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The Imani Winds design their own concert dresses.

Vibrant Imani Winds

Lively ensemble returns to Portland

Five outstanding musicians of African-American and Latin heritage return to Portland for two spring concerts.

Imani Winds performs Wednesday, April 27 at 8 p.m. in Kaul Auditorium at Reed College in southeast

Portland and Saturday, April 30 at 11 a.m. at the Old Church, downtown. Tickets are available by calling Chamber Music Northwest at 503-294-6400.

Imani Winds dazzled and charmed audiences last summer at

the Chamber Music Northwest Summer Festival.

The group blends classical music and jazz to push the boundaries of a traditional wind quintet. Along with many public performances this summer, they'll also

take trips to elementary schools to expose children to the wonders of world music.

Imani, literally "faith" in Swahili, is the embodiment of the ensemble's mission: bridging the European and African musical traditions, explor-

ing repertoire from diverse cultural backgrounds, and reflecting upon their rich experience as classical musicians of color.

Imani Winds will again return to Portland for the chamber's summer festival, July 11 to 15.

'King's Ransom'

a Hilarious Comedy

Anthony Anderson stars in the hilarious comedy "King's Ransom," scheduled for release on Friday, April 22. Along for the non-stop action comedy are "Bernie Mac" star Kellita Smith, "Scrubs" star Donald Faison, "Second Time Around" star Nicole Ari Parker, Regina Hall, "Dave Chappelle" comedian Charlie Murphy, "Waiting to Exhale" actress Loretta Devine and "Jerry Maguire" actor Jay Mohr.

In "King's Ransom," Anderson stars as Malcolm King, a wealthy and arrogant businessman whose ex-wife-to-be Renee (Smith) has plans to take him for everything he is worth in their divorce settlement. Determined to avoid losing his fortune to her, Malcolm plans his own kidnapping with the help of Peaches (Hall) his dim-witted mistress and her ex-con brother Herb (Murphy).



The comedy 'King's Ransom' premieres Friday, April 22 starring Regina Hall and Anthony Anderson.

Political Strife Thriller

Earl Cameron stars in 'The Interpreter,' opening Friday in movie theaters.

Academy Award winners Nicole Kidman and Sean Penn star in "The Interpreter," a suspenseful thriller of international intrigue about "Matobo," a fictional country in Africa, whose President Edmund Zuwanie (Earl Cameron) is scheduled to

address the United Nations' General Assembly.

Oscar winner Sydney Pollack directs the film to be released Friday, April 22.

The screenwriters created the political struggle based on modern history involving post-colonial struggles, warring tribal factions and institutionalized corruption.

"We didn't want to use an existing country because it would run the risk of becoming too much like a documentary instead of a fictional thriller. But we were careful to be as authentic as possible in creating a reality-based history," Pollack said.

