

# Celebrating 50 Years of Glamour

## Annual Ebony Fashion Fair sets Portland date

The 50th Annual Ebony Fashion Fair "Glam Odyssey: A Fashion Journey into Bliss and Beyond," will appear in Portland at the Doubletree Inn-Lloyd Center on Friday, April 25, at 8 p.m.

The world's largest traveling fashion show is produced and directed by Mr. Eunice W. Johnson, a premier fashion authority. The show is hosted by The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated for the benefit of The Links, Educational/Scholarship Fund.

This highly anticipated 50th-anniversary show is fierce and features the hottest designs the fashion industry has to offer. Ticket holders will witness glamour redefined while taking an unforgettable journey through five decades of fashion.

Thirteen models embodying a variety of shades and shapes will don the latest styles

By world famous designers including Christian Dior, Oscar de la Renta, Dolce & Gabbana, Carolina Herrera, Bill Blass and Jean Louis Scherrer.

Characterized by glamour, elegance and flare, the Ebony Fashion Fair is filled with music from R&B to hip-hop. It's lights and action from beginning to end. It promises to be a production that those with a passion for fashion will not want to miss!

Ticket prices are \$45 for general admission and \$75 for patrons. Each ticket includes a choice of a one-year subscription to Ebony magazine or a six-month subscription to JET magazine. In addition, ticket holders will have a chance to win fabulous door prizes such as round-trip air transportation for two to any destination served by American Airlines or American Eagle in the domestic U.S. 49 states and a 2008 Ford Edge.

Ticket holders can also have a chance to win products from the No. 1 cosmetic company in the world for women of color, Fashion Fair Cosmetics.

Tickets may be purchased at Geneva's Shear Perfection, 5601 N. E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 503-285-1159; Simply Elegant Nails, 33 N. E. 82nd Ave., 503-262-8208; One Stop Music Store, 1615 N. E. Killingsworth St., 503-284-2435; Tondalayera Designers Salon, 5401 N. E. Cully Blvd., 503-284-0712; Talking Drum/Reflections Book Store, 446 N. E. Killingsworth St., 503-288-4070; Dean's Beauty Salon & Barber Shop, 213-215 N. E. Hancock, 503-282-3379; McRae's son 42nd, 5852 N. E. 42nd Ave., 503-287-5258; and Reggie's Barber Shop, 3213 N. E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 503-280-0222.

Tickets will be sold at the door, and may also be purchased by visiting the Website [brownpapertickets.com/event/29148](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/29148), calling 1-800-838-3006 or through any Links member.

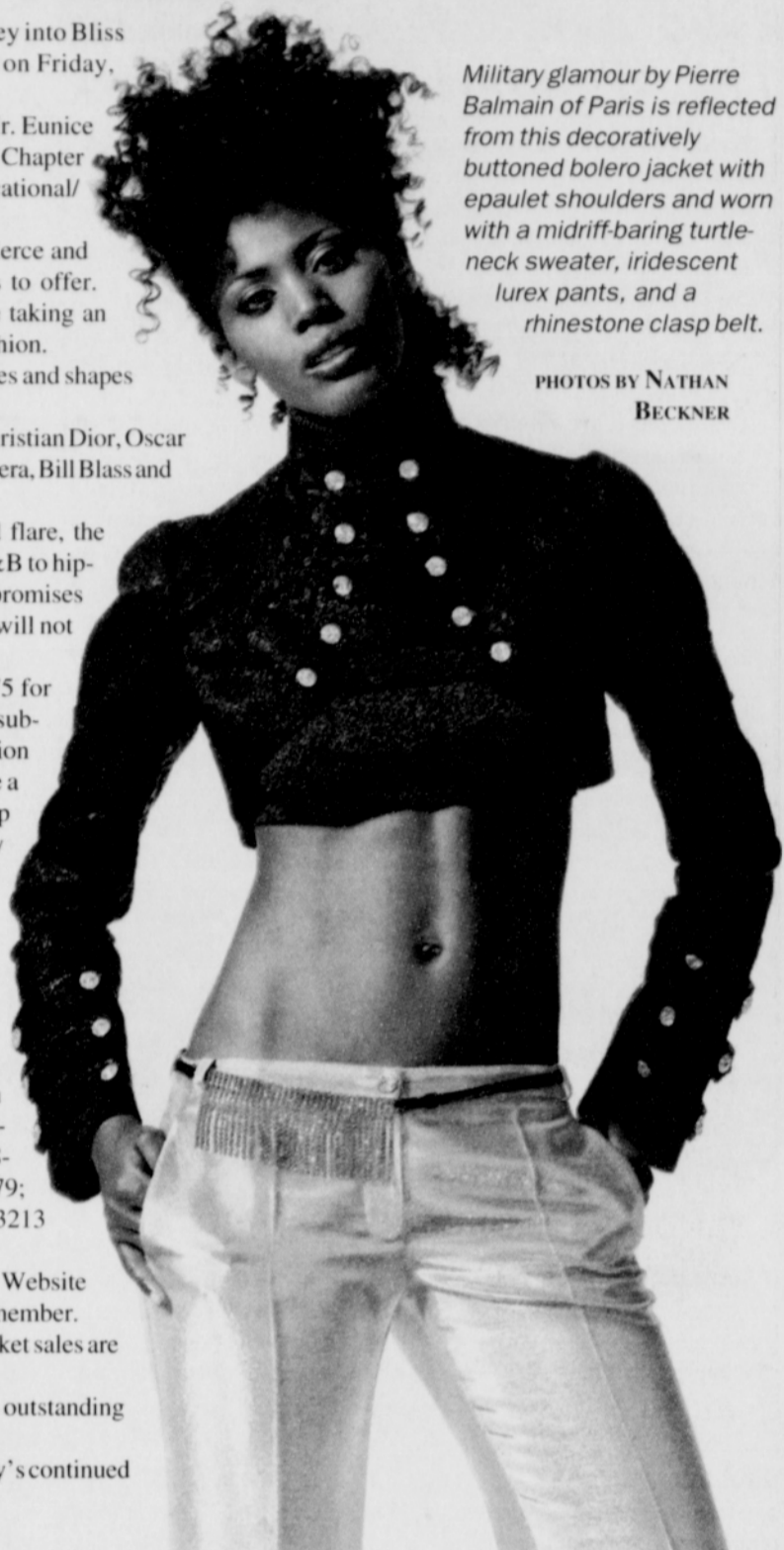
Mrs. Johnnie Reed-Bell, general chairman of the benefit performance, indicates ticket sales are going exceptionally well and expects an even larger attendance than last year.

