

# Art That's Accessible to All

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narrow casting standards.

After graduation he did social work, lived in New York City, and spent time as an artist's assistant before he was introduced to mixed ability dance. Two years ago he took a leap of faith, became a teacher, and started offering workshops.

"I want to provide a space for people to be genuine," he says, "How do you choreograph a dancer who can only move their fingers and head and keep it subtle enough to let the beauty show through?"

That's precisely the kind of challenge Walker thrives on. Providing access to the arts is what Impetus Arts is all about. His company is made up of people ranging in age from 24-74 and speaks to a vast range of identity groups. They offer 3-4 performances per year and are not afraid to examine themes such as race, gender, age, and ability.

Recently Impetus Arts has been collaborating with Watoto Wa Dunia, an organization based out of Portland and Kenya. Both groups provide opportunities for people to express themselves and plans are being made for autumn events.



Yulia Arakelyan's performance is the sort of subtle beauty choreographer Curtis Walker captures through his company, Impetus Arts.

"It's so exciting to finally be doing what I want to be doing with my life," says Walker with a wide smile. His dedication and compassion has developed a community which wasn't there before, a com-

munity rooted in the arts—regardless of where you sit.

On Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM Impetus Arts will present, "Private Dances...Public Works," a

night of original dance, music, and writing exploring pathways, balance, inclusion, and exclusion.

The show will be held at Performance Works NorthWest, 4625 S.E.

67<sup>th</sup> Ave., and will feature eight pieces by 13 of the group's members.

For more information, call (503) 493-9090.

## Pools Open for Summer

### Higher use expected this year

In what could be a record-breaking year in attendance, seven outdoor and six indoor pools opened Monday for this summer's swim season by the Portland Parks and Recreation department.

With the price of gasoline at record highs, more Portlanders are expected to take advantage of neighborhood pools close to home.

"There is every indication that our pools will be more popular than ever this summer," said Nancy Roth, the department's aquatics program director. "And we're thrilled that Buckman Pool will re-open after being closed last year."

The repairs and refurbishing of Buckman Pool is expected to be completed around the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

The outdoor pools, heated to 85 degrees, are open through Sept. 1, also offer swim lessons, water exercises and dine-in movies.

Contact your local pool for details. For information visit [www.portlandparks.org](http://www.portlandparks.org) or call 503-823-5130.



Oregon Humane Society Director Sharon Harmon thanks Thomas W. Holman Sr. for his support to help finance the construction of a teaching animal hospital at the northeast Portland shelter.

## Constructions Begins for Humane Society Hospital

### Scheduled to open in 2007

The Oregon Humane Society hosted a groundbreaking celebration on its Northeast Columbia Boulevard site last week for its new Animal Medical and Learning Center, a first of its kind in the nation.

The teaching hospital will be named after Thomas W. Holman Sr. and his late wife, Mary D. Holman. Mr. Holman gave \$1 million to the Oregon Humane Society for the new facility, which will provide on-site animal care provided by a staff veterinarian, faculty and students from the Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

"Mr. Holman's exceedingly generous gift got our campaign off to a great start and gave it legitimacy," said Sharon Harmon, OHS executive director. "Along with a number of other large donations and hundreds of smaller gifts, we were able to raise the entire \$6.4 million without a single taxpayer dollar."

The 22,000 square foot center will be completed in early 2007, adjoining the west end of the cur-

rent OHS building, which was constructed in 2000.


When the new facility opens, animals that have been abused, abandoned and neglected won't need to be shuttled around the city for veterinary care. Additionally, veterinary students will receive valuable hands-on, live animal training. Dormitory rooms, offices and a kitchen will be available for the students to use while engaged in training.

Care will be provided in two examination rooms, three surgery suites, a multi-station treatment room, radiology, laboratory and pharmacy facilities. Immediate and critical diagnostics and treatment will be possible with these amenities, as well as access to the resources of OSU's veterinary students.

Holman, 92, said he was inspired by the television show "Animal Planet" when he saw examples of shelters that provided on-site veterinary care. His family owned Holman Fuel Co., which in its early days delivered wood and coal by horse and wagon.

He had a long career with Union Pacific Railroad and now enjoys spending time with family.

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