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OutKast Take on Film

Antwan 'Big Boi' Patton and Andre '3000' Benjamin unleash debut musical film with 'Idlewild'

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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Volunteer for Crisis Line

Want to make a difference in your community? Volunteers and advocates are needed for the Portland Women's Crisis Line. The needs include on-call advocates to respond in person or over the phone, outreach and educational efforts, and fundraising and administrative duties. Call 503-232-4176 for more information.

Children's Benefit Concert

Oregon Health and Science University will host a benefit concert for their Child Development and Rehabilitation Center, featuring works by Puccini, Mozart, Cole Porter, Bernstein and others, Saturday, Sept. 9 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the OHSU Auditorium. Call 503-239-8255 weekdays for tickets.

Corn Maze Challenge

The MaiZE at Sauvie Island's Pumpkin Patch challenges all ages with over three miles of intricate pathways, carved into a five-acre field of 12-foot corn. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday evenings until 10 p.m. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children and free for kids under five. Visit portlandmaze.com.

'I Have a Dream'

Learn about how the local "I Have a Dream" foundation prepares low-income children for post-high school study or rewarding employment through mentoring, tutoring and scholarship. Open houses take place Wednesdays, Sept. 13 and Oct. 5 at Woodlawn School, 7200 N.E. 11th Ave. For more information, call 503-287-7203 or visit ihadoregon.org.

Cancer Care Group

A free cancer support group meeting takes place Tuesday, Sept. 5 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Providence Professional Plaza Radiation/Oncology Conference room, 5050 N.E. Hoyt, Level B. Focus on learning to live fully and maintain hope and quality of life while living with cancer. Call 503-215-6015 for more information.

Women's Caregiving

A free health forum "When is it Time to Take Charge? Women and Caregiving" will help participants recognize red flags, cope with caretaking and provide community resources every woman can use. It takes place Thursday, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center's Souther Auditorium, 9205 S.W. Barnes Rd. For more information, call 503-513-8404.

YWCA Needs Advocates

Clark County YWCA is looking for adults who can serve as mentors for sexual assault victims and domestic violence support groups, court-appointed advocates for abused and neglected children and volunteers for incarcerated women transitioning back into the community. Fall training and orientation begins Tuesday, Sept. 2 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 360-696-0167.

Hoyt Arboretum Trees

Discover the wonder of Hoyt Arboretum during "Meet the Trees" events through Sept. 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This free family experience includes tour maps and kids activity maps to explore more than 12 miles of trails through trees from all over the world, including the Middle East and Africa. For more information, visit hoytarboretum.org or call 503-228-8733.

CAUTION: It May be Addictive



Barney Stein is 'The Lecturer' in 'Reefer Madness!' the award-winning satire about government misinformation and greed.

'Reefer Madness!' comes to Interstate Firehouse Cultural Theatre

The award-winning musical 'Reefer Madness!' embarks on a Northwest premiere at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave.

'Reefer Madness!' is a political satire about government misinformation and greed, loosely based on the 1936 propaganda film "Tell Your Children" also known as "Reefer Madness!"

Artistic Director and Drammy Award-winning actor Kirk Mouser of Stumptown Stages directs the production. It begins the second season for the Portland theater company, following on the heels of its zany hit, 'Urinetown - The Musical'.

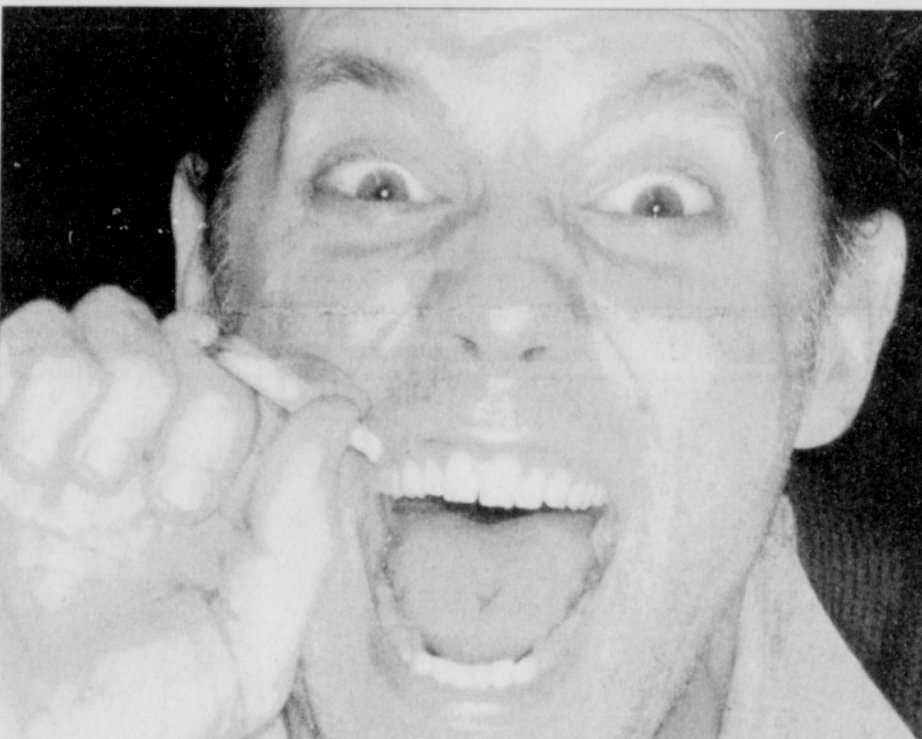
'Reefer Madness!' revolves around the misfortunes of Jimmy (Andrew Bray), a once innocent and fresh-faced high school student who falls prey to Jack (Nartan Woods), the evil marijuana peddler. One puff of the demon weed transforms Jimmy into a lecherous maniac suddenly hell-bent on pleasures of the flesh and the next "fix."

