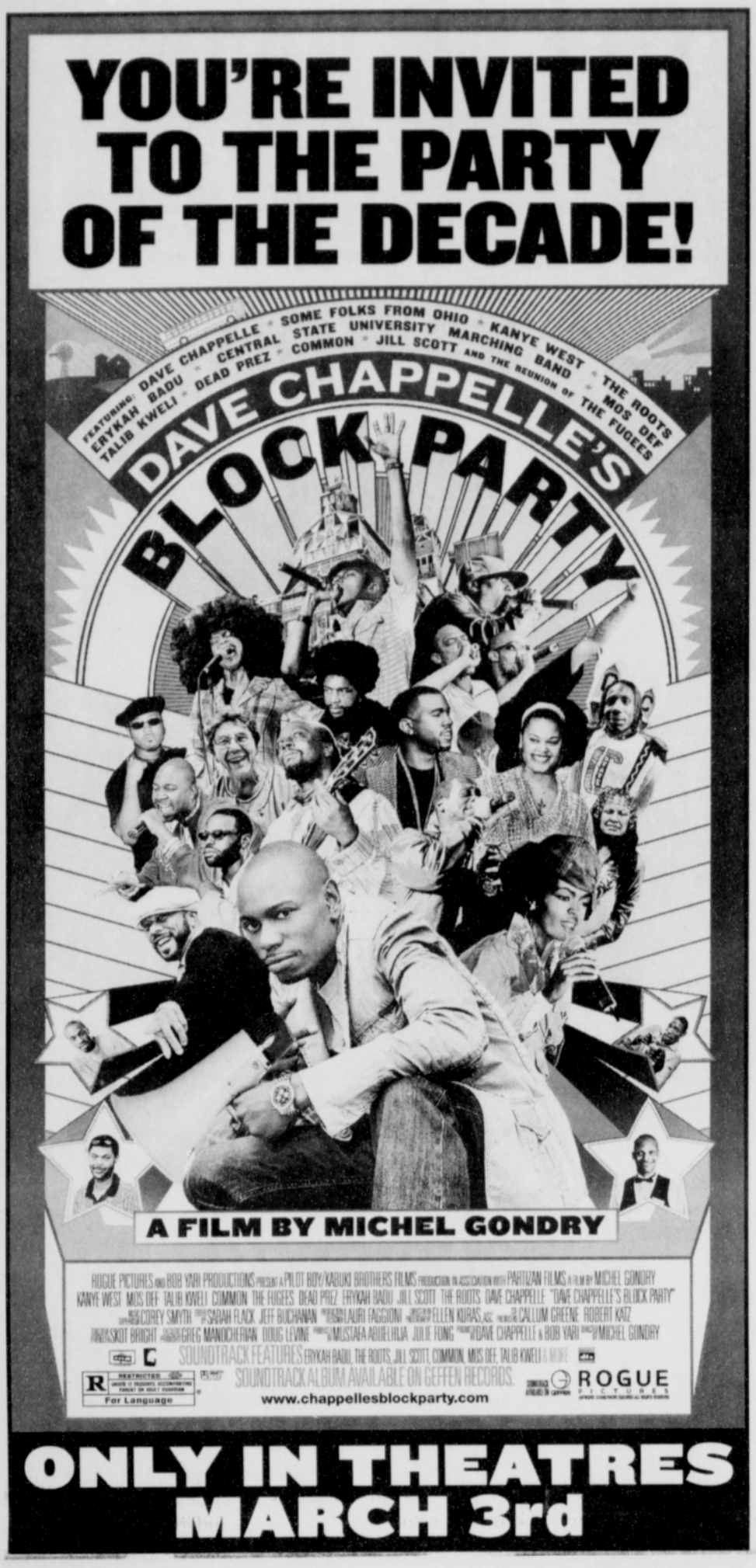


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*Actors are eager to take it off for "The Full Monty," a benefit for Profile Theatre Project.*

## Full Monty Returns to Portland Stage

"The Full Monty," a musical comedy based on the Oscar-winning British film, returns to Portland with a full stage musical production by the Profile Theatre Project.

Last year's one-night benefit performance lacked the elaborate sets and costuming. Even so, it was a smash, with audiences demanding a repeat performance. This year, the local production is directed by the Drammy-award winning Greg Tamblyn. Portland artist Michael Allen Harrison serves as musical director and conductor.

"The Full Monty" tells the story of six working-class men who find an ingenious way to make money and return self-worth to their lives. The musical received 10 Tony Award nominations and the movie was an international hit, earning four Academy Award nominations and an Oscar for Best Score.

The shows are Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, at 8 p.m. at the World Trade Center theatre, 121 S.W. Salmon St. For more information, call the Profile Theatre Project's box office at 503- 242-0080 or visit www.profiletheatre.org.

