

BLACK HISTORY MONTH and the American Experience

# Jazz for All Ages



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Nicholas Payton

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Jazz, a presentation which parallels the African American experience and jazz history, at a free public performance, Monday, Feb. 20 at Reed College.

Most educational programming is free and open to the public, with the exception of one vocal workshop.

To round out the full jazz immersion, the Festival also offers jazz films, jazz exhibitions, and jazz while you dine at brunch, lunch, or dinner at numerous jazz events - or taking in a jazz cruise along the Willamette River.

Jazz lovers will also hear music by the New Orleans musicians, who have relocated to Portland, perform throughout the festival calendar.

For the full schedule of events, artists' biographies, tickets and additional information, visit [www.pdxjazz.com](http://www.pdxjazz.com) or call 503-228-5299.

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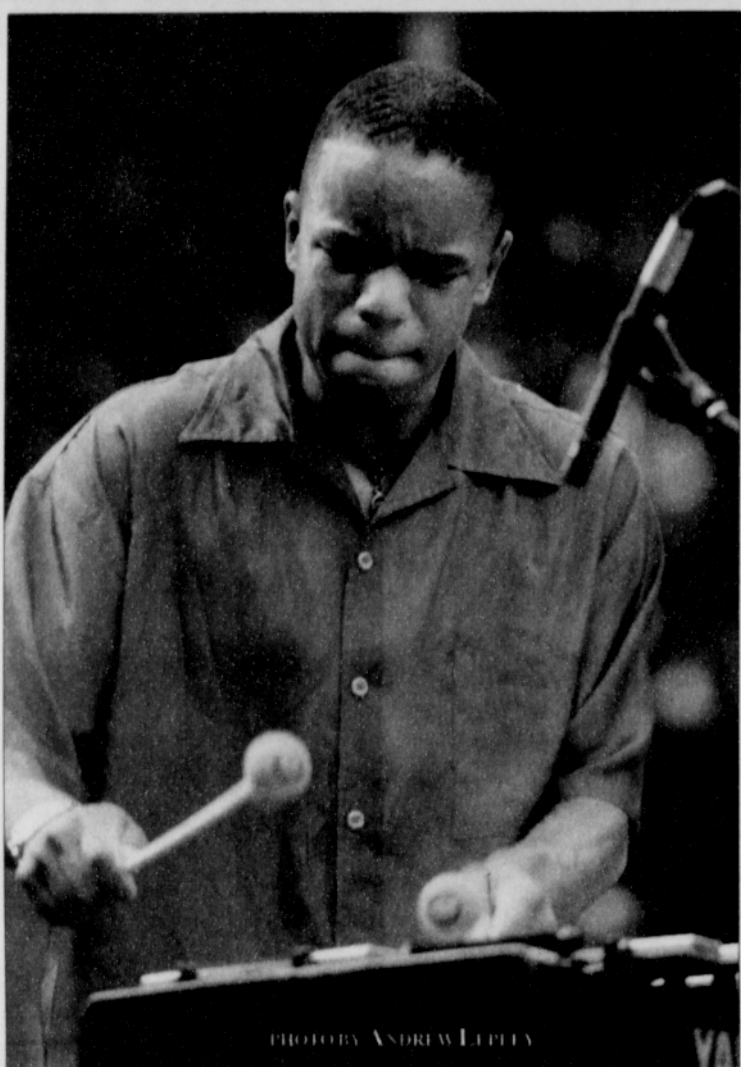


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Stefon Harris

## PIONEER, LEGEND, UNCLE

Jon Hendricks was born in 1921 in Newark, Ohio. One of 15 children, he began his music career at the age of 7 singing on the local radio with Great Art Tatum. Mr. Hendricks went on to perform with jazz legends such as Duke Ellington, Charlie Parker, Count Basie, George Benson, Wynton Marsalis, and Bobbie McFerrin.

Today Jon Hendricks is considered the "father of vocalese" and is a distinguished Professor of Jazz Studies at the University of Toledo. He is a Grammy award winner, a French Legion of Honor awardee, and has been called the Poet Laureate of Jazz.

Mr. Hendrick's nephew, Art Hendricks, works at the Portland Development Commission as a Public Participation Coordinator. We thank Art for helping make city government more accessible to the citizens of Portland. And we salute Jon Hendricks for his contribution to America's original art form, jazz.

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PCC Cascade President Dr. Algie Gatewood leads the largest African and African American student population within the Portland Community College system and one of the most diverse campuses in Oregon.

## Blasting Through Barriers

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PCC's Cascade campus is a living thing; drawing in high school graduates, returning students, casual course takers, and culture-hungry patrons. What they learn and experience inside those urban walls is pumped back into the community. It spreads across the street to Jefferson High School, up and down Killingsworth, and snowballs into the area's revitalization.

The school's growth over the past 35 years is pretty impressive, considering the concentration of minorities it serves. Cascade has the largest African and African American student population within PCC, and Gatewood believes they may have one of the most diverse campuses in Oregon.

Enrollment at Cascade is on the rise, last year's enrollment was nearly 16,000 students. Gatewood would love to see that number grow in the next few years, to 20,000. It's a lofty goal, but with their focus on accessibility, coupled with community dynamics and economic resurgence, the chemistry is good.

In an effort to realize this growth, Cascade recently hosted PCC's first financial aid day, a program

offering free specialized assistance in completing, or conquering, the formidable free application for federal student aid.

Much like an accountant shedding light on tax breaks, the program tips off students eligible for federal, state, public and private money.

"It we can get money into their hands," he said, "then we have a better chance."

Another tactic to break down barriers: changing the negative mindset that people aren't college material. A campus connection with Jefferson across the street lets high school students take PCC classes that count toward college and high school credit.

"The idea was to get students excited about going to college early," he said. "Get them enrolled and dispel the myth of 'I can't go to college.' The thought then becomes 'I can continue college.'"

Amidst the rapid change and growth, Gatewood envisions Cascade's future as improving its role as educational hub and community leader.

"Education is the common denominator to economic success," he said. "This is where it takes place."

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