

Ballet Features Award-Winning Choreographer

The School of Oregon Ballet Theater will perform "Road to the Yellow Carnival," the ballet choreographed by the renowned African-American dancer Robert Henry Johnson on Tuesday, May 24 and Wednesday, May 25 at the Newmark Theater. Both shows are at 7:30 p.m.

Johnson owns a dance company titled after himself in San Francisco. That's where the met OBT Artistic Director Christopher School and OBT School Director Damara Bennett.

Johnson's choreography has been presented internationally and he's won many awards, including the 2001 Bay Area Critics Award for Best Choreography of the Year.

There will also be performances during the day for children in elementary through high schools. For more information on the performances, call 503-228-5538.

Send calendar announcements to news@portlandobserver.com

Fiddle-Levity - A free performance by David Klinkenberg, one of the country's most accomplished violists and fiddle masters, takes place on Thursday, May 19 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Coliseum. Doors open at 6 p.m. Donations will benefit Northwest Medical Teams.

Laugh Factory - Comedy returns every second Wednesday of the month at the upscale Bacchus Restaurant.

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.

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

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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 and variety show is at Christian Performing Arts Center, 8131 N. Denver Ave. every Friday at 9 p.m. with dinner by Mondemaj Catering next door at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. For dinner reservations, call 503-286-2590. For information about the show, call 503-735-4184 or visit www.jam-night.com.



David Klinkenberg



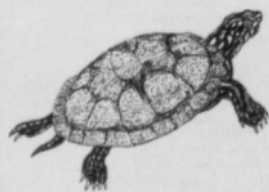
Mel Brown (left) and Ron Steen



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.
- DJOG ONE 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.

Wetlands and Wildlife



Grand opening adventure exploring the wilds of Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday, May 15

Take I-5 to exit 307. Go west on North Marine Drive for 2 miles to event parking. The event also is accessible via the 40-Mile Loop Trail, 2 miles west of the MAX Expo Center stop. Bicycle corral provided. Leave pets at home.

www.metro-region.org/parks

Visit the Metro web site for event information and details about the Peninsula Crossing Family Fun Pedal and the Bluff Ride.

Event partners: eNRG Kayaking, Weir's Cyclery and Metro

What's wild about it?

Free guided kayaking, equipment provided

Painted turtle viewing and spring bird watching

Wildlife-friendly outdoor art tours

Two group bike rides to the event

Nature games and activities for all ages

Free turtle-shaped cookies

Enjoy Nature in Neighborhoods



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'Harlem Girl Lost' Walks the Ghetto

Silver Jones was born to a heroin-addicted prostitute that only wanted her daughter to grow up with morals and aspirations. Silver's mother Jesse taught her the rules early on in life and even after her mother succumbed to streets of Harlem, the rules stuck.

Author of "Harlem Girl Lost," Treasure E. Blue knows the streets of Harlem and the good the bad and the ugly of drug addiction all too well. Retiring from "the game" at the age of 16, Blue became one of the youngest people to receive the G.E.D. in New York State.

