It's a beautiful thing for Ray and everything he leaves us," said Foxx, who won for best actor in a musical or comedy. Foxx had a record three Globe nominations going into Sunday but lost the other two, supporting movie actor for "Collateral" and TV movie or miniseries actor for "Redemption."

Bening won the musical or comedy actress prize for "Being Julia," playing a conniving 1930s stage diva exacting vengeance on the duplicitous men in her life.

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Portion of the proceeds benefit programs that empower domestic violence survivors.



Samuel L. Jackson stars in "Coach Carter."

## 'Coach Carter' scores big

(AP) — Samuel L. Jackson coached his latest movie to a box-office championship.

"Coach Carter," stars Jackson as a real-life high-school basketball mentor who shuts down the program to focus on his players' lagging academic education.

The film debuted as the top weekend movie with \$23.6 million, studio estimates released Sunday show.

The blockbuster comedy "Meet the Fockers," which had

been No. 1 for three straight weekends, slipped to second place. The family film "Racing Stripes," a live-action and computer-animation combo about a talking zebra that yearns to be a racehorse, opened at No. 3 with \$14 million.

Hollywood continued its robust start to 2005, with revenues rising for the third-straight weekend. The top 12 movies took in \$115.7 million, up 23 percent from the same weekend last year.

## Local Lyricist Releases CD

By JAYMEE R. CUTI  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Synlyriseez, a hip-hop artist and rapper from northeast Portland, is releasing her album, Ten Synz with Peer Pressure Productions.

She performs Sunday, Jan. 23 at the Roseland Theatre and hosts a CD release party in Longview, Wash. on Thursday, Feb. 3.

Synlyriseez, originally from California, says her music has a west coast vibe, but also possesses a quality of reality that people will relate to.

"I don't just talk about the party scene. I talk about relations and things that we go through in life," says Synlyriseez, who references a song she wrote about losing her father to cancer.

Synlyriseez is growing a strong fan base by opening for many local and national talents such as 2 Live Crew, Crazy Bone, Portland Zone and Siren's Echo.

She describes the local hip-hop scene as improving.



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Local hip-hop artist Synlyriseez looks forward to the release of her new album. She performs Sunday at the Roseland Theater.

"Over the years, I've seen it progress. When I first came to Portland, it was pretty slow, but I've seen a lot of talent come from here," she said.

Her album will be in stores in February. For more information, visit [peerpressureproductions.com](http://peerpressureproductions.com) or e-mail [hitrocks@msn.com](mailto:hitrocks@msn.com).



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## AAMC Valentine's Day Dance

Saturday, February 12, 2005

9 PM - 2 AM

Ramada Inn at the Airport  
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503-255-6511



Ticket Price: \$20.00 per person

Dress: After 5

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### Rock for Roe

An evening of live music, celebrating the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision which made abortion legal, is on Friday, Jan. 21 at 9 p.m. at Berbat's Pan, 10 S.W. 3rd Ave. Tickets to the event are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. For tickets, visit [www.ticketwest.com](http://www.ticketwest.com). For more information, call 503-223-4510 extension 17.

### Japanese New Year Fun

Celebrate the Japanese New Year at the PCC Sylvania Campus, 12000 S.W. 49th Ave. with performances and storytelling beginning at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$10 general, \$7 for students and \$4 for children. Tickets are available at Safeway Tickets West outlets or by calling 800-992-8499. For more information, visit [www.pcc.edu/pcnews/default.cfm](http://www.pcc.edu/pcnews/default.cfm).

### Folk Music at the Aladdin

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.

### Father-Daughter Ball

A Father-Daughter Ball is on Feb. 5 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. by the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department. Cost is \$10 per couple and \$3 for each additional daughter. The event is at the Luepke Senior Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. For more information, call 360-619-1292.

### Time to Jam

Jam Night, Portland's ever-popular comedy/variety show, is free on Jan. 28 at Christian Performing Arts Center, 8131 N. Denver Ave. Shows continue every Friday Night starting at 9 p.m. with dinner by Mondemaj Catering next door to the show at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Dinner is \$13 and tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. For dinner reservations, call 503-286-2590. For information about the show, call 503-735-4184 or visit [www.jam-night.com](http://www.jam-night.com).

### Beat Stress with Meditation

Relax at a seminar on Breaking the Cycle of Stress, Meditation for beginners classes or ongoing yoga at the Health, Yoga and Meditation Center at 4855 S.W. Watson in Beaverton. For more information, call 503-626-3403 or visit [anandaportland.org](http://anandaportland.org).

### Mom-Son Swim in Vancouver

A Mom and Son Valentine Gala Swim at the Marshall Community Center Swimming Pool in Vancouver is on Saturday, Feb. 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$2.75 for kids and \$3.75 for adults. To register, call 360-696-8236.

### Vietnamese New Year

The Vietnamese New Year, celebrating the year of the rooster, is at the Oregon Convention Center on Feb. 5, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 503-335-8700.

### Madame Butterfly

Portland Opera presents Puccini's "Madame Butterfly," on stage Feb.

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5 through 12. Tickets range from \$35 to \$127.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 503-241-1802 or visiting [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

### 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.

### Gypsy Classes

Caravan Studios offers classes in belly dance, African dance and more. Visit [www.gypsycaravan.com](http://www.gypsycaravan.com).

### Make Art on Alberta

Make art and enjoy art on Alberta through Portland Community College. A variety of classes from art making to art appreciation are available. For more information, call 503-731-6622.

### Reel Music and Cinema

The Reel Music Festival, featuring music cinema, is showing through Feb. 13 at Guild Theatre, 829 S.W. 9 Ave, and Whitsell Auditorium, 1219 S.W. Park. For details, visit [www.nwfilm.org](http://www.nwfilm.org).

### 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](http://www.omsiedu).

### 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](http://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.orgonzoo.org](http://www.orgonzoo.org).

### 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](http://www.eei-international.com).

### 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](http://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.