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Portland Community College students gather to promote the Illumination Project, an interactive theater performance that tackles racism and other barriers.

## Theater Students Confront Racism Foster climate of equality, compassion

An innovative Portland Community College student group will tackle racism and other barriers for students in interactive theater performances.

The Illumination Project, a student leadership and education program designed to foster a climate of equality and compassion, is hosting performances designed to encourage audience participation.

Performances run from Thursday, Feb. 16 to March 6. They focus on problem-solving of issues that traditionally have made

access and retention in higher education more difficult for students of color, women, the poor and working class, immigrant and sexual minorities.

The Illumination Project allows audience members to intervene on the scenarios presented to better understand the project's message. Recently, the Ford Foundation awarded the project a \$100,000 grant to promote constructive dialogue at PCC.

The plays will be held in the Performing Arts Center Lobby on the Sylvania Campus, located at 12000 S.W. 49th Ave., with a special performance scheduled Thursday, March 2 at the PCC Cascade campus in north Portland.

The Illumination Project is a program of PCC's Sylvania Women's Resource and Multicultural centers. For more information, call 503-977-8149.



### 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 Old Dominion, Quivah, The Chosen and The Black Notes perform every Tuesday at 10 p.m. at Conan's at 3862 S.E. 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 Maks on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Fridays and Saturdays at Salty's on the Columbia.
- A Community Unity Breakfast is held every third Thursday at SEI at 7:30 a.m.
- Skip Elliott Bowman Jazz Trio plays Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon at Hannah Bea's, on Northeast MLK Jr. Blvd. and Shaver.
- R&B and live funk bands perform weekends at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center.
- After work, stop by The Red Sea, 381 S.W. 3rd Ave. from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays.
- Don't miss Reggae Thursdays at Savannah's at First Thursday celebrations at 8 p.m.
- DJ OG ONE spins R&B at Savannah's on Fridays.
- Savannah's Restaurant welcomes Ron Steen Jam Session Sundays at 8:30 p.m.
- Live Reggae Fridays and Saturdays at Montego Bay, 1239 S.W. Jefferson.
- Politics and Poetry is every first and third Thursday at AJ Java's Internet Café from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

You are cordially invited to attend an Appreciation Worship Service honoring

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Saturday, February 18, 2006

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**GUEST SPEAKER**

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**SPECIAL APPEARANCES BY**

Chosen Generation; Cary Simms;  
Julianne Johnson;  
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Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, February 13, 2006

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Dave Chappelle told Oprah Winfrey that he has not ruled out returning to film the rest of the third and fourth seasons of "Chappelle's Show" but only under certain circumstances.

### Stress Blamed in Leaving Chappelle Show

(AP) — Dave Chappelle told Oprah Winfrey he was stressed out and not crazy or on drugs when he abruptly left his hit Comedy Central show last spring during production.

In his first television interview since ditching "Chappelle's Show" in May, the comedian said that after he signed a \$50 million deal for the third and fourth seasons in August 2004, too many people were trying to control him and his show.

"I wasn't crazy but it is incredibly stressful," Chappelle, 32, said during his appearance on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" that aired Friday.

I felt in a lot of instances I was deliberately being put through stress because when you're a guy who generates money, people have a vested interest in controlling you," Chappelle said.

The status of his show has hung in limbo since May. Comedy Central announced in December that four half-hour episodes of "Chappelle's Show" will premiere in weekly airings this spring. A full season would have been between 10 and 13 episodes.

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