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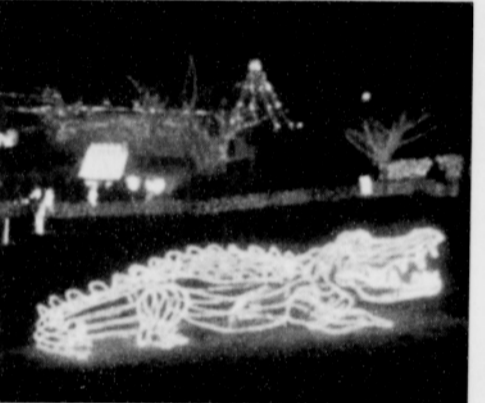


Jazz Divas Team Up — Legendary soul diva Linda Hornbuckle and keyboard goddess Janice Scroggins will perform a duo holiday concert in two shows on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Mississippi Studios, 3909 N. Mississippi Ave. Admission is \$15. For tickets and more information, call Mississippi Studios at 503-288-3895.

Holiday Gift of Music — Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m., Mt. Hood Community College Theatre in Gresham hosts 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 Year's Eve at Clyde's Prime Rib. Make your New Year's Eve party reservations early by calling 503-281-9200 or visit nomansylvester.com.

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 extended through Dec. 30. Tickets are \$12 and can be obtained by calling 503-952-6646 or online at manyhatscollaboration.com.



Zoo Lights
Oregon Zoo Lights — The walk-through winter wonderland Oregon Zoo Lights comes to life throughout the month of December. The festival includes a lighted zoo train, choral and ensemble music, puppet shows, and a model train display. Festival hours are Sunday through Thursday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Closed Dec. 24 and Christmas Day.

'A Season for Peace' — The Portland Gay Men's holiday concert "Goodwill to All" as-

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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 through 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



Festival of Lights
jazzatnewport.org or call 888-701-7123.

'Festival of Lights' — at the Grotto, Northeast 85th Avenue and Sandy Boulevard, from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., featuring hourly holiday music concerts, spectacular lighting displays, live nativity scene and family entertainment. Donations requested for Snow-CAP, of canned goods or dry baby foods.

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.gypsycaravan.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.

Scrooge Gets Skewered — The Portland Artists Repertory Theatre presents 'Inspecting Carol,' a tale of the classic 'A Christmas Carol' gone awry, 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 artiststep.org or at the box office at 1516 S.W. Alder St.

Live Music Every Night

- Kick off your week with live jazz every Sunday at 9 p.m. at The Blue Monk (3341 S.E. Belmont).
- Participate in a mixed-media open mic night each Monday at the Back-to-Back Café (614 E. Burnside).
- The Thom 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 S.W. Fifth Ave) with the Black Notes, performing each Thursday.
- Celebrate Friday with Mel Brown, who plays jazz at Saly's on the Columbia every Friday and Saturday, and Jimmy Mak's on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
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