

# FOCUS

## Inspiration Through Art in 'The Yellow Boat'

Insight Out Theatre Collective and CITE Educational Theatre collaborate to bring to the stage "The Yellow Boat," a play addressing how fear and ignorance give way to inspiration and imagination.

Performances begin Friday, Jan. 19 at southeast Portland's Echo Theatre.

Written by David Saar and directed by Andrés Alcalá, this stunning play tells the true story of the young and gifted visual artist Benjamin Saar, a hemophiliac who con-

tracts HIV and then AIDS through a blood transfusion.

Benjamin creates inspired drawings and paintings that transform his pain and express his understanding of life.

The play examines how fear and ignorance grip the perspectives of the adults who surround him, only to be released by the heart and imagination of this young boy.

Benjamin's imagination dances to life in vivid color, sharing his powerful, transformational mes-

sages full of hope, art and life for ages 8 through 98.

The Yellow Boat runs through Feb. 11 at Echo Theatre, 1515 SE 37th St.

Show times are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and Sunday evening performances are on a sliding scale from \$5 to \$15 at the door.

Visit [www.insightouttheatre.org](http://www.insightouttheatre.org) or call 503-493-8070. Patrons are encouraged to arrive early to catch a unique multimedia segment 20 minutes prior to the play. Dynamic Talk Backs will be held after every performance.



"The Yellow Boat" tells the true story of a young man's life with AIDS through Feb. 11 at Echo Theatre in southeast Portland.

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## Comedy of Manners in 'Where's Charley'

The Lakewood Theatre Company presents the Tony-Award winning musical "Where's Charley," a finely crafted comedy of manners offering a deft send-up of etiquette and propriety.

For proper young gentlemen in Victorian England who wish to court proper young ladies, a chaperone is considered socially indispensable. But when Charley's aunt from Brazil does not arrive on schedule he decides to chaperone himself. Donning a wig and a dress, Charley



Alan Anderson cross dresses for the Victorian crowd in "Where's Charley" at the Lakewood Center for the Arts in Lake Oswego.

transforms himself into Donna Lucia, but how long will he be able to keep up the charade?

"Where's Charley" continues though Feb. 18 on Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. at the Lakewood Center for the Arts, 368 S. State St. in Lake Oswego.

Tickets are \$28 for adults and \$26 for students and seniors, available through the Lakewood Theatre box office at 503-635-3901 or [www.lakewood-center.org](http://www.lakewood-center.org).



**Frida at Milagro Theatre** -- The artistic life of Frida Kahlo is brought to life at Milagro Theatre in a magical journey through the surrealist vision of one of Mexico's most acclaimed artists. Performances continue Thursdays through Sundays at 8 p.m. with weekend matinees at 2 p.m. Admission is \$15 to \$18. Visit [www.milagro.org](http://www.milagro.org) or call 503-236-7253.

### ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

**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.gypsyscaravan.us](http://www.gypsyscaravan.us).

**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. The exhibit will continue through

Jan. 27. 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 selected works by Ines Epperson through Jan. 28, in the Engineering and Life Sciences building. For more information, visit [vancouver.wsu.edu](http://vancouver.wsu.edu).

**Museum After Hours** -- On Wednesday, Jan. 17 The Norman Sylvester Band will take the stage, 5:30 p.m. at the Portland Art Museum, 1219 SW Park Ave.



