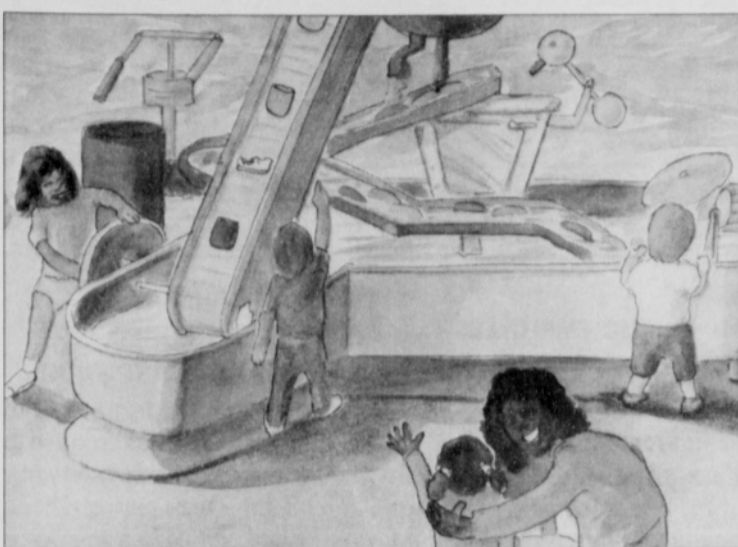


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## Children's Museum Exhibit Coming



The new Water Works at Portland Children's Museum will feature a hand-cranked "conveyor belt" that carries water into whimsical objects like mugs, kitchen tools and even an old shoe.

### Water Works to open this summer

Water Works, one of Portland Children's Museum's most popular exhibits, will reopen this summer with new features and artwork that creates a setting that is authentic to the Pacific Northwest.

The new Water Works will feature a 12-foot high waterfall, a hand-cranked "conveyor belt" that carries water in whimsical objects like mugs, kitchen tools, and even an old shoe.

Last September, a leak was discovered in one of the exhibit drains. Investigation revealed that water had damaged the flooring in the exhibit hall, and the

exhibit had to be closed to the public.

Doors will open to the new Water Works on July 15, museum officials said.

Founded in 1949, Portland Children's Museum is a hands-on museum for children from birth to 10 years old. The non-profit museum's mission is to inspire imagination, creativity, and the wonder of learning in children and adults. The museum features changing exhibits, arts-based programs and a public school.

The Children's Museum is located at 4015 S.W. Canyon Rd., across from the Oregon Zoo.

## Tupac's Mother Opens Arts Center

### Says arts can save children



Afeni Shakur

(AP) — Afeni Shakur was in a cocaine haze in 1990 when she heard that her son's rap career was taking off.

"I was in the heyday of using," she says. "Someone told me that Tupac was on 'The Arsenio Hall Show,' and I thought they were lying."

That's when Afeni realized cocaine was ruining her life. She had lost track of her son - a tough feat considering that all eyes were about to be on Tupac.

Afeni kicked her habit, and by the time Tupac was killed in 1996 at the height of his fame, they had rekindled their relationship. Now Afeni's life is consumed with

keeping Tupac's legacy alive - and her latest effort is the June 11 grand opening of the Tupac Amaru Shakur Center for the Arts in Atlanta, Ga.

The \$4 million project is focused on helping at-risk youth. It revolves around a six-acre campus in the Atlanta suburb of Stone Mountain that includes an art gallery, rehearsal area, offices, gift shop and a "peace garden." There are plans to add a museum, community meeting space and classrooms. A bronze statue of Tupac will be unveiled in one of the peace garden's fountains in September.

The idea for the center came from a sad chapter of Afeni's history. As she bounced from New York City to Baltimore to California, falling deeper into drugs and the Black Panther movement, she enrolled young Tupac in several arts schools and programs, where he honed the natural musical and acting gifts that would make him a hip-hop icon.

"Arts can save children, no matter what's going on in their homes," Afeni, 58, told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "I wasn't available to do the right things for my son. If not for the arts, my child would've been lost."

### Ongoing and Upcoming Music



Mel Brown and Ron Steen



- The Blue Monk on Belmont plays live jazz every Sunday night at 9 p.m. For a schedule, visit [www.thebluemonk.com](http://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 S.E. 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 is held 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.

### Avant-Garde Jazz from New York

The Greater Portland Flute Society and Portland State University Music Department will present former Portland resident John Savage in a jazz/avant-garde flute concert and workshop on Sunday, June 5 at 2 p.m. in Room 453 of Cramer Hall at Portland State University. The concert will be followed by a workshop.

Savage's training began at Jefferson High School, studying

flute with Georgette Ries. He then studied at Portland State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Music degree in flute, studying classical style with Dr. Marilyn Shotola and jazz with Charley Gray and Andrew Hill.

Attendees are invited to bring their instruments. General admission is \$10 with seniors, Flute Society members and students at \$8. PSU students and faculty are free.

## ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

**Jazz Legends to Perform** - Jazz legends Rashied Ali and Sonny Fortune will perform Thursday, June 2 at 8 p.m. at the Old Church, downtown. The concert is sponsored by the Creative Music Guild. Tickets are available at the door.



**Movin' Out** - The Tony Award-winning new dance musical 'Movin' Out' directed by Twyla Tharp and based on songs by Billy Joel will be in Portland at the Keller Auditorium from June 7-12. Tickets start at \$24.

Rashied Ali and Sonny Fortune

**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.

**Famous Lipizzaner Stallions** - The world's most graceful and artistic horses in equestrian entertainment trop, jump, dance and gallop into the Rose Garden for two shows on Sunday, June 26. Tickets are on sale at all Ticketmaster outlets.



Lipizzaner Stallions

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 Pot-pourri 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.gypsycaravan.us](http://www.gypsycaravan.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.omsiedu](http://www.omsiedu).

**Amusement At Oaks Park** - 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 and 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.



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