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Peter Pan is a Holiday Classic

Children's theater presents beloved fairy tale

Since 1905, audiences have followed the "second star to the right with the holiday classic Peter Pan, or the Boy Who Would Not Grow Up. Wendy, portrayed by Athena Patterson, growing up and her love for Peter, played by Brendan Robinson."

At its heart Peter Pan is a love story. It's about Wendy, portrayed by Athena Patterson, growing up and her love for Peter, played by Brendan Robinson.

--John Monteverde, director

This marks a decade since Peter Pan's first flight by the local theater group in a production carefully adapted by John Caird and Trevor Nunn.

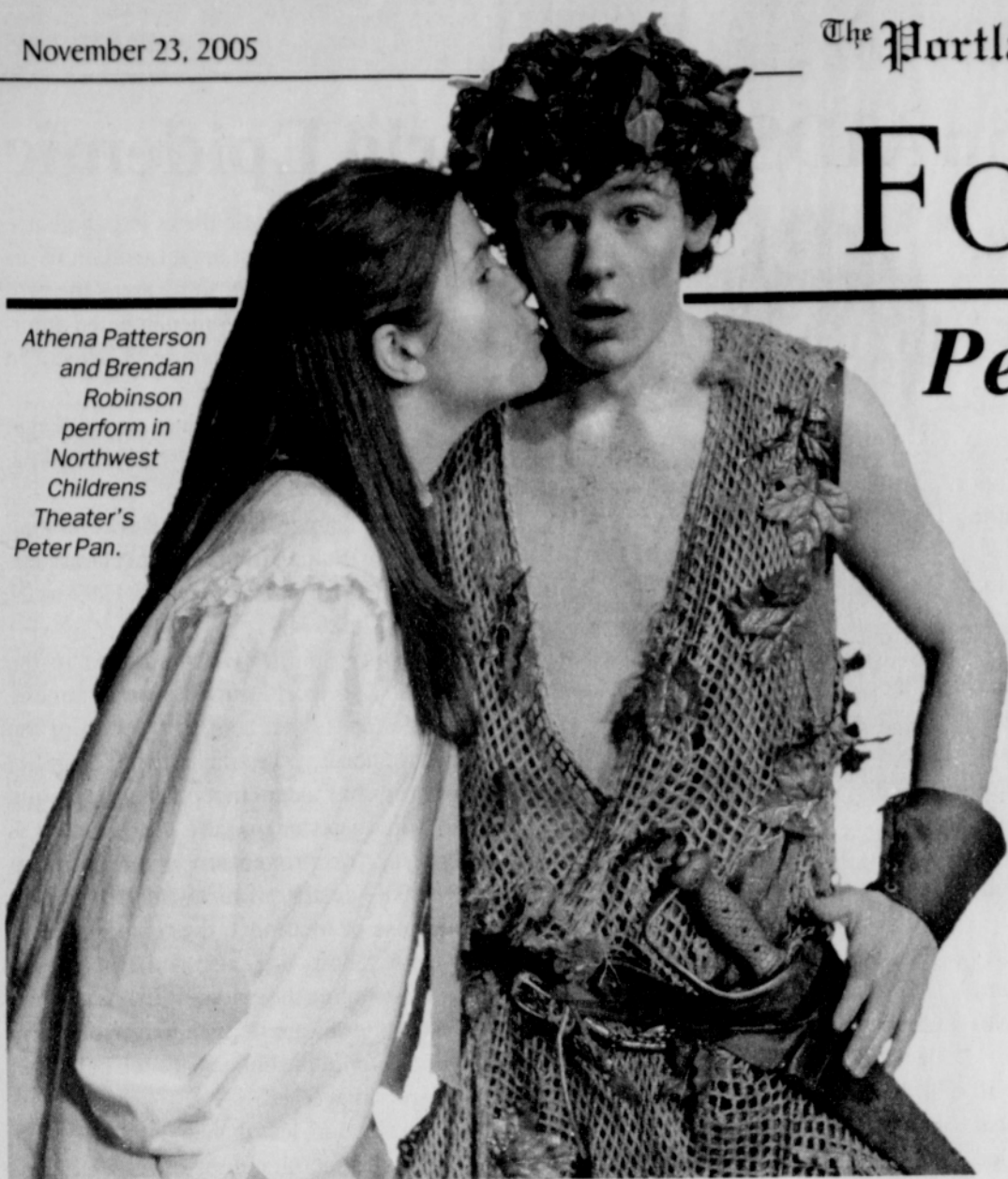
Everyone is familiar with the tale of the magical boy who whisks Wendy and her brothers

