

Jazz Festival Returns to MHCC

Campus once again to play host

The Mt. Hood Jazz Festival and Mt. Hood Community College have joined forces again.

Renowned for its excellent jazz performances, the festival returns to the MHCC campus where it originally began. But this summer's event will be unlike any jazz festival that has been produced before.

Organizers are working to make the new jazz festival an experience for the whole family. College programs will provide hands-on workshops for festivalgoers that could include experiences in everything from pottery sculpting to rock-wall climbing.

Future plans will include performances at the Center for the Arts in Downtown Gresham, even beginning in 2009 when construction on the plaza is expected to be completed.

"The college is extremely excited to have the jazz festival back on campus," said Gary Murph, MHCC president.

Traditionally the festival took place the first weekend of August. But to accommodate and support other art performances in the area, the 2008 festival will take place on Aug. 15 and 16.

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Norman Sylvester Band - Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19 at 9 p.m., the Norman Sylvester Band will be singing the blues at Tillicum's in Beaverton; for more information, visit Normansylvester.com.

Ebony Fashion Show -- The 50th-annual Ebony Fashion Fair "Glam Odyssey: A Fashion Journey into Bliss and Beyond, benefiting The Links Scholarship Fund, will appear in Portland at the Doubletree Inn-Lloyd Center, on Friday, April 25 at 8 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door and can be purchased by visiting the website Brownpapertickets.com, calling 1-800-838-3006 or from any Links member.

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.

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



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 Saturday, April 26.

Nobody Here But Us Chickens -- April 25 thru May 24, the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate, will host three short plays, written by Peter Barnes. This audacious comedy explores the perceptions of disabilities; for more information, visit



6th Avenue Street Fair -- Thursday, May 1, from 5 to 9 p.m., this free eclectic Portland-style street fair on N.W. 6th Avenue between Burnside and Hoyt streets, features a farmers' market, skate exhibition, showcasing neighborhood entertainment, prize giveaways and art exhibits; for more information, visit Portlandmall.org.

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.

Sliders Grill -- Sliders Grill, 3011 N. Lombard, features an eclectic assortment of performers on the main stage, accompanied by delicious food. Call 503-459-4488 for more information.

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.



Running into Walls -- Eccentric friends whose daily lives are cast into disorder by a sudden encounter with mortality create the comedy "Running into Walls," with shows scheduled weekends this month at Theater Theater!, 3430 S.E. Belmont. Call 971-319-5781 or visit Nomadictheatre.org for more info.