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Chinese culture and a thirst for freedom are characterized in the movements of the Beijing Modern Dance Company.

Beijing Modern Dance Visits Portland

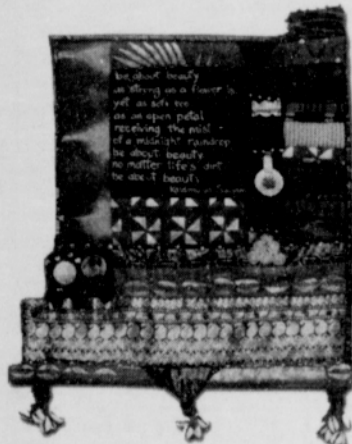
White Bird presents the Portland debut of one of China's most exciting dance companies, Beijing Modern Dance Company, on Wednesday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

The company will perform their spellbinding full-evening work "Rear Light," set to and inspired by Pink Floyd's seminal 1979 rock album "The Wall." Under artistic direction of Willy Tsao, Beijing

Modern Dance bridges the gap between international influence and cultural tradition, and their performances reflect a younger Chinese generation's attempts to reconcile their cultural heritage

and a thirst for freedom. Tickets for the event range from \$19 to \$43, with discounts for college students, seniors and groups. For more information, call 503-245-1600 ext. 201 or visit www.whitebird.org.

Multicultural Art Displayed at IFCC



"Be About Beauty" by Adriene Cruz, made in 2001.



"Loteria Oregon" by Analee Fuentes, made in 2004.



LA MANO

Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center's Main Gallery presents Adriene Cruz and Analee Fuentes in the Entry Gallery. This exhibition opens on Thursday, March 3, 2005 with a First Thursday reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The artist's talks are scheduled for Last Thursday, March 31, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

In her upcoming exhibit at IFCC, Cruz has created a mixed media collection of quilts and altar installations which mark a place of per-

sonal discovery and thanks. Combining historical concepts and ritual to keep the "rhythm of her roots alive," Cruz works to share her passions with others to inspire and awaken their "artist within."

Analee Fuentes' series of paintings is a new generation of the icons which form the traditional Loteria game, a collection of images held in the mind's eye of people growing up Mexican - wherever they grow up. The attitudes and

content reflected in her Loteria are based in her decades-long migration from the barrio of San Diego to the increasingly Mexican fog-dwellers of the Pacific Northwest.

For more information, visit www.ifcc-arts.org, or call 503.823.4322.



Super Producer Bosko Releases CD

A CD Release party for Super Producer Bosko will be held on Friday, March 11 at 9 p.m. at Berbat's Pan. Performers will include Bosko, Cool Nutz, Maniac Lok, Sirens Echo, DJ Chill and special guests. Tickets are \$10 advance, \$15 at the door, 21 and over. For more information, visit justfamilyrecords.com.

African Cappella Group Honored

(AP) - South Africa's most famous a cappella ensemble, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, picked up the award for best traditional world music album for "Raise Your Spirit Higher" at the recent Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

"This is the ultimate reward for a group that has entertained our country and millions abroad for more than four decades," South African President Thabo Mbeki said.

Ladysmith's signature sound was introduced to the American public by Paul Simon's Grammy-winning "Graceland" album, which captivated world audiences.

"Raise Your Spirit Higher," which fuses Zulu and gospel music traditions, is an album filled with hope for the future and deep faith. It includes a tribute to lead singer Joseph Shabalala's wife of 30 years, who was murdered during the making of the record.

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