

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

International Week Widens Horizons



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

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 pro-

grams 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.

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Jazz and Blues Fights Hunger

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 for the past 17 years.

Operating without either office space or a permanent kitchen - meals are prepared by individuals and groups who donate their time and their own workspaces. Potluck in the Park is completely volunteer-run. Every dollar raised is spent on providing meals and related services.

The concert will be held on Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Acadian Ballroom, located at Northeast 19th Avenue and Alberta Street. Joining Tom Grant on stage will be special guest blues harmonica



player, vocalist and Grammy winner Curtis Salgado, for two sets of music and a live mini-auction during the intermission.

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 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 complementary beverages. VIP tickets, which include a private reception with Tom Grant and VIP concert seating, are also available for \$100.

Tickets are available at Music Millennium or on line at www.potluckin.com.



Ghost of Christmas Present

Ebenezer Scrooge (Wesley Mann) 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.

Gresham Holiday Celebration

The 17th annual Spirit of Christmas Tree Lighting and Fireworks Celebration, sponsored by the Gresham Downtown Development Association, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 29 and Sun-

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-

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

Throughout the day families can enjoy a free petting Zoo, hayrides, arts and crafts activities, a

phone call to the North Pole at Café Delirium, and a photo's with Santa at the Gresham History Museum.

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's Christmas Tree Lighting and Fireworks Celebration in Gresham.

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