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FOTAINMENT

International Week Widens Horizons

Jazz and Blues Fights Hunger



Middle Eastern-style belly dance is performed by Severin as part of Portland Community College's celebration of International Education Week.

For the second time in as many years, jazz

pianist and recording artist Tom Grant has organized a benefit concert to raise money for

Potluck in the Park, a person to person,

grassroots Portland non-profit that has served

a free hot meal to anyone in need, every Sunday

Operating without either office space or a permanent kitchen

time and their own workspaces. Potluck in the Park is completely

volunteer-run. Every dollar raised is spent on providing meals and

Ballroom, located at Northeast 19th Avenue and Alberta Street.

Joining Tom Grant on stage will be special guest blues harmonica

The concert will be held on Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Acadian

- meals are prepared by individuals and groups who donate their

for the past 17 years...

related services.

Crowds jammed a dining hall and auditorium at the Portland Community College Cascade Campus in north Portland last week for international extravaganzas featuring entertainment, food and crafts booths from people hailing from countries all over the globe.

The events were part of International Education Week, designed to honor PCC's international students, faculty and staff. Other activities raised awareness about study-abroad programs to American students as well as to expose prospective international students to the education and culture of the United States.

"A lot of people don't really know about our countries," said Fraya SaQuina, a PCC international student from the Republic of Indonesia. "International Education Week educates them and helps share our experiences without people having to go to the countries.'



The musical act Show Brazil introduce the sounds and movements of Brazilian jazz, Carnival and Brazilian traditional music to students at PCC's Cascade Campus in north Portland.

drummer Jeff Frankel will round out the line-up

Concert tickets are \$45, which includes a pre-concert hors d'oeuvre

reception complements of the Acadian Ballroom, and complemen-

tary beverages. VIP tickets, which include a private reception with

Tickets are available at Music Millennium or on line at

Tom Grant and VIP concert seating, are also available for \$100.

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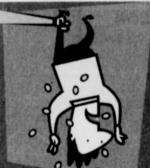
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Christmas Present Ebeneezer Scrooge (Wesley Mann) and

player, vocalist and Grammy winner Curtis Salgado,

for two sets of music and a live mini-auction during

Also on the bill are teen jazz sensation Kate

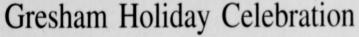
Davis, and legendary drummer Ron Steen,

bossa nova-style vocalist Nancy Curtin, as

well as jazz/blues singers Toni Lincoln and

Shelly Rudolph. Bassist Dave Captein and

the Ghost of Christmas Present (Julianna Jaffe) look on as Tiny Tim (Madison Wray) charms a passerby in Portland Center Stage's 2007 adaptation of 'A Christmas Carol,' returning to the downtown theater's main stage, Tuesday, Dec. 2 through Dec. 28. Tickets available at pcs.org/carol.



Christmas Tree Lighting and Fireworks Celebration, sponsored by the Gresham Downtown Development Association, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 29 and Sun-

The 17th annual Spirit of day, Nov.30 in Historic Downtown Gresham.

> Events will happen all day long beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, at the Main Stage at Third and Main. Musical performances will include the Harold Oliver Inter-rides, arts and crafts activities, a

Troupe, Hollydale Elementary Choir, Mt. Hood Dance Academy, East Hill Singers, Radio Museum. Disney and the Portland Columbia Symphony Brass Trio.

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Throughout the day families can enjoy a free petting Zoo, hay-

mediate Choir & Latin Dance phone call to the North Pole at Café Delirium, and a photo's with Santa at the Gresham History

> A candlelight parade will be lead by Santa himself, from the Main Stage to a tree lighting and holiday fireworks display at the Center for the Arts Plaza.



Kids can make phone calls to Santa during this weekend' Christmas Tree Lighting and Fireworks Celebration in Gresham.



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