

Wordstock Festival -- Over 250 authors reading over two days at the Oregon Convention Center, plus over 100 publishers, booksellers and writing organizations, and workshops for writers and teachers, take place at the Wordstock Festival Friday through Sunday, April 21-23. Visit 11 stages for \$3 a day. For more information visit www.WordstockFestival.com.

Cinco de Mayo Bomb -- Jammin' '95.5 brings some of the most talented rap and R&B performers to the Rose Garden Thursday, May 4 as part of their "Cinco de Mayo Bomb." Slated performers include Bow Wow, Twista, Ne-Yo, E-40 with Keak da Sneak, Dem Franchize Boyz, Ray J, Lil' Rob, Chamillionaire, T-Pain, Bubba Sparxxx, and Rihanna. Tickets are \$15 to \$55, plus service charges. For more information visit www.rosequarter.com.

Assassins - A Killer Musical -- "Assassins" explores the history and fascination of presidential assassination in America, from John Wilkes Booth to John Hinckley. The winner of five 2004 Tony Awards including Best Revival of a Musical appears April 25 through June 4 at the Artists Repertory Theatre, 1516 S.W. Alder St. Tickets are \$15 to \$40, for more information call 503-241-1278 or visit www.artistsrep.org.

Ice Cube -- Notorious gangsta rapper Ice Cube comes to the Roseland Theater on Friday, April 28 at 8 p.m. Tickets for the all ages show are \$30 advance and \$35 at the door, plus service fees, available at TicketsWest.com or 503-224-8499.

Ardiente Paciencia (Burning Patience) -- The all-Spanish language Bellas Artes Production comes to the Milagro Theatre, 525 SE Stark St., continuing through April 29, on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. English supertitles at Thursday and Sunday performances. Tickets are \$13 to \$18 and can be purchased at the box office, 503-236-7253 or www.milagro.org.



Ardiente Paciencia

Mexican pop group RBD -- RBD comes to the Rose Garden Friday, May 5 at 8:30 p.m., as part of their North American Tour "Generacion RBD." Tickets are \$85, \$65, and \$45 and are available at the Rose Quarter Box Office and participating Safeway ticket outlets.

Traditional African Music Benefit -- Master drummer Obo Addy will perform with his traditional group Okropong in a benefit performance for the Toguna Cultural Center in Mali, Africa, on Thursday May 25 at 7 p.m. at Jackson Middle School, 10625 S.W. 35th Ave. Admission is \$5, for more information call 503-916-3411.

Black Eyed Peas -- Catch the hip-hop global phenomenon Black Eyed Peas, plus the Pussycat Dolls & Flip Syde, at the Rose Garden's Theater of the Clouds on Sunday, May 14 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 plus include service charges.

Animation at OMSI -- Explore how art, math, science, and technology come together in the exciting world of animation at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. Experiment with storyboarding, character design, movement, timing, filming, sound, editing and more as you explore the process of animation and

create your own animated sequences. Exhibit open Tuesday through Sunday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For admission and tickets, call 503-797-4000.

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.oms.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.

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.gypsyncaravan.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.

Multicultural Film Festival -- 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 503-916-5180.



RBD

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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On NE ALBERTA ST Street In the Style of India A Last Thursday event

Vidya Hivale's Madhubani-style folk art and abstract paintings will be featured at an exhibit at Tribe of the Winds, 2217 N.E. Alberta St., from Last Thursday, April 27 through June 25. An artist's reception will be held on April 27 from 6-9 p.m.

Hivale (pronounced Hi vo' lay) finds her inspiration in wide open spaces; the sea, the sky, and in her love of nature and color. Her paintings are spontaneous and intuitive, evoking many moods, and always working towards harmony and balance. Her work has evolved into emotional expressions of the vivid, radiant colors of the East; and the abstraction of the West; where she has lived for more than two decades.

These colorful paintings were a part of her life growing up in India. Mathila or Madhubani folk art painting is traditionally practiced by the women of the Bihar region of India. It is a spiritual discipline for those that paint.

