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Gospel Christmas Tradition

Soul-stirring performances this weekend

The Oregon Symphony's performance of Gospel Christmas will return for its ninth year of expressive, soul-stirring Christmas music in gospel style on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7-9 at 7:30 p.m. at the

Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

The performance features the soulful harmonies and contemporary rhythms of the Northwest Gospel Choir, a group of more than 100 singers from more than 30 of the Portland area's gospel choirs.

Conductor and arranger Charles Floyd will return to lead the symphony. A nationally known conductor, Floyd has led more than 500 orchestras since 1991, including the San Francisco, Atlanta and Houston Symphony Orchestras. His 11-year partnership with Natalie Cole included the multiple Grammy Award-winning tribute to Nat King Cole entitled "Unforgettable, With Love."

The choir is directed by Gary Hemenway, pastor of Journey Church in Walla Walla, Wash.

The concert will also include arrangements including "Tell It On the Mountain," "Hark" and



Charles Floyd

"Crown Him Lord."

Tickets are \$25 to \$80 and may be purchased at the Oregon Symphony Ticket Office, 923 S.W. Washington' online at OrSymphony.org or charged by phone at 503-228-1353. Tickets are also available through ticketmaster outlets.

Community Meeting On Youth Violence

When: December 6, 2007

Time: 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Where: Concordia University
2811 NE Holman, Portland OR
Luther Hall, Room 121

Purpose: Youth Violence

Promoter: Harry Jackson ~ Portland Police Community Safety Coordinator

This meeting is scheduled to address the youth violence in the city of Portland. We will attempt to make the Community aware of the seriousness of youth violence, the frequency of occurrences, where violence is most likely to occur and by whom. We will also ask, what can the community do?

Few of our youth act out in the violent ways that concern us, but youth violence has put many youth at risk, instilling fear in many adults and affected the livability of many Portlanders.

We need greater accountability from the parents, the system and the youth themselves for their behavior. The community needs to reach a consensus to the above questions in order to answer: **WHAT CAN WE DO?**

**All Concerned Parents, Citizens, Youth Workers,
Church Leaders, Please Come To The Meeting:
There will be an opportunity for the Community to be heard.**



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