## Murder and Madness Brings Laughs

### Pokes fun at 'thrillers'

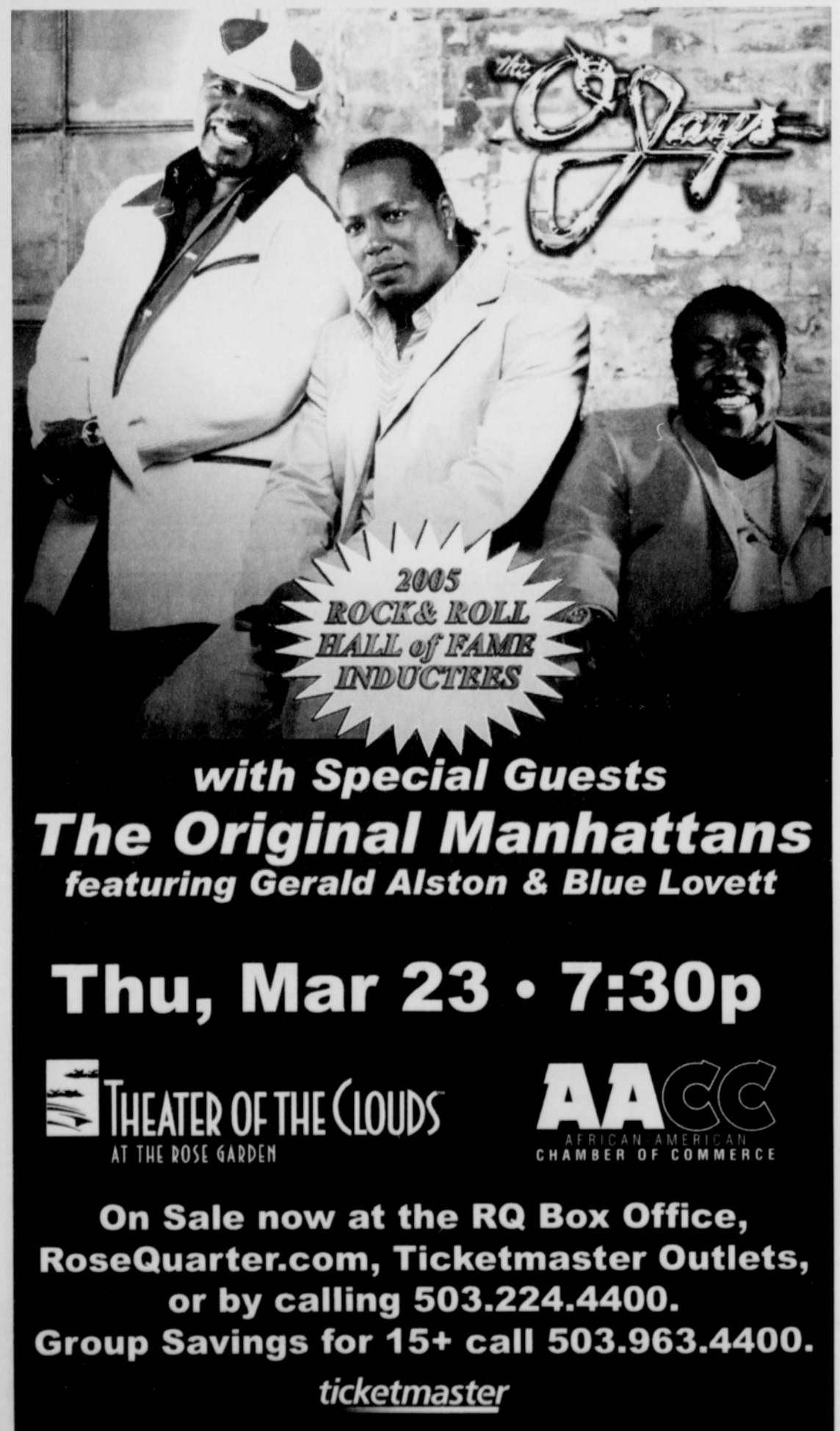
Lakewood Theatre Company presents the John Bishop comedy, the Musical Comedy Murders of 1940, poking fun at the more ridiculous aspects of "show biz" and the thrillers of Hollywood's heyday in the 1930s and1940s.

The play is a non-stop barrage of laughter as those assembled attempt to untangle the mystery of "The Stage Door Slasher." It enjoyed a critically acclaimed run on Broadway in 1987.

This local mix-up of murder, madness and mayhem opens Friday, March 3 and continues Thursdays - Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. until April 9, 2006. There will also be 2 p.m. Sunday matinees March 12th and April 9th.

The theatre is located at Lakewood Center for the Arts, 368 S. State Street in Lake Oswego. Ticket prices are $24 for adults and $22 for students and seniors and are available through the Lakewood Theatre Box Office at 503-635-3901 or on line at www.lakewood-center.org

*Murder is rampant in the Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 with Shuhe (bottom), Kelly Stewart (from left), John Killeen and Christy Hernquist.*

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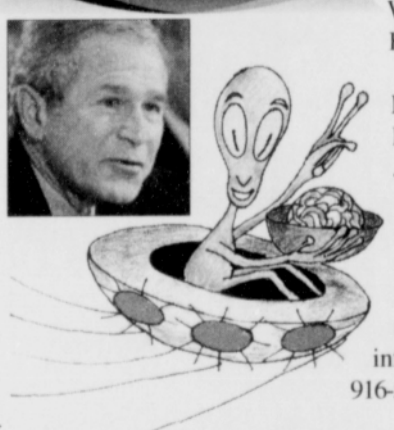

**Bush's Brain: Where'd It Go?** -- Portland audiences will delve into the presidential psyche with "Aliens Stole Bush's Brain: 101 Reasons Why None of This is Bush's Fault!" The Douglas Watson play is presented by Drammy award-winning Radiant Theatre Company. Performances are at Liberty Hall, 311 N. Ivy St. on Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4 at 8 p.m., plus a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Admission is $5 to $20 on sliding scale.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Multicultural Film Festival** -- Monday, March 6 at 6 p.m., Jefferson High School presents a free community showing of 'Hopi: Songs of the Fourth World,' a Native American film. The movie is part of the school's monthly multicultural film festival. For more information, call J. Doncan at 503-916-5180.

**Call to Artists** -- Local artists are encouraged to show off their talent by becoming a Portland Open Studios Artist. Each year, 96 artists are chosen from the metro area to open their studios and become part of an exciting regional art event. Visit portlandopenstudios.com for more information.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.