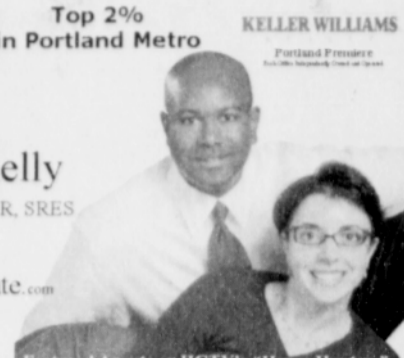


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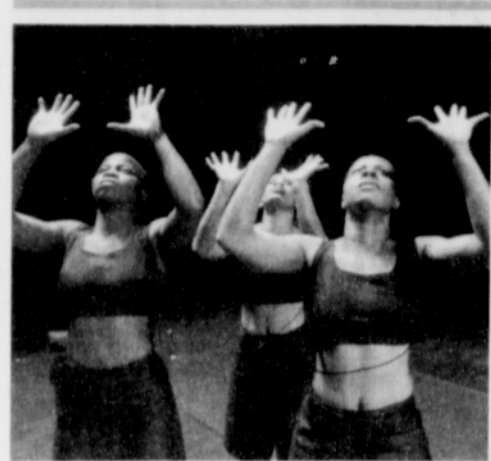
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'A Holiday Gift of Music' -- Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m., the Mt. Hood Community College Theatre in Gresham will host the Columbia Symphony Orchestra presentation of "A Holiday Gift of Music". Tickets available at the door: \$5 adults/seniors, all students free. Call 503-234-4077.

Normal Sylvester Band -- Playing at Steamer's in Portland, Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. at Tillicum's in Beaverton; and at 9 p.m. on New Years Eve at Clyde's Prime Rib. Make your New Years Eve party reservations early by calling 503-281-9200 or visit nomansylvester.com.



Lava Alapai in "Mutt"
Playwright Presents 'Mutt' -- A local playwright is challenging racial issues with levity and bravery in her world premiere of "Mutt" at North Portland's Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave. Lava Alapai tells the story of a bi-racial young adult's mistaken Caucasian self-identity. Shows run Thursday-Saturday nights at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and can be obtained by calling 503-952-6646 or online at manyhatscollaboration.com.

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Christmas Revels -- Friday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10, at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., at the Scottish Rite Theater, S.W. 15 & Morrison, will present the opening night performance of Christmas Revels, a winter solstice celebration that crosses religious and ethnic boundaries, to entertain the entire family. For performance schedules and information, call the box office: 503-247-4654.

Liv Warfield Special -- B&M Records, Inc will host a showcase of Portland Jazz artist Liv Warfield, featuring special guest appearances by Hidden Beach, recordings saxophonist Mike Phillips and local neo soul standout Ray Frazier during a special live recording for national broadcast on Black Entertainment Television, Tuesday Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. at Jimmy Mak's, 221 N.W. 10th Ave. For more information on reservations, call 503-295-6542.



Liv Warfield

Scrooge Gets Skewered -- The Portland Artists Repertory Theatre presents "Inspecting Carol," a tale of the classic "A Christmas Carol," through Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays through Thursdays and Sundays; and 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets range from \$22.50 to \$42.50 by phone at 503-241-1278, online at artistsrep.org or at the box office at 1516 S.W. Alder St.



Inspecting Carol

'A Season for Peace' -- The Portland Gay Men's holiday concert "Goodwill to All" assembles music from various cultures and traditions to celebrate the holiday season, with performances scheduled at Kaul Auditorium on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m.

Jazz for the Holidays -- Friday, Dec. 29 thru Monday, Jan. 1, the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts will host Newport's Jazz for the

Holidays, a massive New Years Eve Party, spread out over 4 days and headlined by some of Portland's jazz icons, including the Bobby Torres Ensemble and singer Nancy King, at the Newport Performing Arts Center. Visit jazzatnewport.org or call 888-701-7123.

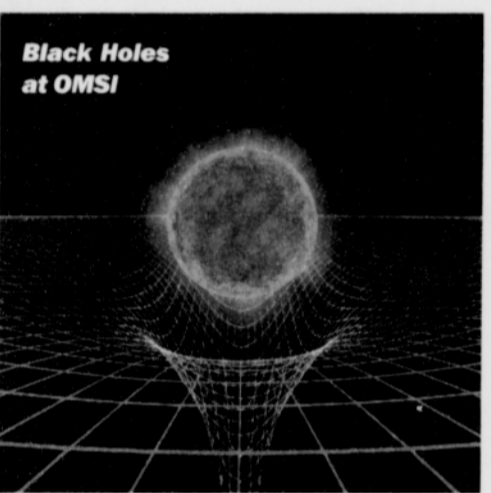
Time to Jam -- Jam Night, Portland's ever-popular comedy and variety show is at Christian Performing Arts Center, 8131 N. Denver Ave. Shows continue every Friday night starting at 9 p.m.

Famous Nature Photographs -- Famed works by photographer Ansel Adams, including 'The Tetons and the Snake River,' and many other of the most beautiful national sites, is on display this fall and inter at the World Forestry Center Discover Museum.

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.

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.



OMSI Presents: Black Holes -- A flight simulator transforms real scientific data about black holes into stunning visualizations in OMSI's new planetarium show "Black holes: The Other Side of Infinity." For more information, call 503-797-4000 or visit omsi.edu.

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