

FOCUS



Julianne Johnson

Reunion of Souls Concert

Julianne R. Johnson of N-Touch, Bart Ferguson and Friends and Ambroxia will be performing inspirational, R&B, along with hits by Marvin Gaye, Sly and the Family Stone and Todd Rundgren in a free Reunion of Souls Concert, Tuesday, Aug. 9 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Washington Park.

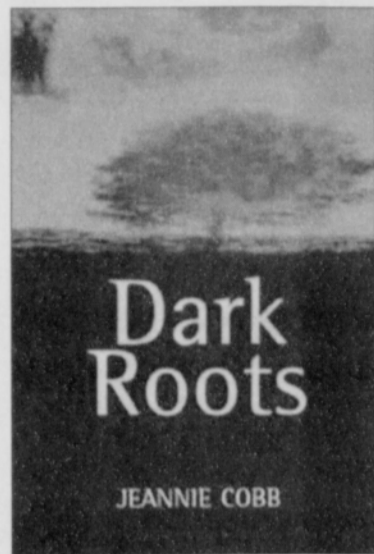
Book Award Taps 'Dark Roots'

Compelling novel wins historical fiction prize

Interracial relationships, African mysticism and the strong bond of family love were enough to capture an award for "Dark Roots," a debut novel by Jeannie Cobb. The 2005 Los Angeles Book Expo honored Cobb's work with historical fiction.

Cobb's narrative, featuring main character Amber Brooks, an African American, and Clayton, her white boyfriend, takes the couple from the corporate boardroom back in time to 1840s America in a frantic search for Amber's brother, James, an anthropologist whose near-frantic interest in the African slave trade leads to his disappearance on the Dark Continent.

Along the way, Amber and Clayton experience first-hand the poser of long-held African beliefs in



JEANNIE COBB

the supernatural, and discover the true meaning of love and life.

According to the Neubian Circle Book Club, "Dark Roots" is a "wonderfully imagined and well-written speculative and historical fiction."

First time author Jeannie Cobb has a degree in English from Stanford University. Before she penned "Dark Roots," she spent several years developing and marketing computers globally for various Silicon Valley companies. She has taught English as a Second Language in Santa Clara, Calif.

For more information, visit www.jeanniecobb.com.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Mel Brown -- Mel Brown and his B3 Organ Quartet will play as part of the Portland Parks and Recreation Concert Series, on August 3. Join other jazz fans at Washington Park Amphitheater. Show starts at 6 p.m.



Mel Brown

Church Service and Movie -- Westminster Presbyterian Church Presbyterian Church will have an evening service with jazz accompaniment. Come as you are, bring a blanket; chairs will be available. Childcare will also be available. Worship attendees are invited to a viewing and discussion of movie "What the Bleep Do we Know!" at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 1624 NE Hancock.

Portland Convergence -- On August 5 to 6 and 12 to 13, enjoy the sounds of local and national entertainment and speakers. The first weekend features destiny speaker Dr. Undrai Fizer the next weekend features Christian rap group Catch 2. The event starts at 4 p.m. each day with family friendly activities. Entertainment starts on all days at 7 p.m. This event is free and open to anyway at the Jefferson High School football field. For more information call Reverend Renee Ward at 503-281-1820 or visit portlandconvergence.com.

Free Outdoor Movie Nights -- Grab your lawn chair & blankets and attend the 4th annual Uptown Movies. Movies will be shown on August 6 and August 13. Sit outside with your friends and neighbors to watch a free movie projected on the side of LSW Architects building at 23rd & Main in Old Town Vancouver. Movies appropriate for all ages. Free entertainment before the show and concessions are available on site. Visit www.uptownmovies.com for movie listings or if weather looks questionable.

The Gipsy Kings -- will have feet moving with modern and traditional flamenco on Saturday, August 6. French-born, the group has clapped, sung and plucked their way through beautiful arrangements for more than 20 years. This concert is just one of the events in the Oregon Zoo Summer Concert Series. For more information on the concert series or other events visit www.oregonzoo.org

Arm Wrestling Competition -- Shoe Gazer Arm Wrestling will hold a competition at Tiny's Coffee 2033 NE MLK every Friday from 8-10 pm Come on down and arm wrestle! Both men and women are encouraged to attend.

Qwest Noon Concert Series -- Every Wednesday at noon until August 10, enjoy free music in the park. Come with an appetite - delicious food and beverage on site. Ester Short Park is located in downtown Vancouver at 301 W. 8th street. For more information call 360.619.1141 or visit www.cityofvancouver.us

Six to Sunset Concerts -- The City of Vancouver proudly presents a weekly evening concert series. Each Thursday until the end of August there will be diverse genres for the community to enjoy. Check out their website for weekly listings. For more information, visit www.cityofvancouver.us.

Discovery Museum -- The World Forestry Center recently opened its doors to a new Discovery Museum, featuring exciting, interactive exhibits on forestry. Visitors have a chance to go on a white water raft ride without getting wet, smoke jump into a wildfire without getting singed and stroll across a 20-foot high tree top canopy walk. For more information, visit www.worldforestry.org.

Sponge Bob at the Zoo -- Now through Labor Day, the Oregon Zoo will present Nickelodeon's Sponge Bob Square Pants - the thrill ride. The cost is \$4.50 in addition to admission. For more information call 503-226-1561 or visit www.oregonzoo.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 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.

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 -- 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.

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 Maks** 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. 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. DJ OG 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 Cafe** from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Chicago Style Steppin is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Fridays at **Matt Dishman Community Center** and Sundays from 7 to 11 p.m. at **Flirts Holiday Inn Airport**. DJ Vance spins on Saturdays at **Bookies Sports Lounge** on North Lombard and Albina; no cover before 10 p.m.

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"To play music is like the sun coming up." Bobby Hutcherson

Mt. Hood Jazz Festival Encore! at The Bite of Oregon Sunday August 14

KMHD 89.1 will join with Mt. Hood Jazz at The Bite of Oregon at Tom McCall Waterfront Park—Visit with KMHD in person at the PGE Fountain Stage

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Happy Birthday B.B. King

(AP) - Bruce Willis, Dr. John and Kenny Wayne Shepherd were among the artists on stage with blues legend B.B. King during a special birthday benefit to raise money for a museum bearing the musician's name.



B.B. King performs during his birthday celebration in Biloxi, Miss. (AP Photo)

King, who will turn 80 on Sept. 16, was joined by a barrage of artists Saturday, including, Rockin' Dopsis Jr. and Deborah Coleman in the performance at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. The event, sponsored by Isle of Capri Casinos, drew a crowd of about 7,000.

Proceeds from the show will be used to fund the \$10 million B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center in Indianola. Officials broke ground on the project in June and plan to have it completed by 2007. In addition to honoring the bluesman's legend, the museum is also expected to help preserve the Delta blues heritage and inspire young arts and musicians.

Television personality Montel Williams hosted the show and urged the audience to sing "Happy Birthday" to the singer.

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