

FOCUS

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 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.



Mel Brown

• 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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The Contours will bring their Motown magic to Portland in three performances with the Oregon Symphony.

Motown Magic with the Contours

Widely remembered for their 1962 hit, "Do You Love Me?" the Contours helped put Motown on the map. Under the baton of guest conductor Jeff Tyzik, the Oregon Symphony will perform "Motown Magic with The Contours" on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 28 at 3 p.m. and Monday, Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m.

The program will include medleys from The Temptations, The Four Tops, Smokey Robinson & The Miracles and Stevie Wonder. The Contours have been known as "Motown's #1 Party Group" for more than 40 years. Tyzik is considered one of America's most innovative

pops conductors, collaborating with artists such as Art Garfunkel, Tony Bennett and Lou Rawls. Tickets are \$29 to \$80 and may be purchased at the Oregon Symphony Ticket Office at 923 S.W. Washington, by phone at 503 228-1353 or from Ticketmaster outlets.

Jazz Festival at Clark College



Clarence Acox

Garfield returns for performance

Clark College in Vancouver will celebrate the best young musical talent in the region — and honor an American art form — when it hosts its 45th Annual Jazz Festival Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 25 to 27.

Vocal jazz ensembles and jazz bands from high schools in Oregon will compete in group and solo performances at Gaiser Hall, located on Fort Vancouver Way between McLoughlin and Fourth Plain Boulevards.

Admission is \$5 per day; children under 12 accompanied by an adult are admitted free of charge.

For additional information, contact the Clark College Music Department at 360-992-2188 or 360-992-2662.

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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.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Festival of African Films -- Feb. 2, Portland Community College Cascade will host the 17th edition of the African film festival. The festival will showcase 20 films by African directors, special guest appearance by Ghanaian film great Kwaw P. Ansah. For more information, call 503-292-3685 or email mdembrow@pcc.edu.

community. Tickets are \$75. Call 503-282-7973 or email ufor@bufor.org.

Vaudeville Rose Auditions -- The Rose Festival is holding an audition Monday, Jan. 29 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the downtown Embassy Suites Hotel, for performers to participate in the variety show "Vaudeville Rose," open to all types of variety acts and being staged in honor of the festival's upcoming centennial celebration.

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The Yellow Boat -- A true story of a young man's life with AIDS, is featured in The Yellow Boat, through Feb. 11 at Echo Theatre, 1515 S.E. 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 Visit insightouttheatre.org or call 503-493-8070

WSU Vancouver Exhibit -- WSU Vancouver, 14204 N.E. Salmon Creek Ave., presents selected works by Ines Epperson through Sunday, Jan. 28, in the Engineering and Life Sciences building. For more information, visit vancouver.wsu.edu.

The Norman Sylvester Band

The Norman Sylvester Band is scheduled to appear Friday, Feb. 2, at 8:30 p.m. at Clyde's in Portland and Saturday, Feb. 3 at 9:30 p.m. at Portsmouth Club in Portland. Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m., the band will be performing at Tillicum in Beaverton. Visit normansylvester.com or call 503-286-6474 for information.



Comedy of Manners

The Lakewood Theatre Company presents the Tony-Award musical "Where's Charley," a finely crafted comedy of manners offering a deft send-up of etiquette and propriety. Shows Thursdays through Saturdays until Feb. 18 at 368 S. State St. in Lake Oswego. Call 503-635-3901 or visit lakewood-center.org.



Where's Charley

The Golden Fish

Saturday, Feb. 3, at 10 a.m., performers will take the stage telling the tale of a poor Russian fisherman who catches a magical golden fish willing to grant one wish. Performances will be held at 10 a.m., on Saturdays throughout the month of February, at the Brooklyn Bay, 1825 S.E. Franklin, Bay K. For reservations, call 503-772-4005 or email melanya@brooklynbay.org

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.

Candlelight Valentine Concert

An intimate evening with Michael Allen Harrison, performing his romantic piano expressions by candlelight, in the Historic Old Church, 1422 S.W. 11 Ave. Performances are at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Valentines Day, Feb. 14, on Friday, Feb. 16, at 8 p.m., with a final performance at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 17. Tickets are \$20 general and \$28.50 preferred and are available at Millennium Music or any TicketsWest outlet.

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.

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: Friday Feb. 2 and Saturday, Feb. 17. Reservations are required. Call 360-816-6230.

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