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**Harry Potter Strikes Double**  
A new film and a new book brings massive lineup of wizard-related events  
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## Community Calendar

### Spanish Docs

Currently through Thursday, Aug. 16, the Northwest Film Center's Whitsell Auditorium, 1219 SW Park Ave., will host the celebrated documentary series exploring the country of Spain through the eyes of documentary filmmakers.

### Tax Help in Rockwood

VITA tax aide for low-income families will begin to assist clients at the Rockwood Community office, 18709 S.E. Stark. Clients are seen by appointment only. Appointments will be made on Wednesdays only from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., by calling 503-816-1530.

### Zoo Support Party

On Saturday, July 21, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Oregon Zoo Foundation's annual fundraiser promises to be the social event of the season, featuring the nocturnal antics of the exotic zoo residents, delicious food and drink, with a live performance by the Beatniks. Visit [oregonzoo.org](http://oregonzoo.org) or call 503-226-1561 for more information and ticketing.

### Chunky Dunk PDX

Sunday, July 22, from 5:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., the Peninsula Park Community Center and Pool, at the corner of Rosa Parks Way (Portland Boulevard) and North Albina Street, will host the private pool party for people of size and guest. Admission is \$5 per person.

### Northeast Neighborhood Farm Stand

Locally grown vegetables and bouquets of fresh flowers will be available to the public, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday, at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, NE 20th and Killingsworth. The stand is hosted by five Portland congregations in support of local refugees and immigrant farmers.

### Geek Fair

Saturday, July 21, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Free Geek, 1731 SE 10th Ave., will host the street fair featuring live bands, games and more. This free event is to celebrate seven years of operating the community technology center. Visit: [freegeek.org/geekfair](http://freegeek.org/geekfair) for more information.

### CIO Community Conversations

Thursday, July 19 and Tuesday July 31, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., CIO, 2808 NE MLK Blvd. #13, will host the 'Liberty and Justice for All' national project discussions regarding immigration reforms, basic civil liberties and human rights. For more information contact 503-287-4117 or visit: [interculturalorganizing.org](http://interculturalorganizing.org).

### Mock Crest Home Tour

Saturday, July 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Rejuvenation's and Neil Kelly Co. will sponsor the tour of six charming 1920's vintage homes in the historic Mock Crest neighborhood. Call 503-231-7264 for more information.

### Native American Home Fair

Saturday, July 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Legacy Emanuel Medical Offices, 501 N. Graham, will host a free event featuring homebuyer assistance information, raffles, and Native American dance performances. For more information, visit [nayapdx.org](http://nayapdx.org) or call 503-288-8177, extension 232.

### Back-to-School Supply Drive Kickoff Party

The community is invited to enjoy live bands, treats, prizes, face painting and more, Wednesday, Aug. 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 1300 SW 6th Ave. (Jefferson & Columbia). For more information contact 503-249-9933 or visit [schoolhouse supplies.org](http://schoolhouse supplies.org).

### Eliminating Racism

Thursday, Aug. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., an eliminating racism workshop will be hosted in the YWCA Clark County agency's community room, 3609 Main St. in Vancouver. Call 360-906-9103 or email: [jkinsey@ywcacounty.org](mailto:jkinsey@ywcacounty.org).

### Symphonic Summer Sings

The community at large is invited to sing choral masterworks with members of Portland Symphonic Choir and under the baton of distinguished conductors, Wednesday, July 25 at St. Andrew Church, 806 N.E. Alberta and Wednesday, Aug. 1 at First Congregational Church, 1126 S.W. Park.

## A Sultan's Resurrection True life becomes theatrical play

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Sultan X credits his move to Portland for saving his life; sixteen years ago he started using crack cocaine while living in Atlanta.

"I really got introduced to the drug and started spiraling and went out of control," he said.

He thought moving back to his hometown of Gary, Ind. to be near his mother would help him overcome his addiction. He was wrong.

"I went back to start life over and I got even heavier into drugs when I got there," he said. "Things got bad with myself and family and it really had a big effect on everyone involved, from my mother sister, and down to my children."

Now, his experience is turned into theatrical production set in one day. His real story is over two days, when someone was coming after Sultan at his mother's home in Gary. Luckily Sultan wasn't there. He feels he beat death that day.

"The Resurrection of The Sultan," written by his wife Monique X, has made him relive his struggle with crack cocaine. But for him it's a way of giving back to the community.

"What the play is for is someone who may be going through addiction. I just want to show that there's always hope even in the ray of darkness," he said. "Most people addicted to drugs don't want to admit they have a problem but when it's out of control you have to submit to yourself that you want change."

