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Kung Fu Troupe Demonstrating the martial arts

The rich and multifaceted Chinese martial arts tradition of Kung Fu, which literally means "skill through hard work", will be featured in the Shaolin Kung Fu Spectacular, Wednesday, May 31 at 7 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

The highly decorated Chinese Shaolin Kung Fu Performance Troupe, presented by the Portland Art & Cultural Center and Portland Chinese Times, creates an unprecedented live martial arts demonstration. The well-received troupe comes from the Songshan Shaolin Monastery in China and has performed in numerous countries around the world, including Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Caucasus, Great Britain and Japan. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view the troupe's remarkable martial arts skills and breathtaking performance.

The 20 members of the troupe have dedicated their lives to at least eight hours of training per day, in addition to farming, meditating, and studying the scripture of Buddhism. The Shaolin monks



The Shaolin Kung Fu Spectacular performs May 31 at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

have practiced this grueling regimen of kung fu training for over 1500 years. The troupe's form of kung fu has been passed down

from the Shaolin Temple through generations of masters and disciples. Tickets are \$34.75 to \$54.75 and

are available at the Performing Arts Center box office, 1111 S.W. Broadway or through Ticketmaster, 503-224-4400 or www.ticketmaster.com.

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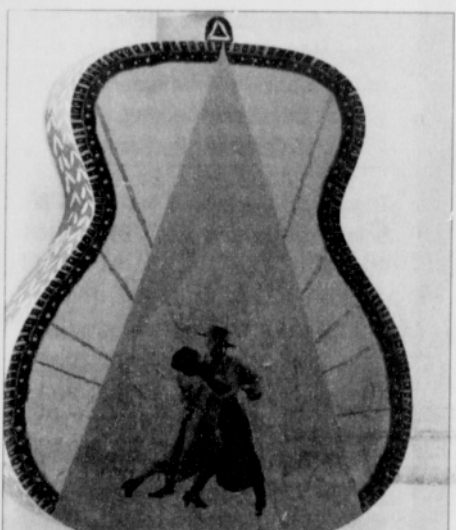
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Weekend of Art Hop Surprises Coming



Guitar bodies with bold graphics, images and photos by Frank Engel are among the special collections displayed for the Alberta Street Art Hop at Onda Arte Latina/Cross Currents Gallery.

The Art Hop on Alberta this year will be full of surprises. For the first time, the street will buzz with art events from visual to performance, for a complete weekend - Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21. The theme "Art of Surprise/Surprise of Art" will capture you in unpredictable but pleasant ways.

Although no one knows everything that will happen during the two days, Alberta artists have a few things in store. First, the series of paintings by Hampton Rodriguez.

"Looking for Don Quixote" continues in the main gallery with its striking portraits of characters and depiction of the loves and conflicts in this classic novel.

In a special hanging display, new pieces by Frank Engel combine his love of art and music at



Onda Arte Latina/Cross Currents Gallery, 2215 N.E. Alberta St. Engel has decorated guitar bodies with bold graphics, images and photos, and you'll be fascinated by the combination of elements front, back and even inside.

Up the road at 27th and Alberta, The Know v. ill feature "The Da Smurfi Code", a timely foray into the burgeoning truth of the Holy Grail as told through words, pictures and the dry British humor of artist Illion Maybe. Performances are 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The film adaptation of "Da Vinci Code" also hits theaters this weekend, but if you're looking for a more low-key explanation of controversial religious suppression, "The Da Smurfi Code" fits the bill.

Tickets are \$3.

Mt. Hood Presents 'Sordid Lives'

A tragic tale of loss, love and a family's dysfunctional etiquette, "Sordid Lives," is the spring production of the Mt. Hood Community College Theatre Arts department.

The title says it all: Sissy is trying to quit smoking. Momma has just died an accidental death at a local cheap motel and Brother Boy has been locked up in a mental institution because he thinks he's

Tammy Wynette.

Adults will love the roller-coaster of jokes, one-liners and hollering that goes on as the funeral begins.

"Sordid Lives" is presented in the Studio Theater located on Mt. Hood's Gresham campus on Friday and Saturday May 19-20 at 8 p.m. A Sunday matinee will be at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$10.

Portland Unwired

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unteer-run Personal Telco Project has 100, and growing, hotspots, or "nodes" in homes, parks and coffee shops throughout Portland, and telecommunication companies like Sprint corner the fast and far reaching wireless market.

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A three-day celebration hosted by the congregation of Ainsworth United Church of Christ (AUCC), whose activities include social response and action in the greater Portland area, support for community issues, and promotion of interfaith understanding. Proceeds will support the mission and ministry of AUCC, as well as our community partner for 2006, Elders in Action. AUCC is also offering a special raffle for a three-night stay for two at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Friday, June 2 - Silent Auction, Hors D'Oeuvres and Dancing
When the sun goes down in Stump Town, we will gather at McMenamin's Edgefield, 2126 S.W. Halsey in Troutdale. From 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., we will enjoy a plethora of hors d'oeuvres, have great fun with our silent auction, Live music -featuring Janice Scroggins!-dancing. There will be something for everyone's taste. Tickets are available now: \$35 per person (\$10.50 of which is tax-deductible donation). Call the church as soon as possible at (503) 284-8767.

Saturday, June 3 - Family Festival
Saturday marks the Fourth Annual Family Festival, featuring food, beverages, an inflatable "Bounce House," a clown, face painting, a Portland Fire Truck; and a jewelry, plant and book sale. Festivities run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. right next to the church on a closed N.E. 30th Ave.

Sunday, June 4 - Celebration Worship Service and Birthday Party
When you are as welcoming as AUCC, the worship service offers inspiration, jubilation and the Word of God brought to you by people of profound faith, witness and service. This morning, Ainsworth's Pastor Lynne Smouse Lopez's sermon topic will be "Rejoicing in the Gift of God's Spirit." Rooted in AUCC's traditional Four Seasons Birthday Celebration, the after-church activity will honor and celebrate everybody's birthday with scrumptious food, cakes, punch and beverages. The drawing for the Las Vegas trip will be done at the Four Seasons Birthday Celebration. The winner of the drawing will receive a three night stay at the Bellagio Hotel for two adults air fare included.

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