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Saxophonist John Handy will perform at the Clark College Jazz Festival in Vancouver.

Cool Jazz At Clark College
Music legend to join best young talent

Clark College celebrates the best young musical talent in the region and welcomes jazz legend John Handy to its 44th Annual Clark College Jazz Festival.

The jazz festival and competition, featuring 59 high school jazz bands and vocal ensembles from across Oregon and Washington, will take place day and night from Thursday, Jan. 26 to Sunday, Jan. 29 in Gaiser Hall on the Clark College campus in Vancouver.

Handy, a saxophonist and composer who has captivated audiences from Carnegie Hall to the Montreaux Jazz Festival with his soulful and fiery style, will perform Sunday, Jan. 29 at 3 p.m. supported by local jazz favorites Greg

Goebel on piano, Phil Baker on bass, and Ron Steen on drums.

Handy's "up tempo" scat vocals have been put on par with the best in the world. As a musicologist and jazz historian, he has taught at Stanford and UC Berkeley among other prestigious universities.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission or \$10 for Clark College students and are available at the Clark College bookstore, music department or at the door.

Gaiser Hall is located on the northwest corner of the main campus, on Fort Vancouver Way between McLoughlin and Fourth Plain Boulevards. For more information, call the Clark College Music Department at 360-992-2188 or 360-992-2662.

Stunning Dance - Italian-born dancer Emilio Greco, one of the most compelling dancers and choreographers in Europe, and the visionary Dutch theater director Pieter C. Scholten, will join forces for 8 p.m. performances in Lincoln Hall at Portland State University from Thursday, Jan. 12 to Saturday, Jan. 14. For more information, call 503-245-1600, extension 205.

Holladay Park Party - Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 N.E. 16th Ave., a non-profit senior housing care center, invites area residents to celebrate the New Year during an Open House featuring gourmet appetizers and champagne on Friday, Jan. 13 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. To R.S.V.P., call 503-280-2216 or visit www.retirement.org/hpp.

Norman Sylvester Band - The Norman Sylvester Band plays at the Candlelight in Portland on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 9:30 p.m. and Friday, Jan. 17 at 8 p.m. at the Tillicum in Beaverton.

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.

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.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Belly Dance Classes - Caravan Studios offers classes in belly dance, African dance and more. Visit www.gypscaravan.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

Sesame Street Interaction - The Portland Children's Museum presents "Can You Tell Me How to Get To Sesame Street," using television's chroma-key technology so local kids can see themselves on TV alongside their favorite Muppet characters. For information, call 503-223-6500 or visit www.portlandchildrensmuseum.org.



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.

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.

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 N. Kerby Ave., Room D12. For more information, call J. Doncan at 503-916-5180.

Tribal Belly Dance - The Gypsy Caravan Dance Company brings its evocative and mesmerizing moves to the Tribal Lounge on 19 N.W. Fifth Ave., each first Thursday. For reservations, call 503-222-1667.

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MITCHELL NAMED NATIONAL LEADER

For helping domestic violence survivors

Portland poet and Oregonian columnist S. Renee Mitchell has been named one of 21 Leaders for the 21st Century and will receive the Ida B. Wells Award for Bravery in Journalism during a gala ceremony in New York City on May 16.

Past winners include actress and activist Jane Fonda; Kenyan environmentalist Wangari Maathai, winner of the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize; Sheikhha Lubna AlQasimi, the first woman to hold a ministerial cabinet post in the United Arab Emirates; and Wilhelmina Cole Holladay, co-founder of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, in Washington, D.C.



S. Renee Mitchell

New Orleans. The Dec. 3 event raised more than \$3,000 for Portland's Bradley-Angle House, a domestic-violence shelter.

"I've never experienced anything like her presentation," says musician and activist Larry Wilder, band leader of the Columbia Cut-ups bluegrass band. "It was thought-provoking, deeply creative and heartfelt."

Last year, Mitchell also directed, produced and performed her second play, titled Tangingo With Tornados, at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center in north Portland. As a part of Mitchell's women's

empowerment project, she also published a book of poetry, released a CD of her poetry set to music and finished her first novel.

"I am honored to receive this amazing award," says Mitchell, who is also a publisher, playwright, college professor, jewelry maker and single mother of three children. "If women need to tell my story to have the courage to hear their own, then so be it. With God's help, let healing begin with my shoulder."

Emotional and verbal abuse is a pattern of behavior committed by one partner against the other with the goal of exerting and maintaining power. For the victim, it saps their energy, compromises their health and erodes their self-esteem.

The international award by Women's eNews, a New York-based online global magazine, is awarded to passionate trailblazers all over the world who "stand out for their extraordinary visions and commitment to working on behalf of women."