

Notorious Big Hits Box Office

The movie biopic that details the life of the late rapper Notorious BIG is a huge box office hit. The film, released by Fox Searchlight Pictures and executive produced by Sean "Diddy" Combs, opened well at theaters in its first week and sold over \$20 million in tickets.

For the most part, the film was well-liked from critics and fans. Most noted was the talented cast of actors and actresses who delivered believable performances. The cast included: Angela Bassett - who played his mom Volletta Wallace; Derek Luke - who played P. Diddy; Naturi Naughton - who played Lil Kim; Antonique Smith - who played Faith Evans; Anthony Mackie - who played Tupac; and Jamal Woolard - who played Notorious



Jamal Woolard plays Notorious Big.

BIG himself.

Despite the film's success, it did create some drama. During the opening weekend in New York City at Djumbala night club, 4 people were stabbed at a party

that was celebrating the release of the film. Another person was shot during in argument about the film at a movie theater in Greensboro, N.C.

Also, rapper Lil Kim put out a statement to the press indicating that she did not like how she was portrayed in the film. She was quoted as saying: "The film studio and producers involved were more concerned about painting me as a 'character' to create a more interesting story line instead of a person with talent, self-respect and who was able to achieve her own career success through hard work."

Many reviewers seemed to be particularly happy with actor Jamal Woolard - who didn't look 100% like Notorious BIG, but was able to bring his character back to life.



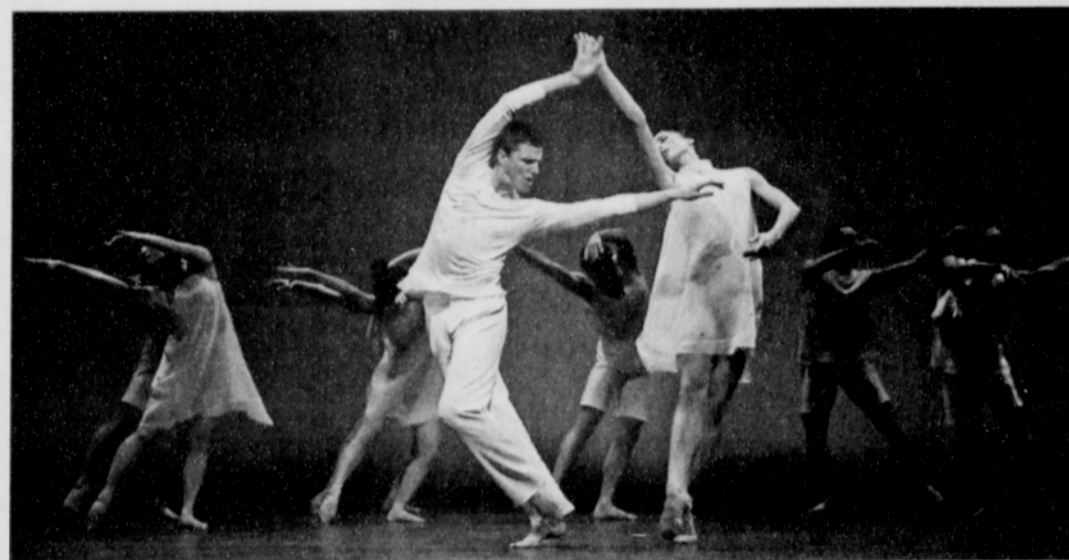
Jami Chatalas plays an enchanting witch who casts a love spell on her handsome neighbor in "Bell, Book and Candle," at the Lakewood Center for the Arts in Lake Oswego.

Lakewood's Enchanting Comedy

Lakewood Theater Company presents "Bell, Book and Candle," a stylish and funny romantic comedy about an enchanting witch who casts a love spell on her handsome young neighbor and her life is turned upside down.

The 1950 play led to the 1958 movie starring Jimmy Stewart and Kim Novack, which led to the television series "Bewitched." Directed by Bruce Blanchard, "Bell, Book and Candle" plays Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m.

until Feb. 22 at the Lake Center of the Arts, 368 S. State St. in Lake Oswego. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$23 for students and seniors. Call the theatre box office at 503-635-3901 or visit online at lakewood-center.org.



Scott Rink and Drew Jacoby with the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company in 'Dvorak Serenade.'

Dancers to Make Portland Debut

The Lar Lubovitch Dance Company will make its White Bird debut on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall as part of its first US tour in more than a decade to mark the company's 40th anniversary season.

Over the years, the 14-member company has gained a reputation as one of the world's foremost modern dance compa-

nies, having performed in virtually every state and in more than 30 foreign countries. Lar Lubovitch has been cited by The New York Times as "one of the 10 best choreographers in the world."

The Lar Lubovitch Dance Company's program in Portland will feature three outstanding works. The program begins with Lubovitch's Jangle (2008), sub-

titled "Four Hungarian Dances."

The second work is Men's Stories, Lubovitch's acclaimed dark, haunting masterwork from 2000 that explores masculinity, biography and character. The evening concludes with Dvorak Serenade (2007), a suite of four dances that exemplifies Lubovitch's mastery gift for sweeping patterns and whirling motions.