Proceeds from previous shows made it possible to give over 100 scholarships to outstanding seniors throughout the Portland-metropolitan area and Southwest Washington.

"We are hoping to raise \$35,000 for our scholarships this year. With the community's continued support, we are certain to meet our goal," Reed-Bell said.



A voluminous balloon-sleeve opera coat from French designer Gilles Montezin creates an impressive silhouette of chartreuse silk taffeta that contrasts in color to a sleeveless turquoise sheath underneath and accentuates five-inch stiletto-heel platform shoes.



Military glamour by Pierre Balmain of Paris is reflected from this decoratively buttoned bolero jacket with epaulet shoulders and worn with a midriff-baring turtle-neck sweater, iridescent lurex pants, and a rhinestone clasp belt.

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## Portland Observer Auto Review

News and reviews on new motor vehicles

### 2008 Nissan Sentra 2.0 Sedan

#### Real Family Values

BY KATHLEEN CARR

For 2008, Sentra is available in one of five trim levels: 2.0, 2.0S, 2.0SL, SE-R, and SE-R Spec V. The later two are

senger side door when the car is locked. Since there's no key cylinder in the front passenger-side outside door, you'll first have to use the key to unlock the driver's door. Then you can walk

around to the passenger side and open those doors. This is very inconvenient when trying to load items or help passengers into the right side when returning to your locked vehicle.

The bottom line is that the 2008 Nissan Sentra 2.0 is a family-friendly comfortable cruiser; providing a budget-conscious respect for buyers. Making the 2008 Nissan Sentra 2.0, a real family value.



Specifications: 2.0-Liter, 140-hp@147 lb-ft. torque, DOHC, 4-cylinder engine; 2-speed Xtronic CVT transmission with overdrive; 25-City 33-Highway MPG; \$16,930 MSRP

The Nissan Sentra, now in its second year of its sixth generation, has evolved from a rather plain-looking compact car into a stylish and comfortable mid-size family sedan—albeit at the entry-level.

First-time car buyers and young families on tight budgets will be happy to know that the 2008 Nissan Sentra offers a confident ride, spacious interior, roomy trunk, excellent fuel economy, plenty of safety and convenience features, and an attractive exterior, sporting styling cues from other Nissan siblings like the Altima and Maxima.

Offered in sedan form only, the 2008 Sentra is a crowd pleaser when it comes to seating comfort. There was plenty of room for any 6-foot plus frame up front, and adequate legroom in the back.

The 2008 Sentra has a huge trunk, fully capable of handling large packages and gear for an active lifestyle. Surprisingly, you can actually fit a full-size bicycle in the Sentra with the standard 60/40 fold-down rear seats folded down.

Also, the Sentra offers an available Divide-N-Hide trunk divider that provides grocery bag hooks and a hidden storage compartment. Other nifty storage solutions include a large glove box, standard center console with lid and available removable CD holder above the driver's visor.

sporty models and featuring a 2.5-liter engine. All other models including our tester are equipped with a 2.0-liter 4-cylinder producing 140-hp@147 lb-ft. of torque.

The 2008 Nissan Sentra base now comes standard with a CVT transmission. The 2.0-liter engine mated to the CVT, delivers adequate acceleration. The engine obviously works harder when the vehicle is loaded down with passengers and cargo. But, once up to speed, my Sentra tester was comfortable and fairly quiet while cruising at highway speeds.

Rated at 25/33 mpg City/Highway (CVT), and featuring a 14.5-gallon tank, the 2008 Nissan Sentra will take you almost 480 miles on tank of fuel. With the current price of gas, this alone is enough to earn the 2008 Sentra 2.0 a big thumbs up from me.

The front-wheel drive 2008 Sentra comes standard with six air-bags and has a 5-star front-impact crash rating.

We tested the 2.0 base model featuring: 15-inch wheels, air conditioning, power windows and locks, and a descent 4-speaker AM/FM/CD/RDS audio system with auxiliary input, tire pressure monitoring system.

I would recommend going with the remote keyless entry. I'll explain why. Here's the problem—opening the pas-

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