That's exactly what Sultan did, and by coming to Portland he met his wife, Monique, a woman with a journalist background. In April, the two decided to collaborate on this project, with her writing and Sultan in charge of production. Local artist Blacque Butterfly didn't bat an eye when she found out the new play she was

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Sultan X moved to Portland after leaving a life of addiction in Atlanta. His story of recovery is portrayed in "The Resurrection of The Sultan," produced by Sultan and written by his wife, Monique X. The one night only performance is Saturday, July 21 at Portland Center for Self Improvement, 700 N. Killingsworth St.

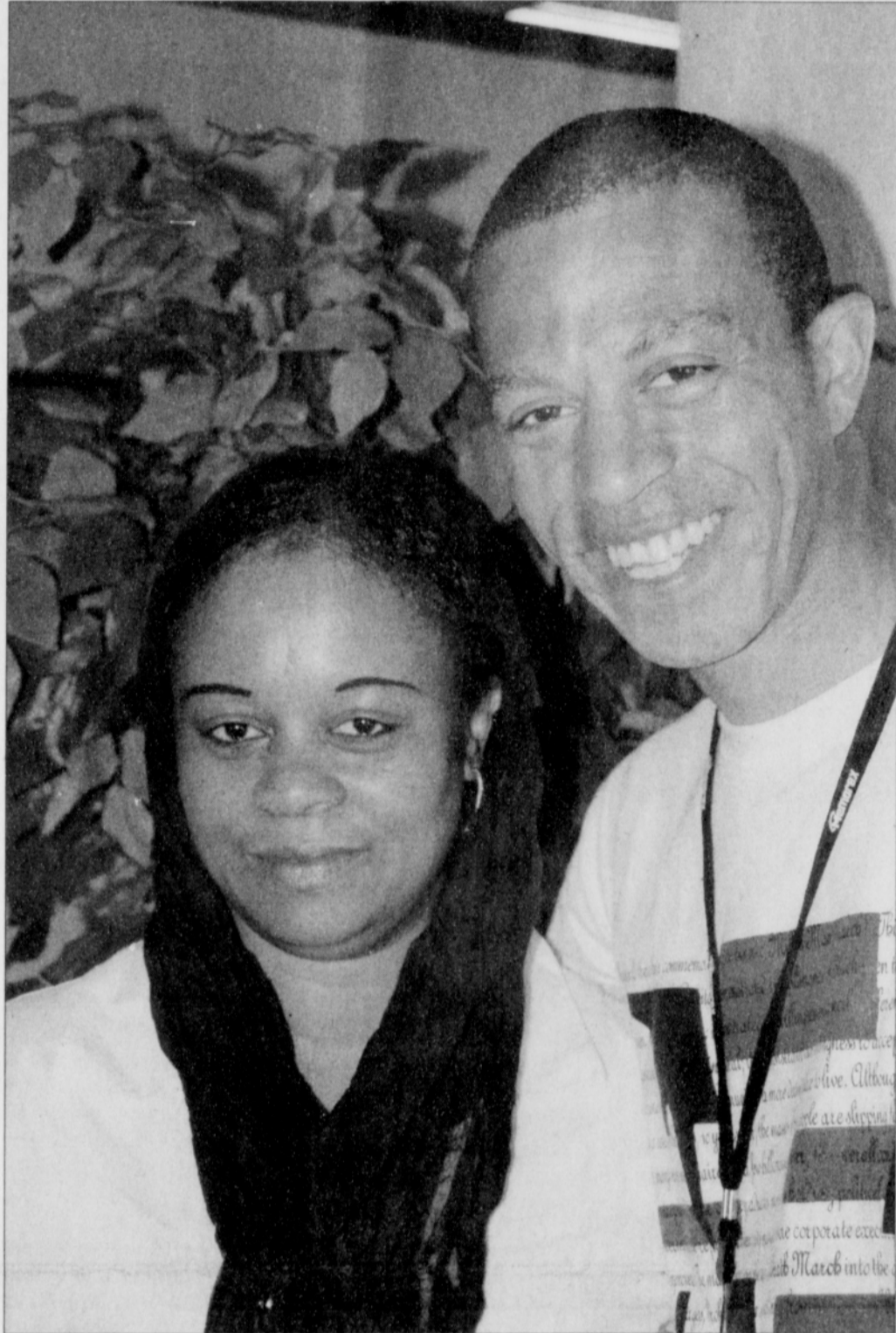


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## Jazz at St. Johns



New Orleans transplant Devin Philips evacuated the Gulf Coast in 2005 with his horn and a change of clothes. Philips is now a Portland resident and will make his first appearance at the Cathedral Park Jazz festival Sunday at noon.

## Cathedral Park Festival this weekend

The Cathedral Park Jazz festival continues its long tradition of celebrating America's original art form this weekend in the majestic natural setting of Cathedral Park beneath

the historic St. Johns Bridge.

What began in 1981, when friends and neighbors threw a party in the memory of St. John's Howard Galbraith, has turned into the largest and oldest free jazz and blues event west of the Mississippi.

This year the free, three-day event takes place on Friday from 6 p.m. to late and Saturday and Sunday from noon until the last artists take the stage at 6 p.m.

