

## Live Music Every Night

- Hannah Bea's, 3969 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., presents jazz during its 'Sunday Brunch Serenade' from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Live jazz Sundays from 8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. at Clyde's Prime Rib, 5474 N.E. Sandy, and at the Blue Monk, 3341 S.E. Belmont.
- An open mic is held each Monday night at the Back-to-Back Café, 614 E. Burnside.
- Live blues on Mondays from 9 p.m. to midnight at Produce Row Café, 204 S.E. Oak; the Steinhaus, 2366 S.E. 82nd; Mississippi Studios, 939 N. Mississippi, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.; and at Jimmy Mac's, 221 N.W. Tenth at 8 p.m.
- Blues offered up Wednesdays at the Candlelight Room, 2032 S.W. Fifth; Duff's Garage, 635 S.E. Seventh; and the Blue Diamond, 2016 N.E. Sandy.
- Jazz each Wednesday night at the Blue Monk, the Portland Art Museum, Jimmy Mac's, and Jax's, 26 S.W. Second.
- On Thursdays, catch the Women in Blues Revue at Tillicum's, 8585 S.W. Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy.
- Fridays and Saturdays offer live music around the metro area including Halibuts, 2525 N.E. Alberta St.; Mississippi Studios; LV's, 3530 N. Vancouver Ave.; XV's, 15 S.W. Second; Out of the Blues, 2050 N.W. Vaughn; Manila Express, 1230 S.E. Main; Steinhaus; One Stop Records, 615 N.E. Killingsworth; and the U-licious Smokehouse, 4057 N. Interstate.

**French Rockin' Boogie** -- Geno Delafosse of French Rockin' Boogie, a Zydeco band that incorporates Cajun and Creole melodies with some R&B, country and blues will perform Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the PPAA Hall, 618 S.E. Alder St.

**Artist Features Works** -- Jacob Vercouteren advances the diversity of Portland's art scene with an exhibit that continues through Sunday, Sept. 30 at the Portland Art Center, 32 N.W. Fifth Ave. Vercouteren will be the first African American having a solo show at the center. He is an imaginative painter and sculptor.



Geno Delafosse

**Norman Sylvester Band** -- Thursday, Sept. 20 at 6 p.m., the Norman Sylvester Band will be performing at the Kennedy School Gym in Portland, and on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 21 & 22, at 8 p.m., live at Tillicum's in Beaverton. For more information, visit [normansylvester.com](http://normansylvester.com) or call 503-286-6474.

**Portland Guitar Society 20th Anniversary Gala** -- Saturday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m. the Society will celebrate their 20th anniversary with a gala concert at Portland State University's Lincoln Hall, room 75. Visit [pdxguitarsociety.com](http://pdxguitarsociety.com) for more information about the event.

**Graffiti Fine Arts at IFCC** -- Exciting, raw and beautiful works created by students of the Graffiti Fine Arts class at Portland Community College are on display through Saturday, Sept. 22 at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave.

## Fighting Rap's Bad Rap

(AP) Hip-hop has such a negative connotation in some circles that some people equate it with thuggery or crime — an unfair depiction that DMC of the legendary rap group Run-DMC is trying to dispel.

DMC aims to fight rap's bad rap by highlighting the hip-hop community's positive contributions with the J.A.M. Awards, set for Nov. 29 in New York City. Talib Kweli, Dead Prez, De La Soul, Cassidy and Snoop Dogg are among the confirmed artists.

"Hip-hop is more powerful than politics and religion. It's the only thing that brought black people, white people, German people, Asian people, African people (together). I traveled the world — hip-hop changed people's lives," he said.

Organized by The Jam Master Jay Foundation for Music with other sponsors, the J.A.M. Awards will honor one contributor from the hip-hop community, in the respective fields of social justice, the arts and music.

"It's not about the videos. It's not about the records. And it's not about the celebrities, that are just byproducts

of the hip-hop culture," DMC said. "(The) purpose of the J.A.M. Awards is to show that hip-hop didn't just create rappers, it created journalists, writers, directors, designers. We're putting the focus back on the positive creative influence of the culture, not just the music."

DMC said that the inclusion of rappers such as Snoop Dogg, who is known for songs about the pimp and gangsta lifestyle, doesn't detract from the J.A.M. Awards' mission to celebrate the positive elements of hip-hop culture, and says a lot of the youths are just



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— Darryl "DMC" McDaniels of Run-DMC

rapping about what they know.

"It's OK to make a record about a gun, but if you make a record about a gun, you gotta make a record about not using a gun," he said. "It's not about censorship. You can rap and talk about whatever you want. This is about responsibility."

## ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

**Two Plays at Same Time** -- House and Garden, two interconnected plays performed simultaneously by one cast, plays through Oct. 14 at Artists Repertory Theater. Tickets can be purchased by phone at 503-241-1278, online at [artistsrep.org](http://artistsrep.org) or at the box office at 1516 S.W. Alder St.

**Creativity Runs Dry** -- Two artists who lived the high life in Mexico City, but whose family falls apart when creativity is forced to dry and wither away, are profiled in the upcoming production of *Mariela in the Desert*, playing Friday, Sept. 21 through Oct. 13 at the Milagro Theatre, 525 S.E. Stark St. Tickets can be purchased online at [milagro.org](http://milagro.org) or by calling 503-236-7253.

**Sliders Grill** -- Sliders Grill, 3011 N. Lombard, features an eclectic assortment of performers on the main stage, accompanied by delicious food. Call 503-459-4488 for more information.

**Sunday Night Jazz** -- Jazz enthusiasts can enjoy listening to the cool sounds of Mel Brown, every Sunday evening this month in the Rogue River Room at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City. No cover charge.

**Body Worlds 3** -- Get grossed out or intrigued by the dynamic human body. Real life bodies are on display at OMSI through a process called plastination. Started by Dr. Gunther von Hagens in 1977, the scientist has been able to halt decomposition to show the living how what we do affects our body. Body Worlds



"House and Garden," two interconnected plays

3 lasts until October.

**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.

**Open Mic Night** -- Every Wednesday night at 7 p.m., Proper Eats



"Mariela in the Desert"

Market and Café, 8638 N. Lombard St., hosts open-mic night.