



Jeannette Bayardelle (Celie) and LaToya London (Nettie) star in *The Color Purple*.

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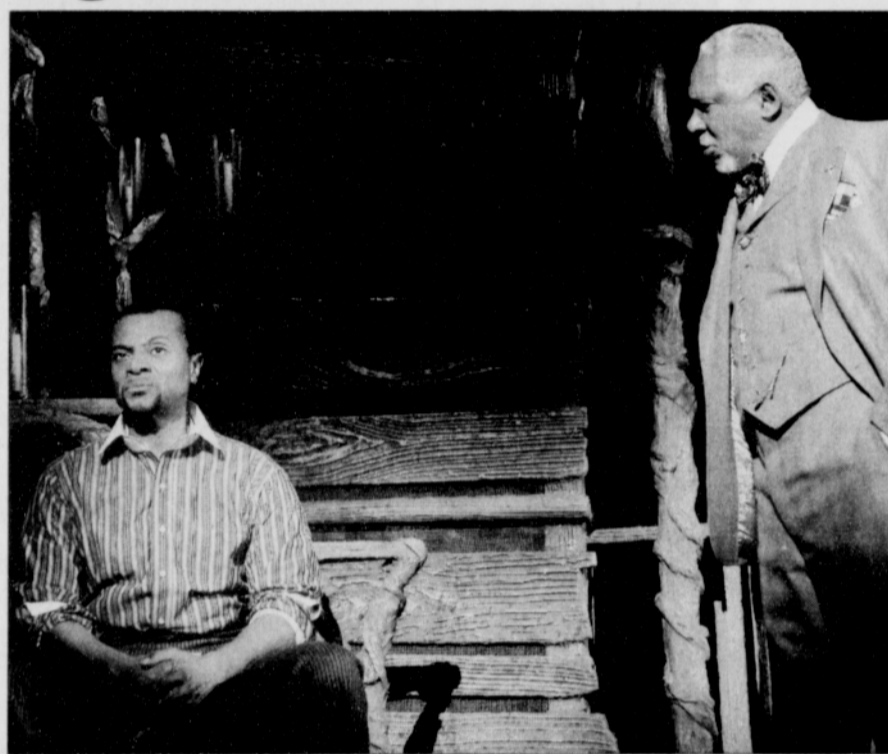
Portland Stage Set for Best Loved Musical

Oprah Winfrey, Scott Sanders and the producing team of the Broadway smash hit *The Color Purple*, the Musical about Love, are proud to announce that Portland will host the first North American Touring production of *The Color Purple* for eight performances, Dec. 30 – Jan. 4 at the Keller Auditorium.

Nominated for 11 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, *The Color Purple* opened on Dec. 1, 2005 at the Broadway Theatre in New York City where it ran for over two record-breaking years.

The stage production is based on the classic Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Alice Walker and the moving film by Steven Spielberg. It is the unforgettable and inspiring story of a woman named Celie, who finds the strength to triumph over adversity, and discover her unique voice in the world.

With a joyous Grammy nominated score featuring gospel, jazz, pop and the blues, *The Color Purple* is about hope and the healing power of love.



Rufus Bonds, Jr. (Mister) and Adam Wade (Ol Mister) on stage for the North American tour of *The Color Purple*, coming to Portland Dec. 30 – Jan. 4. Tickets are now on sale.

PHOTOS BY PAUL KOLNIK.

Michael Kuchwara of the Associated Press described the stage performance as "a roof-raising story of triumph" and Richard Corliss of *Time* magazine said it was a soaring, epic tale that "made

a joyful noise in my heart." Elysa Gardner from *USA Today* raved, "Pure heart! It celebrates the inspiring relationships of faith and love, A Broadway hit!"

Tickets are now on sale. Prices

range from \$28.50 to \$73.50 and can be purchased at any Ticketmaster outlet or by visiting online at broadwayacrossamerica.com or portlandopera.org.

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Holiday Guide

Christmas at Pittock Mansion

Currently to Dec. 31, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Pittock Mansion, 3229 N.W. Pittock Drive, is transformed into a holiday masterpiece filled with vintage toys and decorations.

Multicultural Holiday Fair

A multicultural holiday fair featuring jewelry, art, soaps, skin care, pottery and more is sponsored by the Portland Central America Solidarity Committee. Also enjoy music and food. Sunday, Dec. 14, 311 N. Ivy.



Portland Raceway's Winter Wonderland

Currently through Jan. 1, Sundays – Thursdays, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., the largest drive-thru light display in the Northwest astounds and delights with holiday vignettes. PIR is located at 1940 N Victory Blvd.

Christmas Ship Parades

The Christmas Ship Fleets sail the Columbia and Willamette rivers every night, beginning Dec. 12, through Dec. 21. For more information, visit christmasships.org.



Christmas Bazaar

The first Christmas Bazaar, sponsored by the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society, is held Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Community AME Zion Church, 3605 E. 13th St., Vancouver. For more information, call 360-693-4566.



Zoolights

(4001 Southwest Canyon Road) The Portland Oregon Zoo is transformed into a winter wonderland, decorated with nearly a million lights. Animated animal silhouettes swing through trees, jump across lawns, hide in bushes and appear in places where they're least expected. For more information, call 503-220-2786.

Holiday Reception and Fundraiser

Thursday, Dec. 11, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Police Activities League invites the public to join them at the Pittock Mansion. For more information, call 503-823-0250.

Portland's Singing Christmas Tree

Come see Christmas the way it was meant to be! A delightful Holiday Tradition in the Portland area for 46 years. Currently through Dec. 6, in the Keller Auditorium, Southwest Third and Clay. For more information, call 503-557-8733.

Holiday Ale Festival

During December, the Holiday Ale Festival keeps attendees warm and dry under a large clear tent at Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Oregon Symphony Gospel Christmas

Enjoy a very special evening of joyful Christmas celebration, full of passion, power and inspiration, Dec. 12 through Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 503-228-1353 or visit orsymphony.org.

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Tickets subject to agency/convenience charges.

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