

Waterfront Sizzle for Cinco De Mayo

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Alanis Ruiz, president of sister city association. "The renewal of our Sister City Agreement clearly reaffirms the value both of these fine cities place on the work of the PGSCA and the importance of sharing between Mexican and Anglo cultures. We are proud to host yet another Cinco de Mayo Fiesta and we welcome the people of both cities to join in the celebration."

The fiesta features two stages of ongoing entertainment, with headlining acts to include the smooth pop of Rogelio Martinez,



Smooth pop singer Rogelio Martinez.

the danceable Tex Mex Conjunto of Los TexManiacs, and the Latin grooves of Las 3 Divas. 24 of the region's finest restaurants will prepare savory Latin flavors and a variety of other options, in addition to the event's traditional beer garden and tequila tent.

For kids, the fiesta features the Plaza de Ninos or Children's Plaza, where children experience hands-on crafts and art opportunities, and entertainment by magicians, balloon artists, clowns, face painters, and the traditional

breaking of candy-filled piñatas. Also back by popular demand are performances by the horses of Mollala's Rancho Tres Potrillos, which exhibits breeds trained in Mexican Charro and Spanish "Alta Escuela" movements.

Other special events include the annual PGSCA-sponsored naturalization ceremony, where people of all nationalities are sworn in as new United States citizens, and a Traditional Mariachi Mass, accompanied by

Guadalajara's Grupo Folklorico, open on Sunday morning to all denominations.

For more details and specific activity times and locations throughout the Fiesta, attendees are encouraged to visit www.cincomayo.org.

The Portland Guadalajara Sister City Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating and strengthening partnerships and fostering goodwill between the City of Portland and the City of Guadalajara.



Dancers Celebrate Culture

The local dance group Ballet Folklorico Tenochtitlan performs at the Portland Children's Museum. The group will perform again Thursday, May 4 at 4:30 p.m. during Portland's Cinco De Mayo Fiesta at Waterfront Park.

Jefferson Dancers Celebrate 30 Years

Alumni invited for anniversary

Celebrating their 30th Anniversary, the Jefferson Dancers bring their special brand of energy and talent to the Portland Center for the Performing Arts, Newmark Theater, for on May 10, 11, 12 at 7:30 p.m. and on May 13 at 7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.

To mark the anniversary milestone, an alumni

dancers. The program, operating out of Jefferson High School in north Portland, has placed dancers in major dance companies throughout the nation, and in major dance programs and universities.

The company has traveled extensively throughout the nation and the world impressing crowds wherever it performs. More than

dancer and choreographer, Sarah Slipper. Gonzales has taken the company to new heights of professionalism and artistry. He is determined to see the program flourish, and is dedicated to ensuring that the Jefferson Dancers continue to influence generations to come.

celebration will take place Friday, May 12 from 9:30 p.m. to midnight. Invites are out for all former students who danced with the Jefferson Dancers from 1976 to 2006.

For the upcoming performances, the troupe will perform works by internationally acclaimed choreographer, Sarah Slipper; former Joffrey Ballet star and featured actor and dancer in Robert Altman's film, "The Company," Davis Robertson; Artistic Director Steve Gonzales; and former Jefferson Dancers, T.J. Yale and Durante Lambert.

Tickets are priced at \$20, \$16 and \$11.50 and are available at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts Box Office ticketmaster.com or by calling 503-224-4400.

The Jefferson Dancers are proud of its history and success in training and educating young

just students, these 15-18 year old dancers exhibit a professionalism well beyond their years.

The success of the Jefferson Dancers is due in no small part to their artistic director, Steve Gonzales. A product of the Jefferson Dance Program himself, Gonzales is also a graduate of New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, a former member of MOMIX Modern Dance Theatre, and current co-artistic director of the Northwest Professional Dance Project with fellow

The Jefferson Dancers are celebrating 30 years of excellence in dance.

Bridge Builders to Honor Grads

In the Spirit of Sankofa, the Bridge Builders invite the community to congratulate African American graduates from Oregon and southwest Washington at the 10th Annual Black Baccalaureate, 7 p.m. Sunday, May 21 at the University of Portland Chiles Center, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd.

The sacred service honors African American achievement and demonstrates to our youth that we

as a community value education and achievement.

The Bridge Builders program aims to strengthen the African-American community by administering African-centered "rites of passage" programs built on spirituality, scholarship, entrepreneurship, and community building.

The event is free and open to the general public.

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