



Being Who You Want to Be

Kendall Meyer (left) and Lauren Bair star in 'The Sweetest Swing in Baseball', a story about art, identity and being who you want to be, inspired from the legendary baseball star Darryl Strawberry. The Portland Actors Conservatory production continues with performances March 1-5 at the Firehouse Theatre at 1436 S.W. Montgomery.

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'Rack & Roll' -- Friday, March 2, and Saturday, March 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., robotics competition will be held at Memorial Coliseum. Local high school students will engage in pit match competitions. The public is welcome to this free event. For more information visit pnwfirst.org.

Cascade Festival of African Films -- A litany of hope, clashes and love are found in the films at Portland Community College's 17th Annual Cascade Festival of African Films. Showings are scheduled at various locations through March 3 honoring Black History and Women's History. For more information, visit the festival website africanfilmfestival.org.

Museum After Hours -- Wednesday, February 28, at 5:30 p.m., 'Museum After Hours' hosts the 20th Anniversary All-Stars featuring Alfredo Muro in the Kridel Grand Ballroom.

Norman Sylvester Band -- Friday and Saturday, March 2-3, and Tuesday, March 6, at 8 p.m., the Norman Sylvester Band will take the stage at Tillicum's in Beaverton. Call 503-286-6474 for more information.



'Hurricane on the Bayou' -- OMSI takes the audience deep into the soul-stirring heart of Louisiana with "Hurricane on the Bayou," now playing at the museum's OMNIMAX Dome Theater. A powerfully moving giant screen film unlike any other, "Hurricane on the Bayou" carries audiences behind today's news headlines on a journey before, during and after the unprecedented devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Open Mic Night -- Every Wednesday at 7 p.m. during March, Proper Eats Market and Café, at

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8638 N. Lombard Ave. will host open mic night. Friday, March 2 at 9 p.m., the Synsethe Ensemble performs. For more information, visit propereats.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.

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.



The Thugs

Watch Your Back! -- Temps at the law firm of Tedium and Terror are on edge when people start turning up dead. The Portland Center Stage production of 'The Thugs' takes place Friday and Saturday nights at 10:30 p.m. at the Studio in Gerding Theater at the Armory, through March 10.