

FAMILY

Free Jazz Concert at George Fox



Carmen Bradford

World-renown jazz vocalist Carmen Bradford will perform a free concert with local jazz artists, the George Fox University Jazz Band and Jazz Choir Friday, Nov. 4 in Newberg.

The "Jazz Night" concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the university's Bauman Auditorium.

Bradford will perform with

three local artists: pianist Randy Porter, string bass player Will Amend, and drummer Ken Ollis. She also will join the Jazz Band to perform four charts: "Them There Eyes," "Sweet Georgia Brown," "Muddy Water," and "The Very Thought of You."

Bradford has been a part of four Grammy-winning albums. She was the featured vocalist in the legendary Count Basie Orchestra for nine years.

Bradford also has performed and/or recorded with the following legendary artists: Frank Sinatra, Nancy Wilson, Herbie Hancock, Lou Rawls, Wynton Marsalis, Tony Bennett, James Brown, George Benson, Doc Severinsen, Willie Nelson, Lena Horne, Regina Carter, Patti Austin, The Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, Joe Williams, and many others.

Parents Urged to Set Goals for Kids

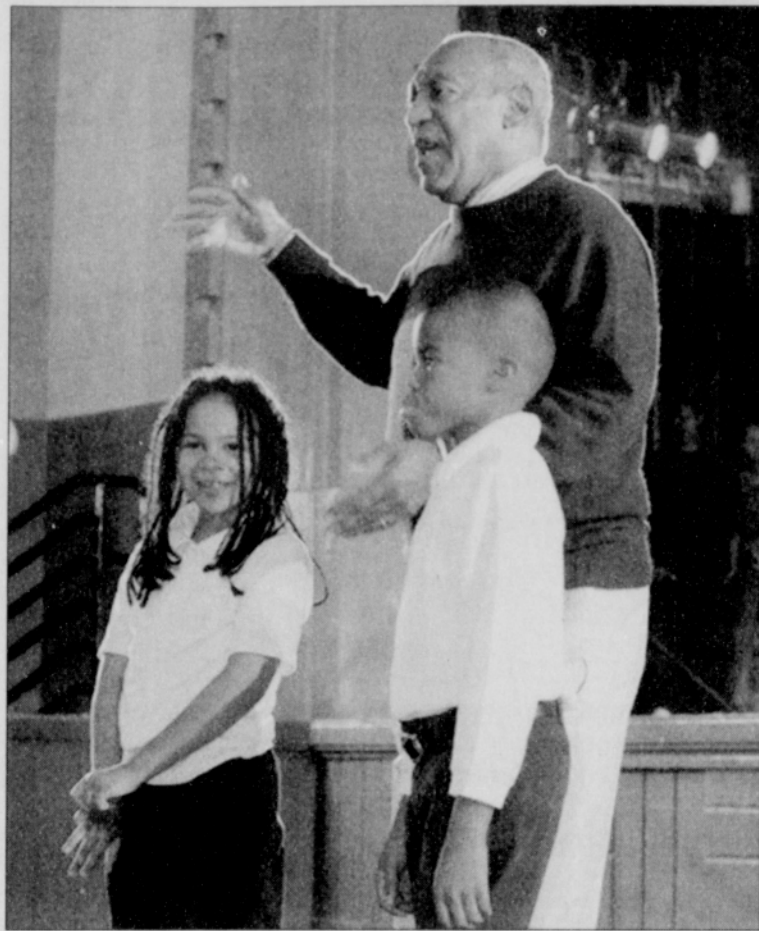
Cosby talks empowerment and hope

(AP) — Bill Cosby is challenging parents to set goals for their children.

The actor and comedian recently visited Compton High School in Los Angeles as part of a 15-city tour he hopes will bring a message of hope and self-improvement to the black community.

"Somebody said 'I'm either flippin' burgers or sellin' some drugs,'" said Cosby, echoing a common complaint of young people in poor communities. "But people flippin' burgers never seem to say 'I want to be the manager of the burger place.'"

Cosby's message was warmly received by many, including Lamiya Patrick, a 16-year-old Compton High School sophomore, who said the co-



Actor and comedian Bill Cosby stands with Jerome Gaines, 9, and his sister Yohanna, 7, as he moderates a panel discussion dedicated to foster parents and grandparents raising children. (AP photo)

median proved anyone could make something of themselves if they tried.

Cosby, who grew up in a poor Philadelphia neighborhood, left high school in the 10th grade but went on to earn a doctorate in education and to succeed in movies, television and nightclubs.

"We can relate in Compton because there are a lot of broken homes. ... It doesn't mean you can't succeed," said Patrick.

Some, though, resented the visit.

"There's no reason for him to come here and jump on black men who have been held down for years," said Daima White, a 77-year-old retired nurse and mother of five.

Last year, Cosby created a stir when he criticized young black people for the way they speak, accusing them of squandering the civil rights accomplishments of the 1950s and 1960s.

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Hollywood Veterans Parade Coming

Continuing a community tradition dating back 31 years, the Veteran of All Wars Parade and Planning Committee is making preparations for the annual Veterans Day Parade to be held Friday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. in northeast Portland's Hollywood district.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend the event featuring veterans of all ages.

The parade will begin at Northeast 40th Avenue and Tillamook Street and conclude at 48th and Sandy Boulevard near the Ross Hollywood Chapel Veterans Memorial Flag pole.

Local Korean War veteran Jerry Wiley has helped put on the parade for 30 years, reminding all of us of the great sacrifices made to ensure freedom in America.

Now 67, he is a concerned about who will step forward to assume leadership of this annual event once he is no longer able to answer the call to duty.

"It would be an honor if other vets in the community could step forward and get involved to ensure this great tradition continues," Wiley said.

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Because he was born with significant brain damage, his new family will need to understand the implications of pre-natal drug exposure. He needs someone to help make good choices and follow directions.



Christian, age 9, awaits adoption.

Although Christian looks at life differently and day-to-day activities do not come easily, he never holds a grudge. He attends a specialized school and has a full time aid with him during the day. He has

made progress in reading and math and just learning to write. He is a boy of many talents and gifts. His mechanical mind amazes his foster father who runs farm equipment. Christian knows exactly how things go together and what tool to use.

Time and patience will be the key to success for Christian. His foster home has provided him with love and security and Christian looks at each day as a new beginning. Now he needs a family who can give him a fresh start.

For more information on the availability of this child, or how to become a foster or adoptive parent, contact the Special Needs Adoption Coalition at The Boys & Girls Aid Society or DHS at 503 542-2392 or 1 800 331-0503.

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