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Happy 2nd Anniversary Mom & Alex



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A carnival is part of the excitement for kids and families at the annual Cinco De Mayo Fiesta, opening Thursday and running through Saturday at Tom McCall Waterfront Park, downtown.



Hand-made artisan crafts are some of attractions featured each day at the Cinco De Mayo Fiesta.

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Cinco de Mayo Begins

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land and Vancouver area, and a special performance of the Grupo Folklórico de Guadalajara with Mariachi.

Music, dance, authentic cuisine, games, children's activities, carnival rides, hand-made artisan crafts and jewelry, and more attractions featured each day of the fiesta.

The hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday,

and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free before 2 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. All other times, entrance is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students ages 11-18, and free for children under the age of 10.

The skies of Portland will light up Friday night, with a fireworks spectacular over the Willamette River beginning at about 9:45 p.m. Also, amateur singers can once again take part in the Cinco Idol singing contest every night on

the Plaza Stage, with winners presented Sunday evening on the Main Stage.

This year's musical entertainment is a mix of old Fiesta favorites, such as the Ballet Folklórico y Mariachi Ciudad Guadalajara, and new and exciting talent. The Fiesta's headlining entertainment includes Grupo Control, Dinastia Norteña, Mingo Saldivar y Los Cuatro Espadas, and Banda Vagos.

The Cinco de Mayo Fiesta earns

its reputation as a family-friendly, educational, and cultural environment with features such as the Plaza de Niños children's area, two student assemblies, and a carnival packed with amusement park rides. A Mariachi Mass, officiated by Portland Archbishop John G. Vlazny, will be held Sunday at 10 a.m. in the main tent.

For more information on the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, or for a schedule of events, visit www.cinco demayo.org.

Art Beat Kick-Off — On Monday, May 9, join Portland Community College for a kick off to Art Beat at noon at the Sylvania Campus Performing Arts Center. The event includes a performance by the PCC Jazz Trio, featuring member of the PCC staff. For more information please visit www.pcc.edu/news

Project Blowed Tour- Featuring Hip Hop Klan and others are set to perform at Berbat's Pan on Wednesday, May 11 at 9:30pm. For more information please visit www.thrasherpresents.com or call 503-248-4579.

Fiddle-Levity- This free performance will feature David Klinkenber, one of the country's most accomplished violists and fiddle masters on Thursday, May 19 at the Portland Memorial Coliseum. This event is free, doors open at 6 p.m. show is at 7 p.m. Donations will benefit Northwest Medical Teams.

Jesus Christ Superstar — Final performances of the vibrant rock operetta "Jesus Christ Superstar," are at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 7 and 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 8 at the Scarlett Ballroom, 700 N.E. Dekum. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for those 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

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

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.

Gypsy Classes - Caravan Studios offers classes in belly dance, African dance and more. Visit www.gypsyncaravan.us.

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.oms.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.

Time to Jam - 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.



Jesus Christ Superstar



Mel Brown plays jazz at Jimmy Maki's

Ongoing and Upcoming Music

- The Blue Monk on Belmont plays live jazz every Sunday night at 9 p.m. For a schedule, visit www.thebluemonk.com.
- Thorn City Improv, featuring members of Old Dominion, Quivah, The Chosen and The Black Notes perform every Tuesday at 10 p.m. at Conan's at 3862 SE Hawthorne.
- Interstate Bar and Grill has mature live music at 4234 N. Interstate. The Black Notes play Thursdays at the Candlelight Room.
- Mel Brown plays jazz at Jimmy Maki's on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Fridays and Saturdays at Salty's on the Columbia.
- A Community Unity Breakfast 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. Blvd. and Shaver.
- R&B and live funk bands perform weekends at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center.
- After work, stop by The Red Sea, 381 S.W. 3rd Ave. from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays.
- Don't miss Reggae Thursdays at Savannah's at First Thursday celebrations at 8 p.m.
- DJOGONE spins R&B at Savannah's on Fridays. Savannah's Restaurant welcomes Ron Steen Jam Session Sundays at 8:30 p.m.
- 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.

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