

# FOCUS

## Artist Shines at Interstate Firehouse

Paintings examine growth, philosophy

The Interstate Firehouse and Cultural Center will feature artwork by local African American artist Mo through Dec. 15.

Mo is presented as Portland State's first African American Visual Arts Scholarship recipient, setting her standards in school and artwork high.



Local African American artist Mo presents a sampling of her works at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center.

"Art, and creating it, is what make the blood move through my veins. It is the air that fills my lungs and the knowledge that caresses my cerebral cortex. Simply put, I have to paint, draw and create like you have to breathe," Mo said.

Mo's paintings can be seen for free Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. at the IFCC Gallery on 5340 N. Interstate Avenue. For more information, call 503-823-2070.

## Tears of Joy Theatre Presents:

### Ride the Red Mare puppetry

Winter is a time for good company, good music and good stories, so warm up with your loved ones as you come and share a brave girl's journey through the snowy Scandinavian winter.

Ride the Red Mare is a magical puppet production based on Portland author Ursula K. Le Guin's classic tale about the love between a brother and sister.

Music recorded by Third Angle New Music Ensemble enhance the simple, yet stunning transformations as characters travel from three-dimensional worlds to two-dimensional places and back.

Performances of Ride the Red Mare opens on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Winningstad Theatre at 1111 S.W. Broadway and continues through Dec 11. Saturday showings will be at 11 a.m., with Sunday shows at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. General admission tickets are \$12 for children and \$15 for

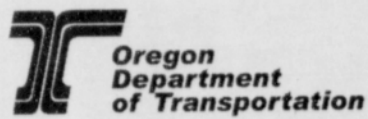
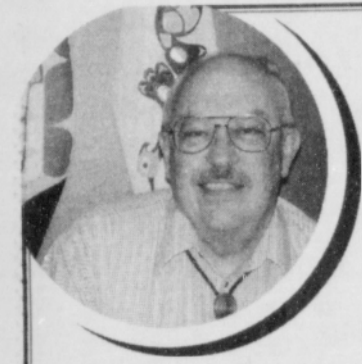


Ride the Red Mare Puppetry is presented by Tears of Joy Theatre, based on Ursula K. Le Guin's classic tale about the love between a brother and a sister.

adults and can be purchased by calling 503-248-0557 or visit [www.tojt.com](http://www.tojt.com).

Tears of Joy Theatre was founded in 1971, and it is nationally recognized for its commitment to excellence and innovation in puppetry. As a resident company of Oregon's Portland Center for the Performing Arts, Tears of Joy presents six local productions each year and more than a 100 perfor-

mances annually. Three of the company's productions have received American Puppetry's highest honor, and the Citation of Excellence in the Art of Puppetry. Tears of Joy touring performers have entertained and inspired more than 250,000 people annually in theaters, community centers, festivals and schools throughout the United States and abroad.



## ODOT BOOSTS BUSINESS FOR OREGON COMPANIES

Oregon businesses are finding new opportunities for growth with the Oregon Department of Transportation's OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program.

The bridge program will repair or replace more than 300 bridges in the state. It is also designed to stimulate Oregon's economy.

And it's working.

Fred Cooper, pictured above, and his firm, Cooper Zietz Engineers, recently won a contract to manage quality control on 21 bridges.

Design and construction firms, materials suppliers, cafés, hotels, hardware stores, supermarkets, and other specialty contractors are receiving a much-needed shot in the arm, too.

To learn more, visit ODOT's web site at [http://egov.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/OTIA/bridge\\_delivery.shtml](http://egov.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/OTIA/bridge_delivery.shtml).

### ODOT IS INVESTING IN OREGON'S FUTURE



## ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

**Disney on Ice** -- Disney/Pixar presents Finding Nemo, a brand new imaginative production by Disney on Ice. The show opens for Thanksgiving week at the Rose Garden, starting on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. continuing through Sunday, Nov. 27. For tickets and show times call Ticketmaster or 503-224-4400.



**Norman Sylvester Band** -- The Norman Sylvester Band plays Friday, Nov. 25 at 8 p.m. at the Tillicum in Beaverton and at the Candlelight in Portland on Saturday, Nov. 26 at 9:30 p.m. For more information and future dates, visit [www.normansylvester.com](http://www.normansylvester.com).

**Tears of Joy Theatre** -- Puppetry vs. People, a hilarious improvisational competition between a team of puppets and a team of people, will be performed at Winningstad Theatre, 1111 S.W. Broadway at 8 p.m. on both Friday, Nov. 25 and Saturday, Nov. 26. The theater company also presents Mark LaPierrea's Cinderella on the same stage on Saturday, Nov. 26 at 11 a.m. and Sunday, Nov. 27 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.



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**Greening the Neighborhood** -- A free celebration to kick off the planting new season, on Thursday, Dec 8, at the newly renovated Wonder Ballroom, on 128 N.E. Russell St. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will feature food, door prizes and more. For more information, and to RSVP call 503-282-8846 ext. 25.

**The Holiday Ale Fest** -- The 10th Annual Ale Festival features some a few Belgian imports, which are full of complex flavors, they also have other great names available, all this and more on Thursday, Dec. 1 to Sunday, Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, call 503-314-7583 or check out [holidayale.com](http://holidayale.com).