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| Harper, Miracle (Baby) 1-1-06 (11 cases in Jan) | McCool, Cherry 4-6-06                      | Williams, Lee Andrew 9-30-06                |
| Williams, Artha Mae 12-17-05                    | Kemp, Barbara 4-6-06                       | Smith, Tommy R. 10-3-06 (11 cases in Oct)   |
| Cross, Gertie 1-4-06                            | Rashad, Deborah 4-12-06                    | Williams, Katie 10-4-06                     |
| Moore, Christeen 1-4-06                         | Turcotte, William 4-14-06                  | Dawson, Martha 10-4-06                      |
| King, Josephine 1-7-06                          | Williams, Lois 4-14-06                     | Cheesman, Arthur 10-6-06                    |
| Johnson, Jimmie 1-10-06                         | Parker, Fannie 4-18-06                     | Pittman, Edna 10-7-06                       |
| Hall, Eunice 1-16-06                            | Merrweather, Lola 4-22-06                  | Sloan, Galen 10-7-06                        |
| Locke, Larilla 1-20-06                          | Blandford, Gloria 5-3-06 (3 Cases in May)  | Jackson, Marguerite 10-13-06                |
| Carter, Christopher Darryl John 1-23-06         | Bradley, Deborah 5-7-06                    | Udoka, Vitalis 10-17-06                     |
| Alexander, Loretta 1-26-06                      | Howard, Richard 5-14-06                    | Scates, Raymond 10-18-06                    |
| Willis, Sivanderbil CD 1-28-06                  | Moore, Carolyn 5-31-06                     | Bunn, Allah Rashuan 10-19-06                |
| Garrett, Ray 2-2-06 (15 cases in Feb)           | Akres, Sharlotte 6-2-06 (7 Cases in June)  | Davis, Elizabeth 10-25-06                   |
| Townsend, William 2-3-06                        | Warren, Harold (Sr.) 6-11-06               | Woodley, Antonia 10-25-06                   |
| Glass-Moffett, Sherry 2-4-06                    | Diamond, Tracie 6-14-06                    | Mitchell, Doris 10-26-06                    |
| Williams, Robert B 2-4-06                       | Harrington, James 6-18-06                  | Ducre, Troy 11-1-06 (3 case in Nov)         |
| Hudson, Louise 2-5-06                           | Smith, Eicca 6-18-06                       | Logan, Allen 11-4-06                        |
| McPherson, Reginald 2-6-06                      | Johnson, Paula 6-28-06                     | Kimmons, Grady 11-4-06 (89 case here)       |
| Bonner, Eugene 2-8-06                           | Gamble-Armstrong, (Baby) Zangirigh 6-30-06 | Brant, Shirley 11-9-06                      |
| Campbell, Frank 2-8-06                          | Smith, Wade 7-7-06 (3 Cases in July)       | Bell, Bennie 11-15-06                       |
| Mandley, Elijah 2-14-06                         | Rahsaan, Abdul Halim 7-14-06               | Harvey, Oneida 11-20-06                     |
| Smith, John L. 2-15-06                          | Shannon, Roy Charles 7-27-06               | Vurner, Lizzie 11-24-06                     |
| Sanders, Twilder 2-16-06                        | Johnson, John 8-2-06 (12 Cases in Aug)     | Cook (Jr.), George 11-26-06                 |
| Edwards, Irma Jean 2-17-06                      | Aske, Michael 8-2-06                       | Standafer, Eugene 11-27-06                  |
| Harrington, Myrtle 2-17-06                      | Frisson, Lemell 8-4-06                     | Kelsaw, Frank 11-28-06                      |
| Jones, Sharon 2-22-06                           | Turner, Kelsie 8-6-06                      | Pike, Myral 12-8-06                         |
| Williams, Alma 2-22-06                          | Warren, Lavene 8-12-06                     | English, Anna 12-9-06                       |
| Williams, Pandora 2-23-06                       | Mothuadi, Baby Khadra Auhkan 8-13-06       | Tilahun, Shawon (Baby)                      |
| Mouton, Alphonso Jason 3-1-06 (9 Cases in Mar)  | Johnson, Alberto 8-17-06                   | Cotton, Ruthia 12-20-06                     |
| Streeter, Willie (III) 3-1-06                   | Wilson, Charles 8-20-06                    | Lockett, Maria 12-20-06                     |
| Williams, Paul 3-6-06                           | Baker, Olivia 8-23-06                      | Scurluck, Benjamin 12-24-06                 |
| Cannon-Blocker, Bessie F 3-7-06                 | Patton, Margaret 8-26-06                   | Harris-Brown, Ellen 12-24-06                |
| Gilliam, William (Sr) 3-12-06                   | Alexander, Janice 8-28-06                  | Saunders, William 12-24-06 (108 Cases here) |
| Grace, James 3-14-06                            | Rice, Gregory Lamar 8-28-06                | Kelsaw (Sr.), Eugene 12-27-06               |
| Mott, Curtis (Jr) 3-14-06                       | Jessie, Leonard 9-3-06 (5 Cases in Sep)    | Strickland, Edward 12-30-06                 |
| Spain, Mary 3-15-06                             | Johnson, Jennifer 9-9-06                   |   |
| Smith, Otis 3-22-06                             | Williams, Bennie 9-13-06                   |   |
| Forthan, Albert 4-6-06 (8 Cases in April)       | Jackson, Decovan 9-29-06                   |   |

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- The Thorn 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).