Scenes of doobie-induced debauchery, mayhem, and moral depravity inevitably ensue as Jimmy and "friends"—smoke, slink and of course sing—rambling down the path to ultimate ruin.

The show has been aptly described as a



Jimmy (Andrew Bray) shares a soda with Mary (Erin Charles) in the play 'Reefer Madness!' about a once innocent high school student who is suddenly hell-bent on the pleasures of the flesh and next 'fix.'



Joseph Klei performs in the musical 'Reefer Madness!' coming to the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center in north Portland.

'Leave it to Beaver' meets 'Rocky Horror' and its sold-out Los Angeles run lead to both a Showtime movie version and a Grammy Award for Best Song.

Performances run Thursdays through Sundays from Sept. 8 through Oct. 7. Thursday-Saturday performances start at 8 p.m., Sunday performances at 2 p.m. All seats are \$25 for general admission and \$22 for students and seniors. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling: Stumptown Stages Box Office at 503-381-8686 or online at www.stumptownstages.com.

Opening night on Thursday, Sept. 8 will be a special gala performance to benefit Stumptown Stages. The show commences at 6 p.m. and will be followed by an elegant, but morally depraved, reception and an evening of entertainment. Tickets for that evening only are \$65 per person and \$100 per couple.

'Reefer Madness!' was first produced by James L. Nederlander, Verna Harrah and Stephanie Steele and Dead Old Man Productions under the direction of Andy Fickman and choreography by Paula Abdul.

Expanding the Power of Words

Play will follow march against senseless violence

A community march and rally against violence will be bigger than ever this year with more events and a special stage production confronting violence in our community.

The 4th annual "Senseless Violence Leads to Silence" march and rally will take place

Saturday, Sept. 9 in memory of Asia "Bell" James, a local mother and wife who was shot on her front porch in a 2002 unsolved murder; and all other victims of violence.

A full day of events, food and entertainment follows the 9:45 a.m. march from Irving

Park at Northeast 7th Avenue and Fremont Street to Alberta Park at Northeast 19th and Killingsworth Street.

The activities at Alberta Park will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., featuring motivational speakers to build hope and bring healing to our families and community. Live entertainment will include local bands with the sounds of Gospel, R&B and rock. Volunteers are needed. Call 503-247-2997 for more information.

New this year will be the presentation of an interactive play that asks the audience to help solve issues of violence. The stage production is presented by Crime Survivors for Community Safety, a program of the Western Prison Project, a progressive movement of crime survivors and allies.

The performance follows a family trapped in an abusive cycle of violence, showing the reactions and issues faced by the family and how friends interact.

"We're hoping to shed more light on the complexities of domestic violence, and how community members can help create safety and accountability," said Terrie Quinteros, program director of the crime survivors group and the play's writer and director.

"We know that not everyone feels comfortable calling the police. By engaging the audience in finding community based solutions, we show that each one of us can take a role in creating safety and accountability," Quinteros said.

Repeat performances of the play will be presented on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 4925 N.E. Ninth Ave. and Saturday, Oct. 7 at 11 a.m. at the Portland Community College Cascade Campus in north Portland.



A play confronting the issues of violence featuring Curtis Ticks and Darlene Solomon-Rogers (back row) and Elisabeth Davidson (front row, from left), L. Smith Jaxon, Kanae Hayashi and Chauntey Cruz, will take place at Alberta Park in north-east Portland on Saturday, Sept. 9 following the annual 'Senseless Violence Leads to Silence' march and rally.

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years of
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