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ERTAINMENT

Hudson Returns to Spotlight

With Super Bowl performance

(AP) -- Jennifer Hudson had a spectacular return to the spotlight at the NFL Super Bowl in Tampa, Fla. Sunday.

Hudson made her first public appearance since the October slayings in Chicago of her mother, brother and 7-year-old nephew. Her estranged brotherin-law has been charged in the

Wearing a flowing white top with black leggings and a military-style dark jacket, the 27year-old singer and actress looked apprehensive and took a deep breath before launching into the national anthem.

Hudson, who clocked in at 2 minutes, 13 seconds, looked relieved when she was through.

When she returned to her dressing room, she anxiously asked pre-game show producer Rickey Minor "How did I do?"

"I told her 'Touchdown!" Minor told The Associated



Jennifer Hudson sings the national anthem before Sunday's NFL Super Bowl XLIII football game between the Arizona Cardinals and Pittsburgh Steelers in Tampa, Fla.

Press after the performance.

"This was such an important performance, because it's the first time everyone has seen Jennifer. But she's in such a

great place, with such great spirits and time can heal her wounds. She's on fire right now and totally grounded."

Minor, the music director

for American Idol, has produced numerous Super Bowl pre-game performances, including Whitney Houston's 1991 anthem in Tampa that's considered the benchmark for singers.

He said Hudson's two cell phones litup "like slot machines" following her performance, and she received a moving text message from Jamie Foxx, her costar in "Dreamgirls."

"His text said 'Amazing. It brought tears to my eyes," Minor said. "She's just getting so much love.

Although entertainers can perform live, Minor insisted that Hudson and Faith Hill, who sang "America the Beautiful" before the national anthem, use the tracks the NFL requires them to submit a week before the game.

Hudson made her performance personal.

"She's from the church," Minor said. "So we wanted to give it a gospel feel, use a little organ, rhythm and really give it a feel that matched Jennifer. We wanted her to emote the lyrics and connect with the song."



Gene Gill's downtown Portland street scene.

Art Show on Street Life

Fresh perspective of the urban landscape are behind "Unexpected Beauty, Street Views" a new juried art exhibit at the Broderick Gallery, 814S.W. First Ave. The month long exhibit opens with a First Thursday reception, Feb. 5 from 6 p.m. to 9p.m.

Admission is free with sales from the show benefiting Street Yoga a local non-profit that teaches yoga and wellness to homeless youth and youth at risk of homelessness.

Renowned Japanese Comedy Troupe Tours

Yanomi and Kuronatsu of the Japanese comedy troupe Shoshinz will draw audiences to three shows this week at the Curious Comedy Theater in Vanport Village, 5225 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Shoshinz is Japanese for "shy timid people," but these two surreal Tokyo maids are subservient to nothing and no one. Their delicate silences and coy demeanor will lure you in, and then they will bend your mind with brilliant physical theater, dance, absurd music and song.

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comedy troupes in Japan.

Shows this weekend at the Curious Comedy Theater are Thursday, Feb. at 8 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 6 at 8 p.m.; and Saturday, Feb. 7th at 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$12. Visit curiouscomedy.org or call 503-477-9477.

Yanomi and Kuronatsu from the Japanese comedy troupe Shoshinz will perform this weekend at Curious Comedy Theater in Vanport Village, 5225 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Sisters' Winterfolk Concert this Saturday

Current Grammy award nomiwho are homeless and poor.

The show, scheduled Saturnee Rosalie Sorrels will headline day, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at the friend and frequent musical partthe annual Winterfolk concert Aladdin Theater, will be in re- ner. She just released a highly to benefit Sisters of the Road, membrance of folk hero Utah acclaimed album of his songs. the downtown Portland organi- Phillips who appeared at almost zation that works to help people every Winterfolk since 1991. He money for his medical expenses died last May

Sorrels was Phillips' longtime

"The idea was to make some and his family," Sorrels said.

Also performing will be Kate Power and Steve Einhorn; Hanz Araki and friends; Anne Weiss; Andrew Calhoun; and Tom May and friends.

Tickets are on sale at Music Millennium, Ticketmaster; and the Aladdin Box Office at 3017 S.E. Milwaukie Blvd.





Idaho folk legend Rosalie Sorrels will perform Saturday, Feb. 7 as part of the annual Winterfolk concert at the Aladdin Theater to benefit Sisters of the Road.