



**Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers**  
A Celebration of African-American Music



Concordia University Choral Ensembles &  
Pastor Derrick Traylor and JEREMIAH

Benefiting Rehoboth World Healing Center

{ Saturday, February 23, 7pm }

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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Sweet Honey In The Rock performers (clockwise from top left) Aisha Kahlil, Carol Maillard, Shirley Childress Saxton, Ysaye Bamwell, Nitanju Bolade Casel and Louise Robinson.

## Intricate Sound Returns

### Sweet Honey In The Rock to hit Portland

Touring their new CD "Experience 101," Grammy Award-winners Sweet Honey In The Rock return to the Schnitz Friday, Feb. 8, after a three-year absence.

Rooted in a deeply held commitment to create music out of the rich

textures of African-American traditions, Sweet Honey In The Rock possesses a stunning vocal prowess that captures the complex sounds of blues, spirituals, gospel hymns, rap, reggae, African chants, hip-hop, ancient lullabies and jazz improvisation.

Sweet Honey's collective voice, occasionally accompanied by hand percussion instruments, produces a sound filled with soulful harmonies and intricate rhythms.

In the best and in the hardest of times, Sweet Honey In The Rock has come in song to communities across the U.S., and around the world raising her voice in hope, love, justice, peace and resistance. Sweet Honey invites her audiences to open their minds and hearts and think about ourselves and our fellow creatures on this planet. Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster, the PCPA box office or by phone at 503-224-4400.

## MR. GEO P. RILEY, THE ELOQUENT COLORED SPEAKER,

Will Speak at  
PHILHARMONIC HALL,  
TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 26th 1870.

SUBJECT—"The Colored Citizen and the Ballot." What he will do with it—A review of the Past and Present—The Ballot and a glimpse of our future position.

**ADMISSION FIFTY CENTS,**

(Payable at the Door.)  
Doors open at 7 o'clock; Speaking to commence at 8 o'clock. Press and Clergy respectfully invited.  
(Geo. H. Himes, Printer.)

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Local printer George H. Himes produced this poster in April 1870 to publicize an upcoming lecture by Portland resident George P. Riley.

## Blacks Celebrate Ratification But many local, national problems remain

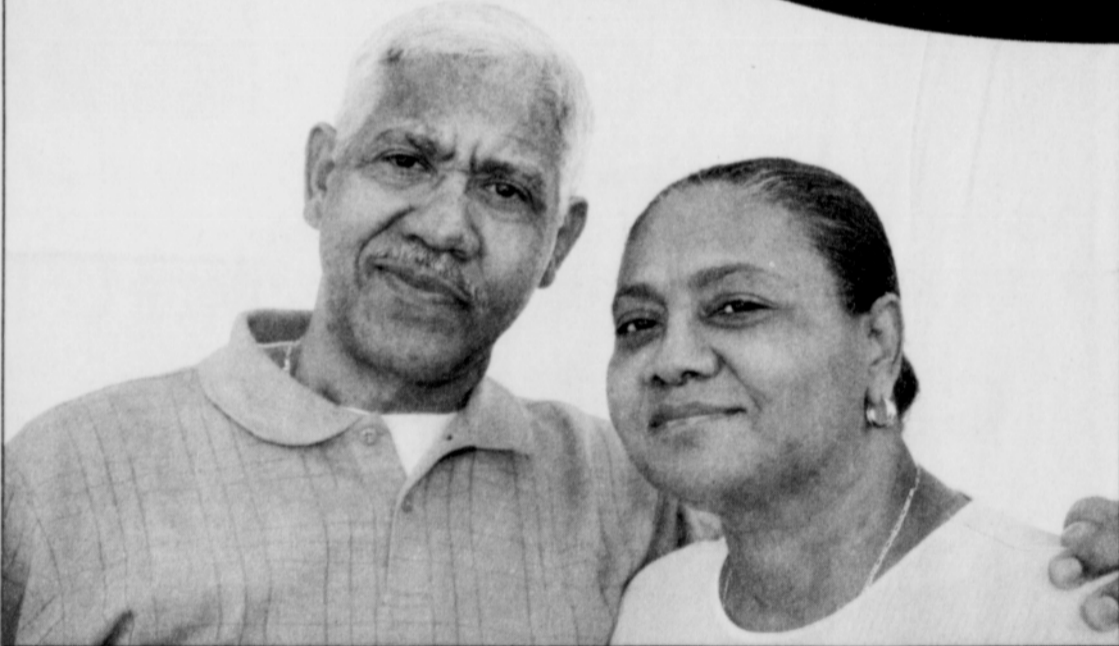
BY MELINDA JETTE/THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
George P. Riley's Portland lecture on April 26, 1870 followed a talk in Salem on Jan. 1, and both speeches were intended to draw attention to important milestones in African-American history.

Riley delivered his initial lecture at the Salem celebration commemorating the seventh anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed slaves in the Confederate States. He gave the second lecture a few weeks after Portland's "Ratification Jubilee," which celebrated the passage of the 15th Amendment, the amendment that extended voting rights to black men in the United States.

During the Reconstruction period (1866-1877), which followed the Civil War, African Americans

in Oregon remained a small minority. In 1870 there were approximately 318 African Americans in the state, 154 of whom lived in Portland. This group faced legalized discrimination, widespread racial prejudice, and local attempts to enforce segregation in the developing public-school system.

This history of legalized racial discrimination in Oregon dated back to the 1840s and '50s when both the Provisional and Territorial Governments banned slavery while also excluding free blacks from residing legally in Oregon. In the decades following the Civil War, the Oregon State Legislature declined to ratify the 14th and 15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, the amendments which extended basic citizenship rights to African Americans.



### Free Tax Preparation Help!

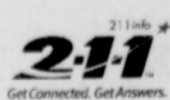
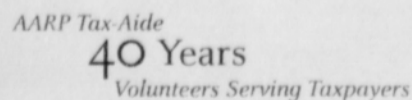
Tax Season is just around the corner and help is available!

IRS-certified AARP Tax-Aide and CASH Oregon volunteers are available throughout the Portland Metro area to assist low and middle income individuals, families and seniors file taxes and receive all available tax credits - for FREE.

Dozens of conveniently-located sites are open Feb. 1 through April 15 across the Portland Metro area.

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