

# FOCUS

## Rock, Soul and Doo-Wop

### All-star lineup brings hits of the 50s, 60s

An all-star lineup featuring The Jerry Butler Orchestra, the original lead singer of the Shirelles Shirley Alston Reeves, and doo-wop favorites Willie Winfield and the Harptones, bring back the distinctive sounds of the '50s and '60s with some of their greatest hits in an Oregon Symphony Pops concert with three performances beginning Saturday, March 18 at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, with an added performance on Tuesday, March 21 at Smith Auditorium in Salem.

Butler, whose smooth, soulful sound has earned him three Grammy nominations, opens the evening with some of his best-known hits including "Only the



Shirley Alston Reeves



Jerry Butler



Willie Winfield and the Harptones bring the sweet sounds of doo wop to life.

Strong Survive," "For Your Precious Love" and "He Will Break Your Heart."

Reeves will sing some of The Shirelles' solid gold hits includ-

ing "Soldier Boy," "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow" and "This is Dedicated to the One I Love."

Willie Winfield and the Harptones will bring back the

sweet sounds of doo wop with such songs as "Life is But a Dream" and "Sunday Kind of Love."

Performances are scheduled

for Saturday, March 18, at 8 p.m., Sunday, March 19, at 3 p.m. and Monday, March 20, at 8 p.m. at the Schnitzer. Tickets range in price from \$27 to \$76 and may be

purchased at the Oregon Symphony Customer Service Office, charged by phone at 503-228-1353 or through Ticketmaster outlets.



### Black Eyed Peas Concert Set

Black Eyed Peas will come to Portland on May 14 for a performance at the Rose Garden.

The skyrocketing group Black Eyed Peas will "Get It Started" in Portland during a Rose Garden Concert on May 14.

Tickets for the performance, with special guests the Pussycat Dolls and Flipside are now on sale for \$35 general admission through all Ticketmaster outlets.

Black Eyed Peas have transcended their vigilant hip-hop roots and have become a global phenomenon. The accolades include 7.5 million albums sold worldwide, two Grammy awards, and an unforgettable performance on the 2005 Grammy broadcast.

### Junior Mobsters in 'Bugsy Malone Jr.'



A cast of talented local youngsters star in the Northwest Children's Theater and School production of 'Bugsy Malone Jr.'

A young mob of prohibition-era gangsters come roaring onto the Northwest Children's Theater stage in the musical "Bugsy Malone Jr."

Under the direction of NWCT favorite Sarah Jane Hardy, a cast of 34 youngsters play tongue-in-cheek tribute to the 1920 gangster film of the same name.

Performances are Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. from March 18 to April 18 at the NW Neighborhood Cultural Center, 1819 N.W. Everett St. and at 2 p.m. from March 28-31.

For tickets call 503-222-4480 or visit www.nwcts.org.

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**Dance Away with "Love and Lockets"** -- "Love and Lockets: Portraits from the City of Roses and the City of Angels" is the theme of a new art exhibit by Amber Valentine and Olivia Edith, on display throughout March at In Other Words, 8 NE Killingsworth Ave. A free opening reception for the exhibit will be held at 7 p.m. until midnight, March 17.

**St. Patrick's Day Party** -- Celebrate at the city's largest St. Patrick's Day festival at Kells Irish Restaurant and Pub. Three jam-packed days of Dublin bands, prizes, and authentic Irish dishes. Festival kicks off at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 17 through Sunday March 19 at Kells, 112 SW 2nd Ave. For updated information and cover charges, call Kells at 503-227-4057 or visit www.kellsirish.com.

**Crowns** -- A play exploring the relationship between black women and the hats they wear. Opens Friday, March 17 and continues through April 9 at Portland Center for the Performing Arts Newmark Theatre, 1111 SW Broadway. Tickets are \$15 to \$56, and can be purchased at the box office or by calling 503-274-6588.

**Old Church Jazz Sundays** -- Jazz concerts will be performed Sundays during March, at the Old Church at SW 11th Ave and Clay. Doors open at 3 p.m. and concerts start at 4 p.m. The DePriest

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**Project**, featuring Akbar DePriest, Jof Lee and Ed Bennett, performs March 19, and Bebop and Destruction with Marc Fendel performs March 26. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students, available at TicketsWest and the door. For more information, call 503-222-2031.

**Murder in Showbiz** -- "Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" pokes fun at Hollywood thrillers during the genre's heyday in the 1930s and 1940s. The mix up of murder, madness and mayhem is now playing through April 9, on Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. at the Lakewood Center for the Arts, 368 State St. in Lake Oswego. Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$22 for students and seniors, available at the Lakewood Theatre box office at 503-635-3901 or www.lakewood-center.org.

**Live music every night of the week** -- Kick off your week with live jazz every Sunday at 9 p.m. at The Blue Monk (3341 SE Belmont). Participate in a mixed-media open mic night each Monday at the Back to Back Cafe (614 East Burnside). The Thorn City Improv, featuring members of Old Dominion, Quivah, The Chosen and The Black Notes, perform at Conan's (3862 S.E. Hawthorne) every Tuesday at 10 p.m. Celebrate Hump Day at The Red Sea (381 S.W. 3rd Ave) after work on Wednesdays, from 5 to 9 p.m. Inch toward the weekend at the Candlelight Room (2032 SW 5th Ave) with the Black Notes, performing each Thursday. Celebrate Friday with Mel Brown, who plays jazz at Salty's on the Columbia every Friday and Saturday, and Jimmy Mak's on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Round off your week with live Reggae on Fridays and Saturdays at Montego Bay, (1239 S.W. Jefferson).

**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.omsu.edu.

**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.



**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.

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 March 18-20

**Jerry Butler**  
**Shirley Alston Reeves**  
**The Harptones**

Doo-wop favorites from the '50s and '60s have never sounded better in this show featuring The Jerry Butler Orchestra ("Only The Strong Survive"), Willie Winfield and The Harptones ("Sunday Kind of Love," "Life is But a Dream") and Shirley Alston Reeves, the original lead of the Shirelles ("Soldier Boy," "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow," "Mama Said").

**Tickets \$27-76**

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