**Interstate Firehouse** -- A collaboration of three women artists: Adriene Cruz, Chisao Hata and Lyndee Mah, presents Hata Mah Cruz in "Altar Stage," an exhibit and performance full of visual imagery, poetic text, singing and movement, Sunday, Nov. 27 at 7 p.m. For more information, call 503-823-4322.



Hata Mah Cruz in "Altar Stage"

**Museum After Hours** -- Downtown's Portland Art Museum will be host to "Museum After Hours," a series of musical performances and social gatherings held every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. until Dec. 14.

**Moonwalking at OMSI** -- The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry is currently featuring the larger than life documentary "Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon." Through the eyes of 12 astronauts, viewers have the chance to experience a virtual trip to the moon via NASA footage and live action renditions. For more information on tickets and show times, call 503-797-4640 or visit [www.oms.edu/visit/omnimax](http://www.oms.edu/visit/omnimax).



Walking on the Moon

**Multicultural Film Festival** -- Jefferson High School hosts a free multicultural film festival every first Monday of the month through May from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on campus at 5210 Kerby Ave., Room D12. "Rabbit in the Moon," a Japanese film will be featured on Monday, Dec. 5. For more information, call J. Doncan at 503-916-5180.

**Hip-hop Dance Classes** -- Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation is hosting family friendly hip-hop dance classes for ages 5 to 18. Various lessons teach rhythm, technique, coordination, agility, combinations and teamwork through urban dance moves. For more information, call 360-696-8236.

**Arm Wrestling Competition** -- Shoe Gazer Arm Wrestling competition at Tiny's Coffee 2033 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. every Friday from 8-10 p.m. Both men and women are encouraged to attend.

**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.

**Gypsy Classes** -- Caravan Studios offers classes in belly dance, African dance and more. Visit [www.gypsyncaravan.us](http://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](http://www.oms.edu).

**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.

**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. For dinner reservations, call 503-286-2590.

**Festival of Trees** -- Celebrating 23 years of holiday memories, the festival will feature 50 decorated Christmas trees on display and over 100 unique holiday mini-trees, wreaths centerpieces, gingerbread displays and more. Also live entertainment, photos with Santa and more, on Friday, Dec. 2 to Sunday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 503-215-6433.

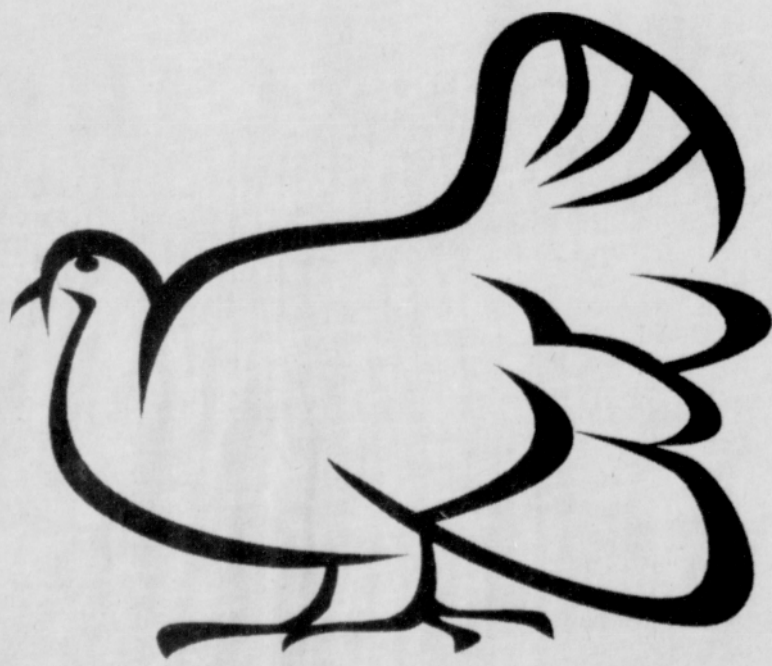
**New Year's Eve with Pink Martini** -- Celebrate New Year's Eve with Pink Martini with members of the Harvey Rosenkrantz Orchestra, plus special guest Jimmy Scott, the Jazz Expressions and the Lions of Batucada on Saturday, Dec. 31 from 7 p.m. and at 10:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. For more information, call 503-249-0808.

**SCRAP Bazaar and Bake** -- SaleSCRAP's annual event combines ReUse Arts and Crafts along with their Bake Sale, offering homemade goodies. Saturday, Dec. 10 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 3901 A.N. Williams Ave. Call Joanna or Teri at 503-294-0769.

**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](http://www.thebluemonk.com). • Thorn City Improv, featuring members of Oldominion, 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 Mays on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Fridays and Saturdays at Salty's on the Columbia.

## "Be SMART Not Scared"

National Child Safety and Protection Month November 2005



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**Contest Rules:** Enter to win prizes for you and your classroom by coloring Terry the Turkey. Return your entry by **Wednesday, November 30, 2005**. Prizes will be awarded the week of **December 7, 2005** by HT Honey Bee and friends at your school. Bring finished coloring contest entry to Portland Observer, 4747 NE MLK Jr. Blvd, Portland OR, 97211.

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