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Ray Charles Tribute Band on OPB

The story of the Ray Charles Tribute Band will be told this week on Oregon Art Beat on Oregon Public Broadcasting.

The band is one of the largest collections of musical talent from the Pacific Northwest on one stage. They came together almost by accident, but their performance was such an imme-

diate hit that these diverse and talented members continue to come together to honor the music of Ray Charles.

Tune in to the stations of OPB, including Channel 10 in Portland, on Thursday, April 10 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 13 at 2:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Jazz Festival -- The University of Portland, Chiles Center, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd., hosts a jazz ensemble from various schools this week. On Wednesday, April 9, middle and junior high students will perform, and on Thursday, April 10, high schools will perform. Performances will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., each day.

Norman Sylvester Band -- Friday, April 11 at 9:30 p.m. the Norman Sylvester Band will be singing the blues at the Portsmouth Club in Portland, and on stage at Halibut's on Friday, April 12 at 8 p.m. and at 9 p.m. Saturday, April 13 at Tillicum's in Beaverton. For more information visit normansylvester.com.



Shades of Blue -- The Portland Gay Symphonic Band will present its "Shades of Blue" concert on Saturday, April 12 at 5 p.m. in Reed College's Kaul Auditorium. Tickets are available at the door for \$15 and \$10 for students and seniors.

Tunes for Toilets -- Friday, April 11, the Someday Lounge, is hosting a fund-raising concert featuring Tractor Operator, Ohioan, and Native Kin, the event is to provide 24/7 restrooms at the Portland Rescue Mission. For information, call 503-227-1126.

Elephantastic Celebration -- Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13, the Oregon Zoo, will celebrate Packy's birthday.

Full Monty, Fully Exposed -- The smash-hit Broadway musical and cheeky R-rated comedy "The Full Monty" disrobes for all to see at the Lakewood Theatre Company in Lake Oswego through April 13. Tickets are \$28 for adults and \$26 for students and seniors. Call the 503-635-3901 or go online at Lakewood-center.org.

Three Dimensional Expertise -- The Museum of Contemporary Craft, 725 N.W. Davis, exhibits a unique collection of sculptures through April 27.



Reggae Inna African Stylee -- Saturday, April 26, at 9 p.m., The Blue Monk, 3341 S.E. Belmont Ave. will host the KBOO reggae benefit event featuring OB Addy and I&I, rocking the audience with their fiery mix of African flavored roots rock reggae; \$8 at the door.

Matsiko Children's Choir -- The Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, 3138 N. Vancouver Ave., will present the Matsiko Children's Choir on Sunday, April 13 at 3 p.m. The choir is made up of 29 orphaned and at-risk children and they perform some of the most powerful and complex drum routines ever heard.

Spring Concert -- The University of Portland Choral Union and Jazz Band will celebrate spring with madrigals and classic works during a special performance at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23 in Buckley Center Auditorium on campus, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd. The concert is

free and open to the public.

Free First Friday Nights -- The Portland Children's Museum has partnered with Target to provide free admission to everyone on the first Friday of each month from 5 to 8 p.m.

OMSI \$2 Days -- The first Sunday of every month can spark your passion for science at the OMSI when admission is just \$2. Exhibits and over 200 hands-on activities and planetarium shows will be showcased. For more information, visit OMSI.edu.

Roberta Wong -- The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center is celebrating its 25th anniversary with an exhibit with featuring artist Roberta Wong, who was the curator of the IFCC gallery for 18 years. Her works will be shown currently through April 26.

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., hosts open-mic night.