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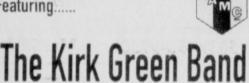
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Tears of Joy presents 'Monkey King'

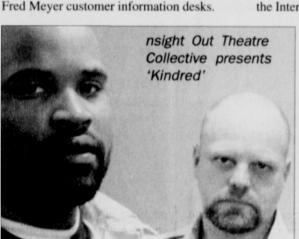
Tears of Joy Theatre is featuring 30 spectacular Chinese puppets in the production "Monkey

Puppeteers use extraordinary Chinese control techniques to tell a hilarious story of three adventurers on a journey to India. Monkey King is a fun, fast-paced tale featuring a fearless folk hero and his loyal friends.

The play is just one episode in the ancient Chinese fantasy novel, Journey to the West, written 400 years ago during the Chinese Song Dynasty. This episode follows Sun Wu-kung (the Monkey King), Tong-sen (the Monk) and Ba-jeer (the General Pig) on their journey.

The spectacle opens on Friday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. and runs until Sunday, Feb. 26, at Winningstad Theatre, on 1111 S.W. Broadway. Tickets are \$12 for children and \$15 for adults. For more information and tickets call 360-695-0477, 503-248-0557 or visit www.tojt.com.

Art Museum Free Day — The entire Portland Arts Museum will be open with free admission to the public on the Presidents' Day holiday, Monday, Feb. 20 through the support of Fred Meyer stores, the city of Portland and the Lamb Baldwin Foundation. Passes are available at



Diamonds are Forever -- Rizza is hosting Diamonds are Forever, a unique party at Bliss on 13 N.W. 6th Ave. on Friday, Feb. 10. Over \$7,000 in diamonds will be given away, provided by Liquid Assets. Dress code strictly enforced, dress to impress, no athletic attire. Doors open at 9 p.m., RSVP by e-mailing diamondsareforeverparty@yahoo.com. Entry fee is \$10 before 11 p.m. or \$20 after 11 p.m.

Innovation Station -- Kids will have a ball at OMSI's new Innovation Station by exploring the human side of technology. For more information, visit www.omsi.edu.

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.

Young Artist Jazz Concert -- Leroy Vinnegar Jazz Institute at Portland State University presents the 2nd Annual Young Artist Jazz Concert featuring pianist Jed Wilson with Ken Ollis and Dan Schulte of Friday, Feb. 24 starting at 7:30 p.m. at The Old Church, 1422 S.W. 11th Ave. Tickets, available at the PSU Box Office and Tickemaster are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the show.



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Intense Friendship -- Insight Out Theatre Collective presents 'Kindred' by Daniel Keleher at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340

N. Interstate Ave. The play tracks the last 90 minutes of one prisoner's life in jail and his intense friendship with his cellmate. Shows run Wednesdays-Saturdays at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15; Wednesday performances are sliding scale \$5-\$15. Tickets are available at www.insightouttheatre.org or by calling 503-234-0973.

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

Dazzling Flamenco Dancers --

Nuevo Ballet Espanol, Spain's most critically acclaimed flamenco company will make its debut in Portland on Wednesday, Feb. 8 starting at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 503-790-2787 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Time to Jam --Jam Night, Portland's everpopular 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

Multicultural Film Festival --

and 7:30 p.m.

to the show at 6:30

Jefferson High School hosts a free multicultural film festival each first Monday of the month through May from 6 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call J. Doncan at 503916-5180.

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.portland childrensmuseum.org.

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.

Norman Sylvester Band -- The Norman Sylvester Band plays at the Candlelight in Portland on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 9:30 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.

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7 pm, Wednesday, February 8 **Oregon Historical Society** 1200 SW Park Avenue, Portland

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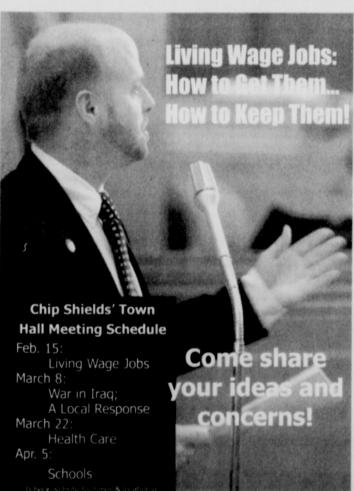
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