

# Tragedies Theater Group to Renovate Dekum Space



The Tragedies Theater Company joins forces with Third Eye Theatre to present "The Scarlet Gala," a Saturday, Feb. 17 fundraiser for the Village Ballroom on Northeast Dekum Street. The event takes place at Jackman Joe's, 1111 N.W. 16th Ave.

## Fundraising performance Saturday

The Tragedies Theater Company will host The Scarlet Gala, their first major fundraiser to renovate the Village Ballroom on Northeast Dekum Street and Seventh Avenue. The event takes place Saturday, Feb. 17, from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. at Jackman Joe's, 1111 N.W. 16th Ave.

Food and beverages will be

served, with live entertainment by local comic and musical talents, including pianist Amoree Lovell, stand-up comic Danny Norton, improv and sketch comics Fish-bowl Catharsis and members of The Tragedies.

Artistic director Brian Linss said theater members are committed to preserving the historic ballroom.

"We are also committed to fostering the revitalization of northeast Portland," he said. "By taking over the Village Ballroom, we hope to create a community space offering classes, performances and edu-

cational programs."

Third Eye Theatre, a partner in the effort, is currently working on a program to educate at-risk youths with a conservatory theater. This program would be housed at the site.

The Village Ballroom is a 4,800-square foot structure built in 1909, formerly called the Scarlet Ballroom and the Rose City Ballroom.

The Tragedies and Third Eye hope to bring the Ballroom back to its former glory and restore it as a premiere Portland performance space.



## Foxx on Fire

Jamie Foxx: Unpredictable The National Tour hits Portland on Thursday, Feb. 22 for one show at 8 p.m. at the Rose Quarter. Whether it's through his passionate performances as an actor, his high-energy numbers, his very sexy and soulful serenades or some unexpected surprises, Foxx is sure to give his fans one truly unforgettable night to remember.

## Simpson Book Money Tied Up

(AP) -- A state judge in Los Angeles has ordered O.J. Simpson to stop spending money he received for his unpublished book, "If I Did It," about the slayings of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ron Goldman.

The Feb. 7 ruling extended a restraining order issued last month barring Simpson

from spending any earnings from past deals, including books, films and sports memorabilia, the latest in a decade-long battle following a 1997 civil judgment against Simpson that held him liable for the deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman.

O.J. Simpson



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