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**Super Group Tours**

A new exciting super group from San Diego, featuring a diverse array of internationally recognized individual talents, will perform Wednesday, July 12 at Mississippi Studios, 3939 N. Mississippi Ave.

Drummer John Staten has teamed up with his old musical friends, keyboardist Anthony Smith and saxophonist Jesse Molloy to create the new group that is posed to simply blow fans away.

The band is backed by independent label New Century Soul Records, which has created ongoing tours that support independent musicians.

The show starts at 10 p.m. and tickets are \$10.

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**Open Mic at the White Eagle Saloon** -- Find some of the area's finest talent at the Open Mic/Songwriter Showcase, Sunday, July 9 at the White Eagle Saloon, 836 N. Russell St. The evening features special guest Sean Corkery, and all performers are welcome to sign up at 7:30 p.m. with the show starting at 8 p.m. Admission is free and open to 21 and older.



**Rare Ebony Sculptures** -- Master carvers from the Tanzania tribe Makonde have been carving ebony for centuries, and now the public can see some of the most valuable wood on the globe at the World Forestry Center. General admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for children, and members are free.

**Summer Stargazing** -- Summer is here and that means warm weather and clear evenings to enjoy the night sky. To better appreciate the beauty, the Mt. Hood Community College Planetarium will present "Summer Stargazing". Planetarium Director Doug McCarty will show visitors how to locate the planets Saturn, Jupiter and Mars, as well as prominent constellations in summer skies, Monday, July 10 at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Admission is \$1, and live, customized programs are available by appointment. For more information, call 503-491-7297.



**Free Festival of New Women's Plays** -- Radiant Theatre announces Emergence 2006: The 4th Annual Celebration of Women in the theatre arts, featuring local female playwrights and up and coming female directors. All plays will be presented as staged readings at the CoHo Theatre, 2257 N.W. Raleigh Street, July 15-19. For information on dates and times of perfor-

**'Spray Ground' Opens at Blue Lake**

Water will fly every which way when "Spray Ground" opens at Blue Lake Regional Park, Saturday, July 8 with special entertainment, prizes and activities for all ages.

Picture sprinklers turned into action figures and a water-spouting frog big enough to leap through and you'll have an idea of what the new water feature looks like. The water sprays, gushes, dumps and pours from the colorful and whimsical devices.

"These types of water playgrounds have caught on all over the country as relatively low-cost, safe alternatives to pools and aquatic centers," said Metro Councilor Rod Park. "This project is perfect for the diverse public we serve at Blue Lake."

The spray ground is located adjacent to the existing swim beach area at the park.

Blue Lake is located between Northeast Marine Drive and Sandy Boulevard off 223rd Avenue. The spray ground is free with park vehicle entry fee. Ride TriMet's Blue Lake Shuttle to Blue Lake Regional Park and get in free.

For more information, visit [www.metro-region.org/bluelake](http://www.metro-region.org/bluelake) or call 503-797-1850.



Water that sprays, gushes, dumps and pours is the attraction at Blue Lake Park's new water spray ground.

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mances, visit [www.radianttheatre.org](http://www.radianttheatre.org).

**Jazz Musical 'Spotlight'** -- Local director, Jefferson graduate and playwright Kwik Jones brings his first musical to the stage with "Spotlight", featuring a cast of nine and smooth jazz performances through July 15. Shows are Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate. Tickets are \$15/adults and \$12/children.

**Bringing Ancient Greece to Life** -- State-of-the-art technology transports audiences back to the dawn of democracy and the birthplace of Western Civilization in the new IMAX adventure "Greece: Secrets of the Past". Portland's Omnimax Theater is located at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, 1945 SE Water Ave. For tickets and show times call 503-797-4640 or visit [www.oms.edu/visit/omnimax](http://www.oms.edu/visit/omnimax).

**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 Old Dominion, 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

Thursday. 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).

**"Robots and Us" at OMSI** -- Get a fun, hands-on look at how biology and engineering are coming together to close the gap between technical reality and science fiction fantasy. The hands-on exhibit "Robots and Us" features components and computer interactives at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI).

**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 stu-

dios and become part of an exciting regional art event. Visit [portlandopenstudios.com](http://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](http://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.

**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, coordination, agility, combinations and teamwork through urban dance moves. For more information, call 360-696-8236.



**Norman Sylvester Band** -- Support local, live music with the blues act Norman Sylvester and his band, performing Friday, July 7 at 8:30 p.m. at Halibut's, 2525 N.E. Alberta. For more information on performances and dates, visit [www.normansylvester.com](http://www.normansylvester.com) or call the 24-hour Boogie Cat Hotline at 503-281-5859.

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**Young Writers Meet, Speak**

A summer program for teens and young adults offers young writers a place where they can learn about African-American and Hispanic poetry and write their own.

The Lyricists' Lounge starts Friday, July 10 from 1 to 3 p.m. and continues every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon through July 21 in the auditorium of the North Portland Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St.

The sessions will provide a place for creative minds to meet and speak. For further information, contact Zahida Sherman at 503-988-4810 or [orzsherna1@yahoo.com](mailto:orzsherna1@yahoo.com)