

Book Helps Children Budget Allowance

"Budgeting Your Allowance" is a children's book that teaches children the importance of budgeting their allowance and how to budget their allowance.

The purpose of the children's book series is to instill financial literacy in children, to illustrate key concepts and principles relating to finances that a child can understand, to enrich the finan-

cial skills of a child and to assist in producing young adults who have more control over the quality of their lives.

Author Lisa Alexander is a 2001 recipient of the 25 Most Influential Black Women Award.

Lisa Alexander offers advice for budgeting in her new book.



Local Talent Shows Coming

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center is rededicating itself as the artistic haven to the north and northeast Portland community with the first of several open talent shows.

The entertainment will be open to any individual from the community wishing to perform for a live audience. From storytelling, poetry slamming, beat boxing, rapping, singing, and dancing to juggling, acting, improvising, instrument playing, magic performing, and joke telling; all talent is welcome and encouraged.

Those wishing to participate will

need to sign up in advance. Admission forms are available in the IFCC lobby at 5340 N. Interstate Ave. and can also be obtained by calling Dan Ruiz at 503-823-2001.

Participants will be required to attend a technical rehearsal on Tuesday, March 22 between 6 and 9 p.m. in order to perform during the first show on Thursday, March 24.

Theater officials say a strong show of support will be a sure sign that area residents want and need IFCC to stay a vital part of this community's rich cultural diversity.

Activist Shares Life Views

Storyteller, author and social activist Michael Meade brings his vital blend of storytelling, poetry and discussion to The Old Church, 14422 S.W. 11 Ave., on Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m.

A New York native with a razor sharp wit, Meade, has always been drawn to the edges of society. His insights are especially valuable since they have been hard won through decades of work in the trenches of mentoring youth, visiting prisons, assisting Vietnam vets and fostering dialogues between genders and races.

Through story, poetry and discussion, he is able to find common ground on hostile turf, working with Chicago gangs, in 'barrios' in LA, on Native American reservations and with Sudanese refugees.



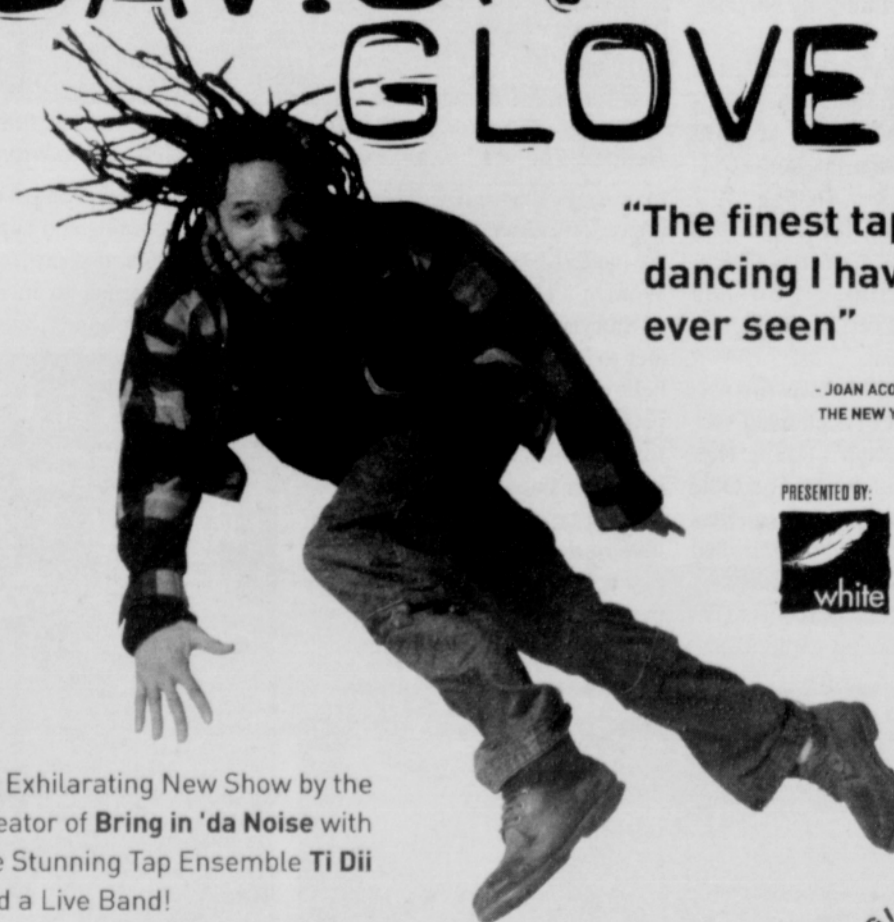
Michael Meade

Meade will also offer a workshop on Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20 at the Portland State University.

For more information go to www.mosaicvoices.org.

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