

# Shouting it Out for James Brown

## Legendary singer laid to rest in grand style

(AP) -- Even in death, James Brown can move a crowd.

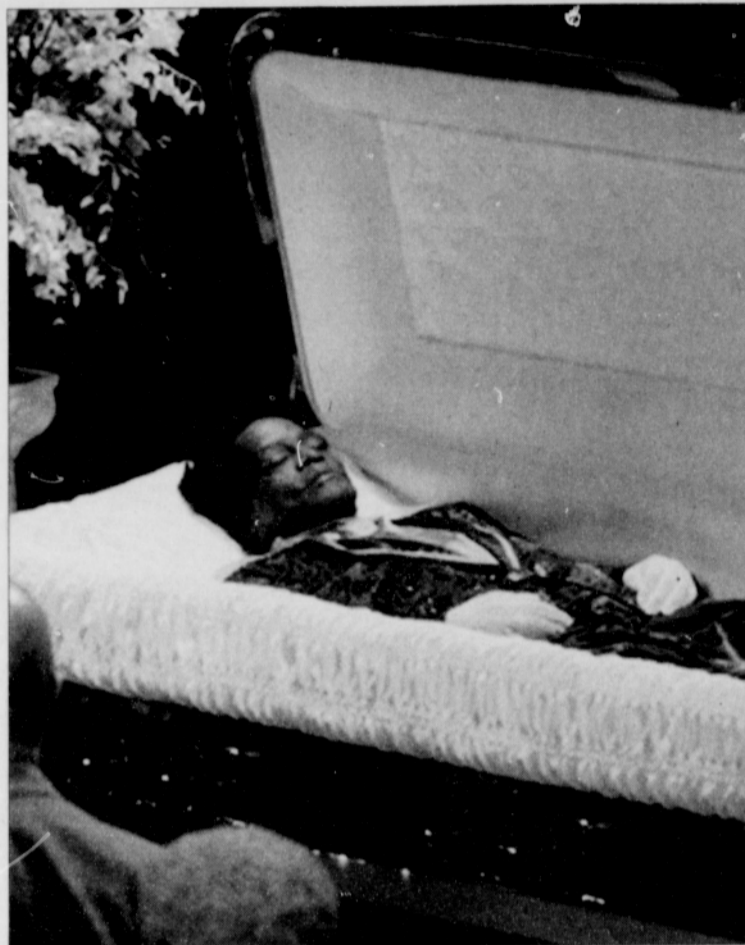
Thousands of people danced and sang in the streets outside the Apollo Theater in a raucous celebration of the music legend's life as his body was displayed Thursday on the New York stage where he made his 1956 debut.

Music thumped from storefronts and portable stereos. Brown's wails and growls even blasted inside the auditorium as fans marched quietly, single-file past his open gold coffin.

Brown lay resplendent in a blue suit, white gloves and silver shoes. Flanking the casket were giant photographs of the singer performing. An arrangement of red flowers on a white background spelled out his nickname: Godfather.

It was maybe the first time the hardest-working man in show business graced a stage in stillness, but that didn't stop his fans from partying.

"This is a celebration of his life," said 41-year-old Bryant Preudhomme of suburban New York. "James Brown gave you heart. He lifted you up when you were down. He gave you hope."



Legendary singer James Brown in an open casket during his funeral service at the Apollo Theater in New York. (AP photo)

Brown, who died of heart failure Christmas morning at 73, lay in repose in the theater that helped catapult him to fame and was the setting for a thrilling live album in 1962.

At an evening program for fam-

ily and close friends, the Rev. Al Sharpton said it was difficult to believe that a man who was "so much alive" was dead.

"How could someone with such energy and life really ever be gone?"

said Sharpton, a close friend of the Godfather of Soul for three decades.

Sharpton credited Brown with inspiring countless musicians in all genres and with refusing to become a conformist.

"He became a superstar on his own terms... he never bent, buckled or bowed," Sharpton said. "James Brown wasn't just No. 1, he changed the beat of music all over the world."

