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'Clean' at the Milagro --Miracle Theatre Group comes "Clean" with audiences, telling the tale of an inquiry into the power of faith with a Fuerto Rican family living in the United States. Performances are Friday, May 12 through June 3 at the Milagro The-

Love Now exhibit atre, 525 S.E. Stark St. Tickets are \$16 to \$20 and are available by calling

503-236-7253.

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 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.

Hip-Hop with Cool Nutz --Join the "Cool Nutz Celebration of Life: A Birthday 2 Remember" on Thursday, May 11 at Berbati's Pan, featuring Bosko, Sirens Echo, Boom Bap Project, Cool Nutz Maniac Lok and more. Show

starts at 9 p.m., and is open to 21 and over. Tickets are \$10 advance/\$12 at the door, available at www.JusFamilyRecords.com and www.Ticketweb.com.

Columbia Symphony Orchestra -- Enjoy a classical concert featuring Barber, Shostakovich and Rachmaninov, May 25 and 26 at the First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson St. For tickets and information, visit www.columbiasymphony.org or call 503-234-

Menopause The Musical -- "Menopause The Musical" opens May 31 at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts. The hilarious celebration of women and "the change" features four women who have nothing in common but hot flashes, night sweats, memory loss, chocolate binges and not enough, or too much, sex. Tickets are \$44.50 plus fees, available at Ticketmaster, 503-224-4400 or online at www.ticketmaster.com, or by visiting the box office at 1111 SW Broadway.

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 Eved 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.

Live Music Every Night --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

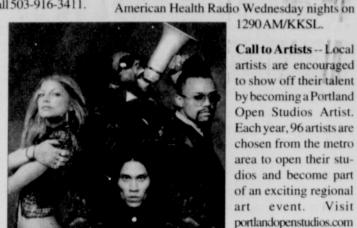
the Back to Back Café (614 East Burnside). The Thorn City Improv, featuring members of Oldominion, Quivah, The Chosen and The Black Notes, perform at Conan's (3862 S.E. Hawthorne) every Tuesday at 10 p.m. Celebrate Hump Day at The Red Sea (381 S.W. 3rd Ave) after work on Wednesdays, from 5 to 9 p.m. Inch toward the weekend at the Candlelight Room (2032 SW 5th Ave) with the Black Notes, performing each Thurs-

day. 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).

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. For admission and tickets, call 503-797-4000.

Innovation Station -- Kids will Obo Addy have a ball at OMSI's new Innovation Station by exploring the human side of technology. For more informa-



Black Eyed Peas

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.

1290 AM/KKSL.

Call to Artists -- Local

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 everpopular 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.

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.patlandchildensmiseimag.

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, coordi-

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