

Rappin' for a Reason

Concert promotes youth advocacy in Africa

The Dead Prez will be in Portland rappin' for a reason as part of the African Youth Initiative Network. The socially conscious duo will perform Saturday, May 26 at the Wonder Ballroom, 128 N.E. Russell St. Doors open at 7 p.m. with the concert scheduled for 8 p.m.

Proceeds and other fundraising efforts will pay for the shipment of computers to the African countries of Rwanda and Burundi.

The youth network is a partnering program of Global Family Network, which was founded earlier this year by Portlander's Mic Crenshaw and Morgan Delany. The organization has already received a computer grant from Fee

Geek and laptops from CTL.

Dead Prez have become known for their hard-hitting style and political active lyrics, focusing on racism, critical pedagogy, religion, activism against governmental hypocrisy and corporate control over the media, especially hip-hop record labels.

The benefit concert will also showcase other Portland rap acts including Cool Nutz and Hungry Mob. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For more information or how to donate to the cause, visit globalfam.org.

Dead Prez is an underground hip hop duo of alternative rappers Stic.Man and M-1.



Intercultural Fun -- Wednesday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Center for Intercultural Organizing will host a 'funny-raiser' at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave. The event includes a reception, silent auction, film screening and various comedians. Tickets are \$25. Call 503-287-4117.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

gather dancers and performance artist to celebrate the lives of people with disabilities. Call 503-522-5218 for more details and accommodations.

Latin Dance Masters -- Portland's premier Latin dance masters thrill Milagro Theatre audiences with Viva Baile! -- the sensuous moves and passionate music of tango and flamenco, through Sunday, May 27 at Milagro Theatre, 525 S.E. Stark St. Tickets are available online at milagro.org or by calling 503-236-7253.



Mississippi Studios -- Portland's genteel gentlemen of world chamber music, 3 Leg Torso, will perform with special guest Buoy LaRue for two shows at Mississippi Studios, 3939 N. Mississippi Ave., on Saturday, May 26 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Admission is \$15 for patrons 21 and over.

Community Dance Party -- Dance yourself ecstatic with the African Marimba band Wood Vibrations, playing Saturday, May 19 from 8 to 11 p.m. at Hipbone Studios, 1847 E. Burnside, Suite 104. The ensemble plays for the sheer joy of the music. Their first love is the traditional Shona-style marimba music of Zimbabwe, but they also play songs from other parts of the world.

Disability Festival -- Friday, May 18 through Sunday, May 20th, the Central Lutheran Church, 1820 N.E. 21 Ave., hosts a festival of workshops; bringing to-

Grease, The Reunion -- After a sold-out run, the Geezers and Old Ladies, um, Greasers and Pink Ladies are back. The Stumptown Stages production of Grease, featuring Margie Boule and Corey Brunish, returns to the stage, at the World Trade Center Theatre through June 30. Tickets are \$27 for general admission and are available online at stumptownstages.com.

Clifford the Big Red Dog -- Friday, May 18, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 19, at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., will be embarking on a big oversized musical adventure, at the Rose Quarter- Theater of the Clouds. Tickets available at the Rose Quarter Box Office and Safeway ticket outlets.

Open Mic Night -- Every Wednesday night at 7 p.m., Proper Eats Market and Café, 8638 N. Lombard St., hosts open mic night.

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