

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Cool Jazz, Hot Performances

Clark College will celebrate the best young musical talent in the region – and honor an American art form – during the 46th-annual Clark College Jazz Festival, Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 24-26 in Gaiser Hall on its Vancouver campus.

The competitive festival will showcase 57 high school jazz bands and vocal jazz ensembles from across Oregon and Washington, as well as featured performances

by the Clark College Jazz Ensemble, Clark College Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and the 2007 jazz festival sweepstakes winner, the jazz band from Mountlake Terrace High School.

Preliminary competitions take place on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with final competitions each evening at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 per day.



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Passionate Dance -- The passion of Josie Moseley Dance comes to Portland's White Bird series stage for the first time, Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 24-26 for 8 p.m. performances at Portland State University's Lincoln Hall. Moseley is one of the Pacific Northwest's finest choreographers. She has captivated audiences for over 20 years with her solo performances and group pieces.



Gallery Exhibits -- Currently through Saturday, Jan. 26, the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate, will host 'Oil/Resist' and 'Iranian Women Speak Out Through Art' For more information on these dynamic free exhibits, contact 503-823-4322.

Norman Sylvester Band -- Thursday, Jan. 31, at 8 p.m., the Norman Sylvester will return to the stage at Tillicum's in Beaverton; and on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 9 p.m., appearing on stage at Prime Time, 4202 Pacific Ave. in Forest Grove for a Mardi Gras Party.

Oregon Seafood & Wine Festival -- Friday, Feb. 1, from 2 to 10 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 2, from noon to 9 p.m., the Oregon Convention Center will host this event benefiting the Multiple Sclerosis Society; featuring 65 Oregon wineries, 20 seafood restaurants and more. For more information, call 503-223-9511.

Mel Brown Trio -- Friday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m., the Upstairs Lounge at Salty's on the Columbia, 3839 N.E. Marine Dr., will host the Oregon Hall of Music Inductees the Mel Brown Trio, will create music, mix and mingle as they toast the release of their new CD recorded live at Salty's. For reservations, call 503-288-4444.

Newport Seafood/Wine Fest -- Feb. 22 - 24, the Oregon coastal town of Newport will host the 31st-annual festival; featuring exotic seafood, over 70 wineries, 140 exhibitors and more. Currently, group advance tickets are available; call 800-262-7844 for more information.

3 Leg Torso & Stolen Sweets -- Thursday, Jan. 24, at 8 p.m., with special guest Amoree Lovell, at Doug Fir, 830 E. Burnside.

Bach Cantata Choir -- Sunday, March 2, at 2 p.m., Rose City Presbyterian Church, at N.E. 44th and Sandy, will host Ralph Nelson conducting the 50-voice choir and chamber orchestra BWV 56.



Sea Monsters -- Spectacular photo-realistic animation brings creatures of the deep to life in the new National Geographic Ominimax film Sea Monsters: a Prehistoric Adventure, now playing at OMSI.

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

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 and teamwork through urban dance moves. For more information, call 360-696-8236.

Open Mic Night -- Every Wednesday night at 7 p.m., Proper Eats Market and Café, 8638 N. Lombard St., host open mic night.

Actor 'Fly' at 50

(AP) -- Steve Harvey wants men to know: "At 50, you are still fly."

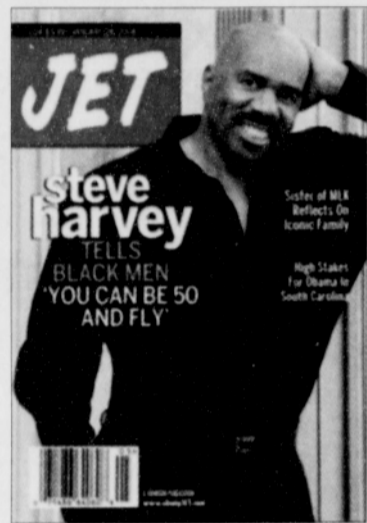
And to prove it, he shaved his head and began exercising.

In an interview in the current issue of Jet magazine, the actor-comedian says he began his transformation after talking to a listener on his radio program, "The Steve Harvey Morning Show."

"The girl said to me, 'Steve, you're 50 and you are over the hill,'" Harvey recalls. "I started thinking, 'Wow, I am over the hill?' I said 'OK, I got to do something to stop this line of thinking. Because at 50, I should not be thought of as over the hill. At 50, a man ought to feel that he is on top of the hill.'"

He hired a personal trainer and now works out five days a week at his Atlanta home.

"I had a potbelly and love handles," says Harvey, who's



Comedian and actor Steve Harvey tells how he shaved his head and started to look at life in a different way in the current issue of Jet magazine.

lost 13 pounds. "I've been telling people you can be 50 and fly, but when I took my clothes off, I wasn't looking fly."

Harvey, who celebrated his 51st birthday Thursday, defines "fly" as looking great, but also being healthy and spiritually strong.

Harvey starred with Bernie Mac and Cedric the Entertainer in 2000's "The Original Kings of Comedy."

Higher Reasoning Reggae

Ras Binghi and the 7th Seal Band take the stage at the Blue Monk, 3341 S.E. Belmont St., on Saturday, Jan. 26 in a concert to benefit Higher KBOO community radio. Doors open at 9 p.m. with a \$8 cover.



Ras Binghi

Rooted in the Portland Ras Binghi and the 7th Seal Band provide a positive conscious roots reggae sound to lively up any crowd. Binghi hails from Barbados

where the warm vibrations of reggae music were instilled in him from the early 1970's.

After relocating to Portland, he started a reggae band with his empress, bass player

and harmonizing vocalist Sister Ira. Together, along with a stellar group of talented and "heartical" musicians, the 7th Seal Band appeases its audience with messages of truth and love, straight from the heart.

Soap Opera Cameo for Blige

(AP) -- Mary J. Blige is returning to "One Life to Live."

The Grammy-winning singer taped another appearance Thursday on the ABC soap opera. She last visited the fictional town of Llanview in July 2006 to perform hits from her multi-platinum album "The Breakthrough."

For her second cameo, she'll be



Mary J. Blige

a surprise guest at a Sweet Sixteen birthday party for Starr Manning (played by Kristen Alderson), ABC said. The episodes are set to air Feb. 15 and Feb. 18.

Accompanied by her band, Blige, 37, will sing "Just Fine," the Grammy-nominated single from her new album, "Growing Pains," as well as another track called "Hurt Again."

Oregon's first biofuel station.
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More and more Oregonians are choosing biodiesel, bioethanol and other bio-blended fuels for their cars and trucks. So the people at SeQuential Biofuels had an idea. They wanted to build the country's first all-biofuel filling station on a site in South Eugene. Thanks to funding help from the Oregon Lottery, their idea became reality. Today, the station is a showplace for clean, renewable, domestically-produced energy-not just for Oregon, but for all of America. To find out more, visit ItDoesGoodThings.org.

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