Focus

'My Fair Lady' on Portland Center Stage

Local production features original script and songs

Portland Center Stage knows it Theatre, 1111 S.W. Broadway. would be loverly for audiences to

see "My Fair Lady" as a delightful Higgins, a linguist who appears to scallywag Alfie Doolittle, bumbling mid-winter distraction. Based on be all head and no heart, is deter- Col. Pickering, dotty Mrs. Higgins, G.B. Shaw's "Pygmalion," the 1956 mined to civilize Eliza Doolittle, an long-suffering Mrs. Pearce, imperi-Lerner and Loewe version has been uneducated, unmannered cockney ous Mrs. Eynsford-Hill and sweetly updated for Portlanders, still with guttersnipe. While Eliza is indeed smitten Freddy. all the original dialogue and songs. an apt pupil, she turns out to have Opening night for performances is a rare inner beauty that charms all der, \$20 to \$55 general. For more Friday, Feb. 18, continuing through who meet her, including her cur-information, call 503-274-6588 or Saturday, March 12 at Newmark mudgeonly, know-it-all teacher.

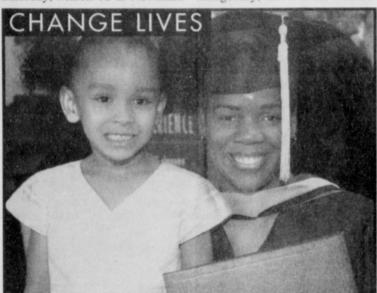
"My Fair Lady" is full of colorful, In "My Fair Lady," Henry unforgettable characters, including

Tickets are \$15 ages 30 and unvisit www.pcs.org.

Eliza (Sherry Boone) grudgingly gives her father, Alfie Doolittle (James Brennan) a coin for a drop of "liquid protection" in the Portland Center Stage production of

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Wine and Cheese - The 2nd Annual Portland Showcase of Wine and Cheese will be held at the Oregon Convention Center on Friday, Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. Over 250 varieties of wines and gourmet cheeses, live entertainment and auction items will be showcased. Tickets are \$35. For more information, call 503-232-0077.



Black Hippie Chronicles - David Daniels will perform "Black Hippie Chronicles" on Friday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center theatre. Tickets are \$10 general, \$8 students and seniors for evening performances and \$6 general, \$4 students and seniors for the matinee performance. For reservations, call 503-823-4322.

Black Panther Photo Exhibit Reed College will be showing photos by Ruth-Marion Baruch and Pirkle Jones through Sunday, Feb. 20 at the Douglas F. Cooley Memorial Art Gallery..

Jewish Film Festival - The Northwest Film Festival presents the 13th Jewish Film Festival through Feb. 29 at the Guild Theatre and Whitsell Auditorium. Admission is \$7 general, \$6 members, students and seniors. For more information, visit www.nwfilm.org.

Write Around Portland - Write Around Portland's free creative writing begins on Feb. 21, at various

locations around the city. For more information and locations, visit www.writearound.org or call 503-796-9224.

Lyrics Born - Lyrics Born, Pigeon John and Libretto will perform on Feb. 26 at 9:30 p.m. at Berbati's Pan. Tickets are \$12 advance, \$15 day of show.

Little Shop of Horrors - Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham presents "Little Shop of Horrors" from Feb. 25 to 27 and March 4 to 6, with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on Feb. 27 and March 6. All other shows are at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 general, \$10 students, seniors and staff.

The Wailers - Tickets for The Wailers, performing at the Crystal Ballroom on April 23 at 9 p.m., went on sale on Feb. 12. Tickets are \$20 advance, \$25 day of show.

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.

Trippin' through Town - Take a trip through time to find the hottest poetry, hip hop and soul influencing Portland on Wednesdays at the



Black Panther Photo Exhibit at Reed College

On the Radio - Groove to soul and hip hop with Kevin Berry from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays at 90.7 FM/KBOO. Check out the Community Potpourri talk show from 7 to 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at 1480 AM/KBMS. Count your blessings with Melodies

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from Heaven from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at 1290 AM/ KKSL. Tune in to African American Health Radio Wednesday nights on

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

Gypsy Classes - Caravan Studios offers classes in belly dance, African

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.

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.omsi.edu.

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.oregon zoo.org.

TimetoJam-Jam Night, Portland's ever-popular comedy/variety show, is 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.

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- · The Black Notes play Thursdays at the Candlelight Room.
- · Mel Brown plays jazz at Jimmy Maks 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.
- R&B and live funk bands perform weekends at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center.

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- After work, stop by The Red Sea, 381 S.W. 3rd Ave. from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednes-
- · Don't miss Reggae Thursdays at Savannah's at First Thursday celebrations at 8 p.m.
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- Ron Steen Jam Session Sundays at 8:30
- 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.
- DJ Vance spins Saturdays at Bookies Sports Lounge on N. Lombard and Albina. No cover before 10 p.m.

Plays Tackle Racism in College

PCC 'Illumination Project' seeks solutions

A series of plays addressing racial oppression will kick off this week at Portland Community College in southwest Portland. The "Illumination Project" is

a program of the Sylvania Women's Resource Center and Sylvania Multicultural Center, as well as PCC's Sociology and Theater departments. Because college campuses are

the third most likely place for hate crimes to occur, students in the Illumination Project feel it is important to raise awareness of racism.

"Racist comments are everywhere," said Japanese student educator Toyomi Yoshida. "It's hard to know what to do when you hear them. I feel like this program has given me a voice."

Student educators inform their

peers on how to recognize, confront, and ultimately bring an end to racism. The Illumination Project does this using interactive theater performance, which allows audience members to intervene on the scenarios presented to achieve different out-

Through active learning, student educators hope to empower their peers in solving the difficult problem of racial inequality.

Performances run through Friday, March 4 at the PAC Lobby on Sylvania Campus, located at 12000 S.W. 49th Ave. Additional performances may be arranged for high schools, churches and other community groups. For more information or to schedule a performance, contact Jeannie LaFrance at 503-977-8149 or email jlafranc@pcc.edu.

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