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Casting Call for Notorious B.I.G.

(AP) — The role of Notorious B.I.G. for an upcoming biopic on the rapper will be found through an open casting call.

The movie, which has been in the works for nearly seven years, will seek its star by auditioning actors and nonactors alike who resemble the rapper, whose real name was Christopher Wallace.

Anyone can submit audition videos foxsearchlight.com/notorious or biggiecasting.com.

Fox Searchlight Pictures secured the rights to a film about the slain rapper. Wallace's mother, Voletta Wallace, and his two former managers, Wayne Barrow and Mark Pitts, are producing the movie.

"As it relates to the individual Christopher Wallace his looks, his stature, what he represented, the swagger, the sensibility of the man — all those elements are very difficult to find, no matter where you go," Barrow said Thurs-

Wallace was gunned down at



Notorious B.I.G., whose real name is Christopher Wallace (left), and producer Sean 'Diddy' Combs leave a party in Los Angeles on March 8, 1997, shortly before Wallace was shot to death. (AP photo)

after a music-industry party in liclife, zeroing in on "the human-Los Angeles.

The film intends to focus on said Barrow.

the age of 24 on March 9, 1997, the Wallace not seen in his pubity within Christopher himself,"

Oregon Symphony at the Park

Series coming to Arbor Lodge and Waterfront

tinues a tradition of free com- Recreation, with further supmunity concerts as the orchestra visits north Portland's Ar-Aug. 25, and Tom McCall Wa-Aug. 30.

The 12th annual "Oregon Symphony in the Neighborhoods" series is presented by Council and the City of Port- as their famous Drum Line. nons and fireworks.

The Oregon Symphony con- land Department of Parks and port provided by PacifiCorp.

bor Lodge Park on Saturday, include an afternoon festival burritos from ¿Por Qué No? beginning at 2:30 p.m. with will be available throughout terfront Park on Thursday, performances by the Chief the afternoon and evening. Joseph Elementary After

The Oregon Symphony performance will follow at 7

Reasonably priced food, including Rosie's famous strawberry shortcake and gumbo, Yam Yam's barbeque, The Flavor Spot's sweet and sa-The Arbor Lodge event will vory waffles and tacos and

The Waterfront concert will School Marching Band, Ethos preview the orchestra's 2007-Student Jazz Combo, Xavier 2008 season and conclude with Tabera's Classic Cuban Band, the traditional performance of the city of Portland through and the Self Enhancement Inc. Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overthe Regional Arts and Culture Sounds of Soul Choir as well ture," accompanied by live can-