Earlier, Brown's body was carried to the theater through the streets of Harlem on a majestic white carriage drawn by two white horses.

Hundreds of fans followed behind the caisson singing the chorus of Brown's anthem, "Say it Loud — I'm Black and I'm Proud."

To many, Brown was more than just an energetic performer. As Norman Brand of Harlem waited for the procession to begin, the 55-year-old recalled hearing "Say it Loud" for the first time in his native Alabama.

"It really changed the attitude of most black people. It was like a wake-up call. Before that, if you were called black, it was like an insult," Brand said. "Just one song and one word can change a whole situation."

On Friday, a private ceremony was held at a church near Augusta, Ga. A second public viewing of the singer's body was held Saturday at the James Brown Arena in Augusta.

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Michael Jordan and his wife, Juanita.

## Jordan, Wife to Divorce

(AP) -- Michael Jordan and his wife, Juanita, have filed for divorce after 17 years of marriage. "Michael and Juanita Jordan mutually and amicably decided to end their 17 year marriage," the couple said in a statement Friday issued through their lawyers. "A judgment for dissolution of their marriage was entered today. There will be no further statements."

Juanita Jordan previously filed for divorce in January 2002, but withdrew her petition a month later when the couple announced they were attempting a reconciliation.

During her last divorce petition, Jordan said attempts to reconcile their marriage had failed and future ones "would be impractical and not in the best interests of the family."

The couple met at a Chicago restaurant during his second season with the Bulls and were married Sept. 2, 1989, in Las Vegas. They have three children: Jeffrey, Marcus and Jasmine.

The 43-year-old Jordan, a part-owner of the Charlotte Bobcats, led the Bulls to six NBA titles and was a five-time league MVP. He lives in Highland Park, Ill.

## ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

**New Year Celebration** -- Saturday, Jan. 13, the Japanese Garden Society, 611 SW Kingston Dr., will host the Oshogatsu (New Year) Celebration in the Garden's Pavilion from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Visit japanesegarden.com.

**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.

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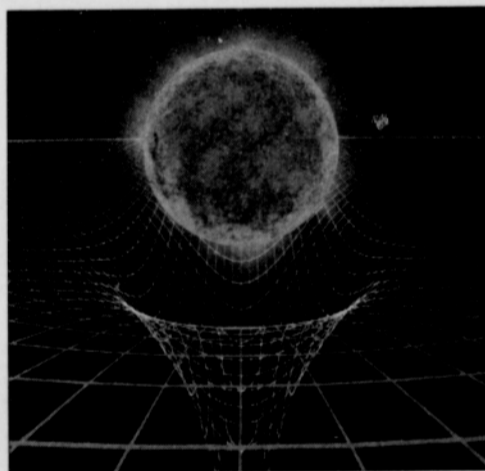
**Emerging Artists Showcase** -- The Interstate

Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave., hosts a University of Portland exhibit featuring eight emerging artists. Gallery hours: Tuesday - Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, noon - 4 p.m. Admission is free.

**Fort Vancouver Lantern Tours** -- Fort Vancouver National Historical Site, 1001 E. 5 St., will host lantern tours from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on: Saturday, Jan. 20, Friday Feb. 2, and Saturday, Feb. 17. Reservations are required. Call 360-816-6230.

**WSU Vancouver Exhibit** -- WSU Vancouver, 14204 N.E. Salmon Creek Ave., presents Acrylics on Clay, by local artist Linda Sawaya, through Jan. 12, in the Student Services Gallery and selected works by Ines Epperson thru Jan. 28, in the Engineering and Life Sciences building.

For more information, visit vancouver.wsu.edu.



**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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The Lents Homeownership Initiative (LHI) is comprised of more than 40 nonprofit, public and private sector organizations, and businesses working together to increase homeownership in the Lents Urban Renewal Area and to improve the overall health of the Lents neighborhood.

**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 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).

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