The line-up includes Pete Krebs,

Devin Philips, Sneakin' Out, Charlie Musselwhite and Plas Johnson and John Heard, among others.

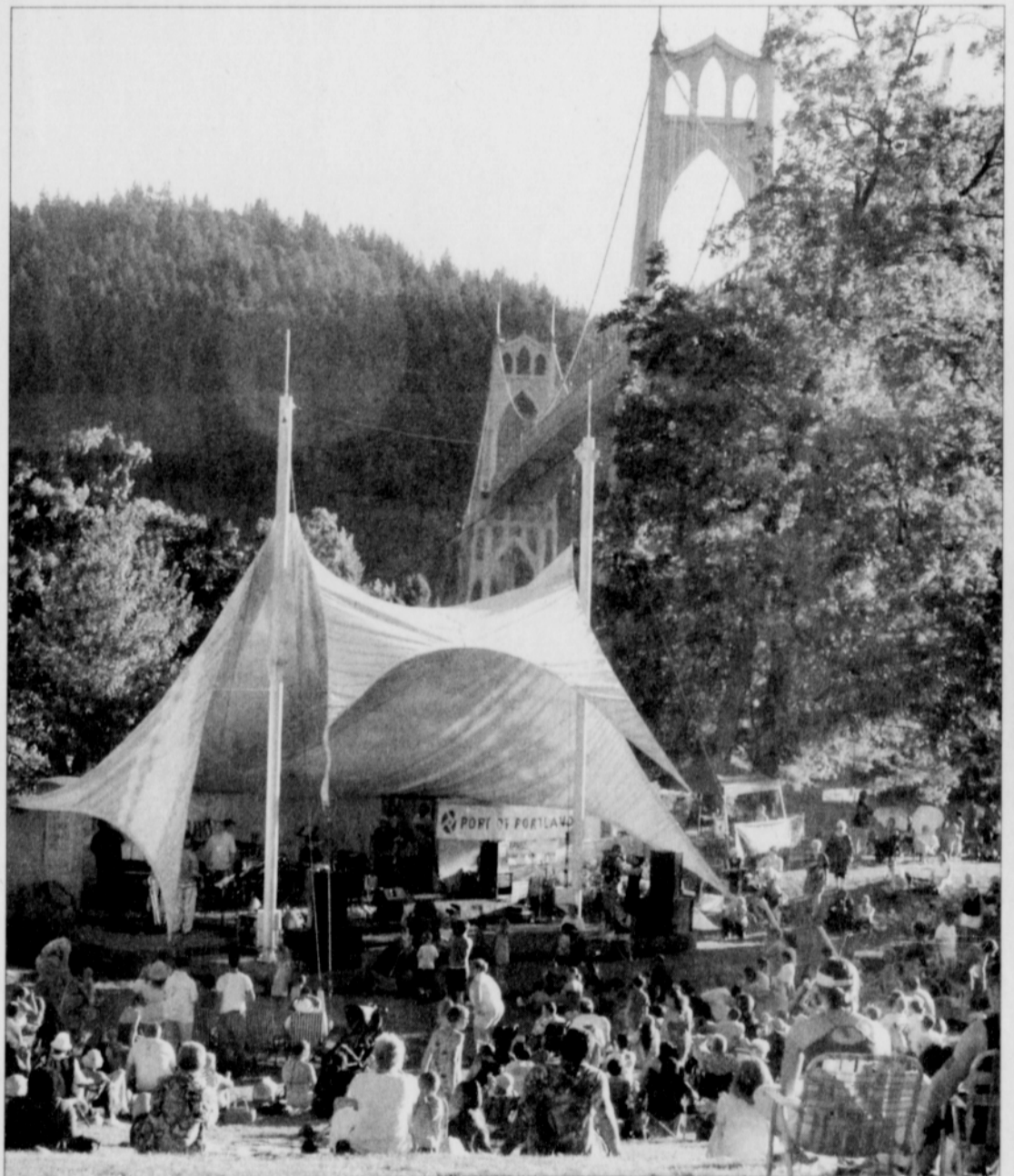
And as they do every year, KMHD 89.1 FM will simulcast all twenty hours of the festival over its jazz station airwaves. There will also be information booths for community organizations, a McMenamins beer and wine garden and a variety of food concessions.

KMHD deejay Deborah

DeMoss Smith said the Cathedral Park festival reminds her of the way festivals were in New Orleans, the city she left for Portland 15 years ago.

Another New Orleans native, Devin Philips, now based in Portland, is set to perform Sunday at noon with his band New Orleans Straight Ahead.

For more information and a complete schedule of performers, visit [www.cpjazz.com](http://www.cpjazz.com).



Music fans and families flock to the grassy hills under the majestic St. Johns Bridge every July for the free Cathedral Park Jazz Festival, held this year Friday through Sunday, July 20-22.