

Northwest original blues and R&B group Norman Sylvester Band, featuring Gretchen Mitchell, will perform Wednesday, July 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Peninsula Park as part of the Portland Parks Summer Concert series.

Portland Parks Summer Concerts

Peninsula Park helps kick off series July 6

The Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his Tower of Power. Band will be one of many musical events sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation during its summer concert series open to the entire community to enjoy for free at Portland area parks.

Area residents are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets as The Norman Sylvester Band with its Northwest original blues and R&B help kick off the series when it performs on Wednesday, July 6 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 p.m. at the Peninsula Park Gazebo area just off North Ainsworth and Albina Avenue.

The group, including Rob Shoemaker, Ashbolt Stewart, Gretchen Mitchell, Reggie Houston and Frankie Redding, has been performing in the Portland area for over 15 years. Sylvester and his band have shared the stage with such legendary stars as BB King, Buddy Guy and

Other entertainment scheduled during the next few weeks of the concert series includes African musicians Chata Addy and Susuma on Tuesday, July 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Laurelhurst Park in southeast Portland; the Pan Gypsies steel drum band on July 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Dawson Park in north Portland; jazz and soul singers Linda Hornbuckle and Janice Scroggins, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Sellwood Riverfront Park in southeast Portland; and Rachel Taylor Brown, July 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Peninsula Park.

The entire summer concert series lasts through Aug 16. Detailed information on the concert dates and schedules, including Lents, Mt. Tabor, Couch, Wallace, and Washington parks is available on the Portland Parks and Recreation website at www.parks.ci.portland.or.us/.

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