New Date for Toyz Benefit

The snowed out Toyz N The Hood Toy Drive concert to benefit the Salvation Army with a donation of toys to under privileged families in our communities has been rescheduled to the evening of Friday, Feb. 6 at the Roseland, 8 N.W. Sixth Ave.

Executive Branch Management promoters said they didn't want to let the weather be the reason that the event was completely canceled so



Cool Nutz

it was rescheduled.

"Help us give back to our community to families that would greatly appreciate your donation whether toys or clothes," organizers said.

The concert, hosted by DJ Fatboy, will feature performances by the Jacka, Lunio Coleone & Cool Nutz, the Dirtball, Laroo Double 00 and more.

Admission is free with a donation to the Salvation Army.



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Live Performance Breakout Show

The second live performance of the Jammin 107.5 Northwest Breakout Show will take place

on Thursday, Jan. 29 at The Ash Street, 225 S.W. Ash St. Hosted by Gen. Erik and DJ

Fatboy, the show will feature Maniac Lok and Kenny Mack, Serge Severe and Mic Crenshaw, Luck-One, Dubble 00 and T-Gunna.

The Northwest Breakout radio show, hosted by Cool Nutz, is a new outlet to expose the

masses to quality urban music from the Northwest. With the success of the show, Jammin 107.5 has moved the broadcast from its one hour time slot on Fridays to a new two hour time slot on Saturday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.

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Fat Pig -- This month, the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave., presents "Fat Pig," the story of a man who falls for a plus sized beauty and boldly questions the importance of conventional good looks. For tickets, call 503-205-0715 or visit ifccarts.org.

Norman Sylvester Band -- Friday, Jan. 30, at Domenic's in Milwaukee at 9 p.m. For more information, call 503-281-5989.

ChocolateFest -- Currently thru Feb. 1, the World Forestry Center. Enjoy cascading chocolate fountains, delicious samples, wine, sake chocolate pairings, and more.

Antarctic Nightmare -- Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 23 through Jan. 31, at 8 p.m., Hipbone Studio, 1847 E. Burnside, and Portland's Story Theater present the true story of British Antarctic explorer Ernest Shackleton and the 1914 voyage of the Endurance; which became trapped in the ice. For reservations, call 503-793-5484.

Luna Music Series -- Friday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m., In Other Words Bookstore, 8 NE Killingsworth, will showcase local female musicians. For more information, visit myspace.com/lunamusicseries.

Boxing in the Couv -- Saturday, Jan. 31, at 6 p.m., Hudson's Bay High School, 1206 E Reserve St. and the Vancouver Police Activities League will host a fantastic night of amateur boxing. For more information, call 360-487-7490.

Oregon Historical Society Party -- Saturday, Feb. 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 15, from noon to 5 p.m., the

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Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave., host the State of Oregon birthday party with cake, children's activities, tours, and free admission.

Write Around Portland -- Write Around Portland, will host a free 10 week writing workshop, for those who have family members serving or have served in Iraq and Afghanistan campaigns; for more information, please call 503-796-9224.

Poetry at Miracles -- Local and national artists and musicians share an evening of spoken word and music at the Miracles Club, 4069 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, each Wednesday, between 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Basics of Going Solar Workshop -- Portland State University will host the free one-hour workshop teaching the solar basics; different solar technologies, financial incentives, loan options and more. Workshops are scheduled for Jan. 22 and Feb. 17, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit energytrust.org.

Yard, Garden & Patio Show -- Friday, Feb. 27 thru Sunday, March 1, at the Oregon Convention Center, stroll through lavish display gardens, enjoy free seminars, wine tasting and more. For more information, call 503-342-6401.

Bob the Builder -- TV's Bob the Builder and his Can-Do Crew invite aspiring young builders to help get the job done in a hands-on traveling exhibit at the Portland Children's Museum. The 2,000 square-foot, multimedia exhibit invites exploration and teamwork for children and families. The show has been extended through until June 7.

OMSI After Dark -- OMSI After Dark is a night at the museum for the 21 and over crowd filled with food, drink and science fun; \$10 fee. For more information call 503-797-4000 or visit omsi.edu.

Live Jazz -- Every Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Third Degrees Lounge at the RiverPlace Hotel, 1510 S.W. Harbor Way, will host the ongoing weekend series featuring Portland's rich jazz scene with no cover or minimum purchase. For more information, visit pdxjazz.com.

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.

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 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Oregon Zoo Buck Tuesdays -- On the 2nd Tuesday of every month, the zoo hosts 2-Buck Tuesdays when guests can tour the zoo during regular zoo hours for the discounted price of \$2 per person!

OMSI \$2 Days -- The first Sunday of every month can spark your passion for science at the OMSI when admission is just \$2. For more information, visit OMSI.edu.

Music Millennium Free Shows -- The Music Millennium, 3158 E. Burnside, hosts in-house live performances. Enjoy free music and the opportunity to meet local artists. Call 503-231-8926 for a schedule.

