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2006 BMW 530xi AUTO

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As hard as it is to push the "cool" factor behind the wheel of a 5-door station wagon, the 530xi is drenched in "coolness", especially when equipped with the BMW's sport package. This silky dynamo pulls strongly off-theline and right through posted highway speeds without breaking a sweat! BMW has overcome the shortages of a wagon by morphing the exotic shape of the lating the car's bold stance and aggressive lines. In the rebirth, the their sophisticated xDrive, intelligent all-wheel-drive (AWD) technology to the sleek wagon, which BMW refers to as a "touring model". The xDrive is justifiably famous for its ice-handling ability. Making it even better on the slip-



SPECIFACATIONS: \$52,095 MSRP; 3.0L, 24 Valve, 255 hp/6600 rpm, 6 cylinder Engine; 6 Speed Automatic Transmission; 19 City/28 Hwy MPG.

5-Series into such without emascutorque to the other. With its low 530xi give it grace and gusto! center of gravity, the Sports Wagon

would be a superior winter driving beautiful both inside and out. The of a BMW is not to be driven but BMW upped the ante by adding choice even over most SUVs. An-lines of the bodywork are echoed to drive! BMW is more than just other unique feature of the 530xi in the interior. The dashboard a status symbol it is a way of life. when equipped with the manual offers a sleek look and intelligearbox is the vehicle's ability to gently placed controls that are peal and the expected quality and resist rolling backward on an in- easy to operate. The iDrive craftsmanship from BMW receive cline as the clutch is being released. on board controls system, two thumbs up on the review This is referred to as "Start-Off Bluetooth-enabled wireless tech- scale. This new kid on the block, Assist" and is extremely useful nology, a panoramic moon roof, having been released in June pery stuff is the Dynamic Stability when creeping forward on a hill or roominess, power, abundant 2006, is way more than "just a Control (DSC), which if one wheel moving out of a cramped parallel safety features, impressive cargo wagon" of a "touring sedan", it is brakes automatically sends the parking spot! The dynamics of the capacity and fuel economy make a driving experience!

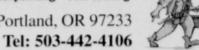
the 530xi a fantastic alternative to The Sports Wagon is quite an SUV. Wagon or not, the point

Overall, the performance, ap-

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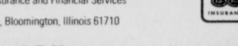
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Famed dancers, chorographer to dazzle hall

"A Celebration of International Women Choreographers," with the West Coast debut of Tania Pérez-Salas' Compañia De Danza, takes place at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12 through Saturday, Oct. 14 at Portland State University's Lincoln Hall.

Pérez-Salas is one of Mexico's most accomplished contemporary dancers and choreographers, and her company of 10 men and women will perform a program featuring intense physicality as well as vibrant imagery and brilliant design.

Compañia De Danza

Tania Pérez-Salas' Compañia De Danza makes a Portland debut this week at Portland State University's Lincoln

Hall. A four-day engagement features "The Hours." an impressionist look at the nature of femininity.

Latin Contemporary

The spellbinding works include "The Hours" set to music by Vivaldi and Lully; "Anabiosis", based on a study of love and eroticism by Octavio Paz; and "The Waters of Forgetfulness", which will transform the Lincoln Hall stage into a watery

Pérez-Salas is a native of Mexico City, where she began to dance at age eight. Compañia De Danza, founded in 1994, has performed at many major fes-

tivals including the Latin American Festival in Montreal and the Festival Oriente Occidente in Italy. Her company was invited to perform at the 2002 Biennale

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de la Danse in Lyon, France. Tickets are \$25 for adults plus a service fee, and \$14 for college students with ID and seniors age 62 and older. Tickets are available at the PSU box office, 1825 SW Broadway (Smith Center), or by calling 503-725-3307 and all Ticketmaster outlets, 503-790-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com. For more information call White Bird at 503-245-1600 or visit www.whitebird.org.

Latino AIDS Awareness Day this Saturday

"Y la Vida Sigue" ("And Life Goes Ave. On") a film about HIV/AIDS and its impact in the Latino community, will highlight National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, Saturday, Oct. 14, from noon to 4 p.m. at Centro Milagro, 425 S.E. 6th

Cascade AIDS Project, Miracle Theater Group and the Multnomah County Health Department are sponsoring the screening and other activities for the Latino community of Oregon and their friends.

Admission is free.

The film is in Spanish with English subtitles and will be followed by discussion. Other activities include free HIV testing, HIV/AIDS information, food and entertainment.

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