

Hip Hop Movie Premier

A West Coast screening of the new independent film, "I Used to Love Her," an urban love story starring stage and spoken word artist Mel "Mel-Rob" Roberson and Toya Turner will take place Saturday, April 26 at the Portland Center for Self Improvement, 700 N. Killingsworth.

The 1555 Filmworks production, directed by Mark Harris of "Why Men Cheat" and "Cut N It Up," is the story of two star-crossed lovers whose worlds collide when a faithful meeting brings them together.

"I Used to Love Her" blends drama and comedy with faith-based elements against hip-hop in a hardcore street backdrop.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the screening starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. A feedback session will follow the movie. Tickets are \$10 and include a dinner, and can be purchased in advance or on the day of the showing.

**Art Inspired
by Motherhood**

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Paintings created on a maternal theme and sculptures that dazzle the eye will be featured in a monthlong exhibit at Onda Gallery, 2215 N.E. Alberta St.

Rita Urdaneta's new show paintings are inspired by her experience as a mother with a three-year-old daughter, reflecting on nature and strong emotions to create a luminous quality that draws people in and creates a desire to see the art daily.

Urdaneta studied painting and received her degree in graphic design in Venezuela and then continued her studies in Toronto, Canada. She is developing a distinctive abstract style.

Sculptor Gordon Davis is an artist who works in steel, copper and other metals, often incorporating lighting into both small and large-scale pieces.

His architecture/engineering background has fired his experimentation with pieces that dazzle the eye with their beautiful surfaces and boggle the mind as they defy gravity.

The exhibit opens with an artists' reception on Thursday, April 24, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Rita Urdaneta brings a distinctive, abstract style to her paintings.

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Zoo to Host Safe Kids Day

The Oregon Zoo is hosting its 8th-annual Oregon Safe Kids Day on Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Exhibits and hands-on activities focus on teaching kids between the ages of 10 and 13 and their families about safe behavior like wearing bicycle helmets, life jackets and seat belts. Interactive exhibits, prizes, safety tips and hands-on activities are planned.

Stations around the zoo will make up a "safety safari," providing tips in areas such as water safety, poisons, transportation safety, helmets and fire safety. Everyone who completes the safari receives a safety-related prize.

The Portland Metro Safe Kids Coalition is part of Safe Kids Worldwide, which is dedicated to the prevention of unintentional childhood injury.

A Steller sea lion in the Oregon Zoo's Steller Cove exhibit captivates a young visitor.