away to a magical Never Land filled with pirates, mermaids and Lost Boys.

dinner before the Friday, Dec. 9 performance.

For information call 503-222-2190 or visit WWW.NWCTS.ORG.

Athena Patterson and Brendan Robinson perform in Northwest Childrens Theater's Peter Pan.

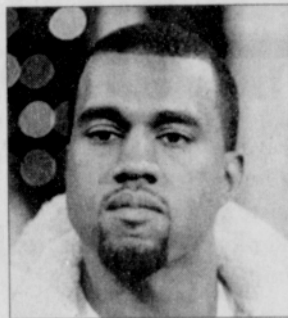


Industry Honors Kanye West

(AP) — Kanye West will receive the Artist Achievement Award at the 2005 Billboard Music Awards, which will be presented Dec. 6 in Las Vegas.

Past recipients of the award, which recognizes both artistic excellence and Billboard chart success, include Rod Stewart, Eric Clapton, Madonna, Garth Brooks, Aerosmith, Janet Jackson, Cher and Destiny's Child.

The awards will air live from the



Kanye West

MGM Grand Garden Arena on Fox, KPTV Channel 12 in Portland.

"Kanye West has not only had a huge impact on R&B/hip-hop, he has transformed modern music as a whole," Tamara Conniff, co-executive editor of Billboard, said in a statement Thursday.

The Billboard Music Awards recognize the year's leading artists and songs as determined by performance on Billboard's weekly charts.

Education Promoted as Cool

(AP)—Spike Lee says the value of education is being overshadowed by the images that gangsta rap glorifies.

"Young black kids didn't grow up wanting to be a pimp or a stripper like they do now," Lee said of his youth in Brooklyn.

He drew two standing ovations last week as a featured speaker at a conference on cultural diversity at Middle Tennessee State University.

The 48-year-old filmmaker, who is working on a documentary on Hurricane Katrina, urged students



Spike Lee

to find a way to make being educated cool again.

"Back then, we were not called sell-outs for using our brains. And being intelligent was not frowned upon," Lee said.

He likened the images from some rap videos to the distorted view minstrel shows of the 19th century gave most of the world about American blacks.

Lee said he has tried through his films, which include "School Daze," "Do the Right Thing,"

"Jungle Fever" and "Malcolm X," to show the diversity of the black experience.

Down Home Soul



Down Home Soul, a new album from the Body & Soul series that features classic soul singers like Otis Redding, The Staples Singers, Al Green, Aretha Franklin and Solomon Burke is scheduled for release on Dec. 6

Sam Cooke - The Memoirs

Soul legend withstands test of time

Erik Greene has compiled the memoirs of his uncle, the legendary musician Sam Cooke into the book "Our Uncle Sam: The Sam Cooke Story From His Family's Perspective."

The general public knew Sam Cooke as a singer, songwriter, and producer whose musical style has often been imitated but never equaled.

Now, Greene explores the intimate facets of his uncle's life in detail. From the driving force behind the soul masters' success, to the special moments spent with family, to the pressing issues he faced in the last years of his life.

The book presents Sam Cooke's story as the people who knew him long before he became

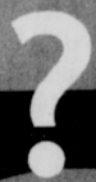


OUR UNCLE SAM

The Sam Cooke Story From His Family's Perspective ERIK GREENE

a household name. Born the fourth child of a Baptist preacher, Cooke was raised in a strict but loving household. He learned the music business as a young adult, and his unprecedented accomplishments still impact today's artists more than 40 years after his death.

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