



Australian Dance Theatre performers take flight in "Birdbrain."

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Australia to Portland

Dance troupe pulsates rhythms

In an electrifying, high impact take on the classical ballet "Swan Lake," White Bird offers the Australian Dance Theatre in "Birdbrain," March 31 to April 2 at 8 p.m. at the Lincoln Performance Hall at Portland State University.

Driven by dramatic visuals and pulsating rhythms of an original electronic score, the company's 11 dancers literally take flight in the vigorous choreography of artistic director Garry Stewart. Incorporating classical ballet, modern dance, gymnastics, break

dance and airborne athleticism, the dancers fittingly twist and tumble with the grace of birds in flight.

Though not a narrative, "Birdbrain" completely deconstructs "Swan Lake" and recontextualises a number of its

central and satellite themes. Tickets are \$14 for college students with ID and seniors 62 and over and \$25 for adults plus service fee.

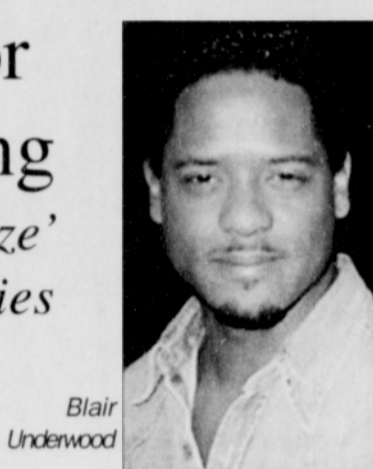
For more information, call 503-725-3307 or visit www.whitebird.org.

Matinees for Kids Coming

'The Golden Blaze' opens movie series

In the first of series of G-rated matinee events for children ages 3 to 9, Regal Cinemas will show "The Golden Blaze" at four different theatres on Saturday, April 2 and other dates this month. Cartoon shorts will also be previewed before the movie.

The movie is about two schoolyard rivals, one nerdy scientist dad, a powerful businessman with a nefarious plan, and extraterrestrial goop oozing from the ground. Starring the voices of actors Blair Underwood and Michael Clarke Duncan, the animated fea-



Blair Underwood

ture brings out the super hero "light of justice" - in a classic good versus evil comic book style struggle.

The cartoon follows Jason Fletcher, an average African American kid in the suburbs, embarrassed by his dad and struggling with the schoolyard bully, Leon Tatum.

For more information on show times and other films in the series, visit www.kidtoonfilms.com.

Lil' Kim Faces Prison Time

Jury finds her guilty in perjury case

(AP) — Rap diva Lil' Kim was convicted Thursday of lying to a federal grand jury to protect friends who were involved in a shootout outside a radio station.

Lil' Kim and her assistant were both convicted of perjury and conspiracy but acquitted of obstruction of justice. Kim faces up to 20 years in prison - five years each for three perjury counts and one count of conspiracy - at her June 24 sentencing.

The former sidekick and mistress of the late Notorious B.I.G., known for her revealing outfits and raunchy raps, testified that she didn't notice two close friends at the scene of the 2001 gun battle - her manager, Damion Butler, and Suif "Gutta" Jackson. Both men have since pleaded guilty to gun charges.

The jury saw radio station security photos showing Butler opening a door for Lil' Kim. And witnesses Antoine "Banger" Spain and James "Lil' Cease" Lloyd, who once made hit records with Lil' Kim in the group Junior M.A.F.I.A., testified that Butler and Jackson were at the station with her.



Lil' Kim enters federal court in New York before her conviction of lying to a grand jury in connection with a shooting. (AP photo)

Both defendants shook their heads as the verdicts were delivered. Lil' Kim's supporters broke out in sobs. While many rappers have gone to prison, Lil' Kim, 29, would be the first big-name female to do time.

No Merger for Ethos and IFCC

Music mentoring program Ethos and Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center have decided not to merge together after a series of discussions.

The two organizations had been considering the partnership, citing their similarities.

Although they are both orga-

nizations dedicated to the arts and the same community, the two programs' missions and priorities did not match up in a way that would make unification practical.

Ethos and IFCC still hope to collaborate with each other on specific arts programs in the future.

Chitlin' Fest - Friday's Espresso and Café will host its first annual Chitlin' Fest on Saturday, March 26 to benefit the Celebration Academy of the Performing Arts.

Beyond various pork dishes, traditional foods such as fried chicken, black-eyed peas and rice, corn on the cob, greens, 7-up cake, ribs and more will be served. Tickets are \$20 for an all-you-can-eat buffet. For more information, call 503-286-2590.

Savion Glover - Dancer Savion Glover will glide through Portland on Tuesday, March 29 and 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Tickets range from \$23 to \$57. For more information, call 503-248-4335.

Dizze Rascal - Dizze Rascal will perform with special guests on Friday, March 31 at 9 p.m. at the Doug Fir Lounge. Tickets are \$14 advance, \$16 day of show.

Christy Klep - Photography of children and expectant families by Christy Klep will be featured at Milagros at 5429 N.E. 30th St., opening with an artist's reception on Thursday, March 31 from 5 to 8 p.m. For more information, call 503-493-4141.

Rustica - Eclectic American group Rustica will perform on Friday, April 1 at 8 p.m. at the IFCC Theatre. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$8 students and seniors. For reservations, call 503-823-4322.

Handsome Boy Modeling School - Handsome Boy Modeling School featuring Dan the Automator and Prince Paul will perform on April 3 at Berhati's Pan at 9:30 p.m.

Multicultural Film Festival - Jefferson High School will feature the film "Race: The Power of an Illusion" on Monday, April 4 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in room C12. Admission is free. For more information, call 503-916-5180.

Kids Choir - The No Kidding Choir will perform a culturally diverse medley on April 8 at 7 p.m. at the Augustana Lutheran Church at 2710 N.E. 14th Ave. This is a benefit that will feature a silent auction. For more information, call 503-280-9034.

Art and Sell - The 15th annual Art and Sell will feature the work of more than 100 artists and benefiting Portland's Buckman and da Vinci arts magnet schools. The event will be held on Friday, April 8 from 5 to 9 p.m. and

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Savion Glover



Rustica

Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Buckman Elementary School at 320 S.E. 16th Ave. Admission is \$5 per person on Friday and free on Saturday. For more information, visit www.buckmanelementary.org/artsale.

Jesus Christ Superstar - The vibrant musical "Jesus Christ Superstar" will be performed at Gresham Little Theatre on April 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24 and at the Scarlett Ballroom, 700 N.E. Dekum on April 29, 30 and May 1, 6, 7 and 8. Friday and Saturday showings are at 8 p.m. and Sundays are at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$8 under 18. For more information, visit www.radianttheatre.org.

Laugh Factory - Comedy returns every second Wednesday of the month at the upscale Bacchus Restaurant, thanks to EEI International.

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.

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 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 1290 AM/KKSL.

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 dance and more. Visit www.gypsycaravan.us.

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