

Live Music Every Night

• Hannah Bea's, 3969 N.E. MLK, presents jazz during its 'Sunday Brunch Serenade' from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

• **Live jazz performances Sunday evenings** from 8:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m., at Clyde's Prime Rib, 5474 NE Sandy, and 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, and at the Clackamas Community College's Open Mic Jazz Jams, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

• **Live blues performances Tuesday** at Produce Row Café, 204 SE Oak, from 9 p.m. to Midnight, the Steinhaus, 2366 SE 82nd Ave., Mississippi Studios, 3939 N. Mississippi Ave., from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. and at Jimmy Mak's, 221 NW 10th, at 8 p.m. Live blues and jazz performances are available.

• **Wednesdays**, the Candlelight Room, 2032 SW 5th, and Duff's Garage, 635 SE 7th, and the Blue Diamond, 2016 NE Sandy Blvd., offer up **blues performances**. Catch **live jazz performances** at the Blue Monk, the Portland Art Museum, Jimmy Mak's, and Jax, 826 SW 2nd, from 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

• On **Thursdays** the **Women in Blues Review**, at Tillicum's, 8585 SW Beaverton in Hillsdale.

• **Fridays and Saturdays** offer many venue choices around the metro area: Halibuts (2525 NE Alberta St.), Mississippi Studios, LV's, 3530 N. Vancouver Ave., XV, 15 SW 2nd, Out of the Blues, 2050 NW Vaughn, Manila Express, 12370 SE Main St. in Tigard, One Stop Records, 615 NE Killingsworth St., and the U-licious Smokehouse, 4057 N. Interstate Ave.

Tap Your Feet to the Zydeco Beat

Who would think to look towards Southern California for one of the hottest Cajun/Zydeco bands in the nation?

That's where you'll usually find Bennie and the Swamp Gators, the musical family that has been stomping out infectious Cajun sounds and grooving to the Zydeco beat.

But you'll find Bennie and the Swamp Gators playing right here in Portland, when Cascade Zydeco presents the group on Saturday, May 19 at Norse Hall, 111 N.E. 11th Ave. (on the corner of 11th and Couch).

From African cultural events to big gigs at the Los Angeles Staples Center, home of the LA Lakers and Clippers, Bennie and the Swampgators make it hard for the

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audience to stay in their seats.

Arrive for a dance lesson with Ali and Adam Grimshaw beginning at 7:30 p.m. Dancing to Bennie and

the Swampgators follows from 8:45 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. General Admission is \$15. For more information, call Norse Hall at 503-236-3401.

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Bear Fair at the Zoo

The Oregon Zoo's Bear Fair is a day to celebrate, honor and protect all bears - from the cuddly teddy bear at home on your bed to an 800-pound grizzly with an appetite for almost anything, including deer and salmon.

A polar bears enjoy a "fishsicle," one of the activities coming to the Oregon Zoo's "Bear Fair" on Saturday, May 19.

Bear Fair is on Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"People have such a fondness for bears," says Krista Swan, event coordinator. "We want Bear Fair to be an opportunity for visitors to come and learn more about these great mammals and the conservation efforts being made to protect them."

For more information, visit oregonzoo.org.

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