Hivale was born in Bombay and grew up in central India. Recognizing her artistic tendencies at an early age, her father sent her to the J.J. School



Folk art in the style of India is captured in Vidya Hivale's 'Sita in Magic Garden.'

of Art in Bombay, where she spent many evenings watching the vibrant sunsets on the Indian Ocean. These later came to be the theme of many of her paintings. Hivale's paintings can be found in many corporate and private collections.

Tribe of the Winds is a gallery that specializes in the art of immigrants and the children of immigrants. It is also a retail store dedicated to providing unique fairly-traded goods complementing lifestyle, home and décor choices.

Sassy Spring and Summer Styles

Fashion industry reports trends

At last! Temperatures are rising, birds are chirping, buds are blooming! As flowers start showing off their brightest colors, we usually feel the urge to do the same. But Summer 2006 seems destined to trumpet a different trend!

From the fashion runways to award show red carpets, women are dressing in predominantly black, white and a wide range of grays. Any other color -- either as an accent or a single bold statement -- will be subdued.

If it's yellow, it will be dusty mustard. If purple, opt for lavender. Fabrics will be soft - washed cotton, delicate linen, gauzy silk, chiffon -- with perhaps a ruffle, bow or bit of crochet.

Jewelry will be at a minimum, with a single large pendant or long, swinging earrings -- not both! Makeup will stick to earth tones, with the emphasis on a fresh, clean, natural look.

"With such a bold but basically colorless silhouette, more attention will be paid to your hair," says Clairai Color and Style Master Ingridette Pope, whose work can be seen on music videos and in national



Bold hair colors like Textures & Tones' Blazing Burgundy will complement the subdued black, white and gray accents of the latest summer trends, according to hair styling experts.

beauty magazines.

As for hair style, Ingridette recommends short to medium lengths for warmer weather, embracing your natural texture or layering if you relax your hair to allow the most options for styling.

"Whether you part in the center or the side, go for soft waves or curls, brush hair back or up or forward, give yourself as many options as you can so you'll be turning heads all summer long!"

Comedy Central Exit Explained

(AP) -- Dave Chappelle says in a new interview that he had several reasons for walking away from his cult-fave "Chappelle's Show" -- and a deal worth more than \$50 million. His decision to leave the Comedy Central series last May led fans and industry executives to question his motives, and his sanity.

But in a 10-page spread in the current issue of Esquire magazine, he says he closed "Chappelle" for reasons cultural, professional and personal.

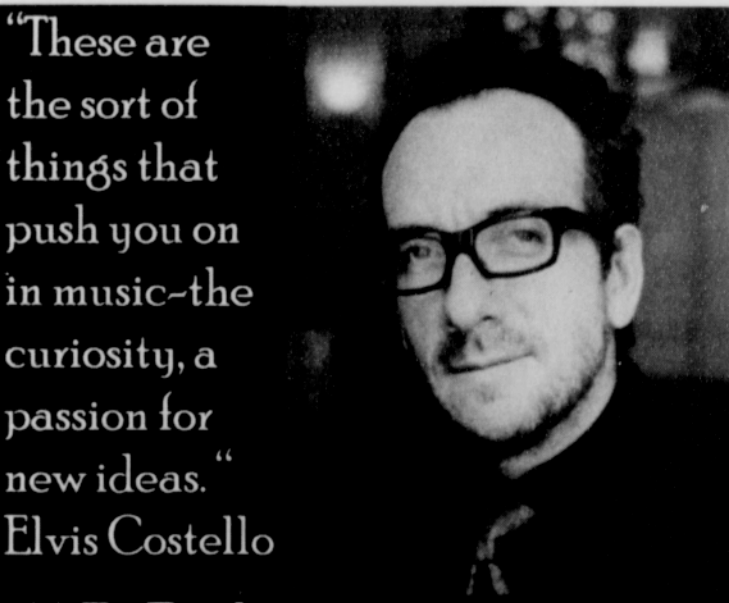
Culturally: "The bottom line was, white people own everything, and where can a black person go and be himself or say something that's familiar to him and not have to explain or apologize?"

Professionally: "I felt like I was really pressured to settle for something that I didn't necessarily feel like I wanted."

Personally: "The thing about show business is that, in a way, it forces dysfunctional relationships in people."



Dave Chappelle



These are the sort of things that push you on in music--the curiosity, a passion for new ideas. Elvis Costello

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