

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

'Switch' Premieres at the Hollywood

Local film explores gender attitudes

What if your favorite co-worker told you she was going to become a man? What would your response be if a friend from church told you the same thing? Or, what if he was your brother-in-law or she was your aunt? Your best friend from school? Your spouse? "Switch: A Community in Transition," is a new documentary that ex-

plores the impact of a gender transition not on the individual going through transition but on the surrounding community of family, friends, co-workers and others.

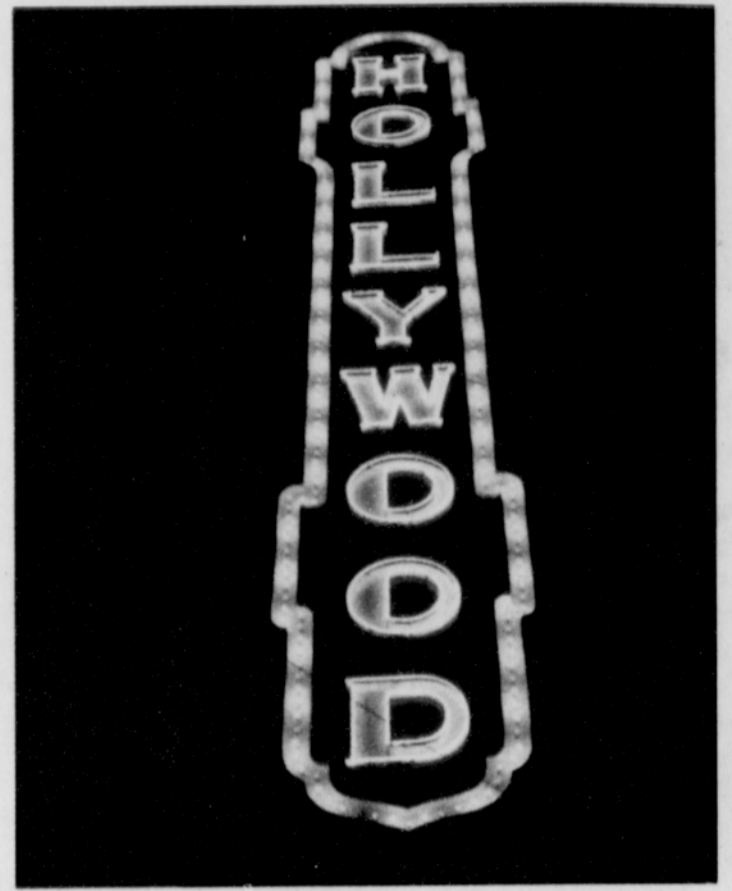
Boxxo Productions in association with Film Action Oregon will present the first public screening of the film at the Hollywood Theatre, 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd., on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m.

Produced by local filmmaker and long-time activist Brooks Nelson, this docu-

mentary is the experience of Nelson's own gender transition and how through the process he became aware of how much the responsibility for change fell on the people around him.

Entertaining, frank and finely crafted, the film highlights how friends and family have to switch language, switch gender pronouns and examine their own attitudes and what it means to be male and female.

Tickets are \$8 and available at the door or in advance.



Clark College Jazz Festival

Clark College invites the public to enjoy three full days of vocal and big band jazz at the 47th Annual Clark College Jazz Festival in Vancouver.

Vocal and big band ensembles from throughout Washington and Oregon will compete Thursday, Jan. 29 through Saturday, Jan. 31 at the Clark College Jazz Festival in Vancouver.

The 47 year old tradition will take place Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 29-31, in Gaiser Hall on the Clark College campus, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way.

Forty-five jazz ensembles and 15 vocal jazz ensembles from throughout Washington and Oregon are scheduled to perform in this year's high school competition.

Preliminary competitions take place on Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Friday and Satur-

day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with final competitions beginning Saturday at 7 p.m.

The showcased bands this year will be the Clark College Vocal Jazz Ensemble, performing at noon and 9 p.m. on Thursday, and the Clark College Jazz Ensemble, performing at noon and 9 p.m. on Friday, and at noon on Saturday.

Admission is \$5 per day. Clark College students and children under 12 accompanied by an adult will be admitted free of charge.

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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.

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, call 503-796-9224.

International Films -- The Northwest Film Center presents the 32nd Portland International Film Festival, Feb. 5-21 with 115 compelling new films from over three dozen countries. The festival opens Thursday, Feb. 5 at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. The full festival program is available online at nwfilm.org.



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 through Sunday, Feb. 1, the World Forestry Center. Enjoy cascading chocolate fountains, delicious samples, wine, sake chocolate pairings, and more.

Antarctic Nightmare -- Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Hipbone Studio, 1847 E.

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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.

The Wiz -- Tickets are now on sale for performances of "The Wiz," the all-black adaptation of the "Wonderful Wizard of Oz," under production by Stumptown Stages and scheduled Feb. 13 through March 11 at the Jefferson High School Auditorium. Visit stumptownstages.com or call the box office at 503-381-8686.

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 Historical Society, 1200 S.W.

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

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 -- TVs 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.



Enchanting Comedy -- Lakewood Theater Company presents "Bell, Book and Candle," a romantic comedy about a witch who casts a spell on her handsome young neighbor and her life is turned upside down. Performances are scheduled through Feb. 22 at the Lake Center of the Arts, 368 S. State St. in Lake Oswego. Call 503-635-3901 or visit lakewood-center.org.

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 pdjazz.com.

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.

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