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Renowned Director Presents 'Namibia'

As centerpiece in African Film series

The 19th annual Cascade Festival of African Films celebrating Black History Month will feature the filmmaker Charles Burnett and some of his cast of 'Namibia: The Struggle for Liberation,' starring Danny Glover.

Burnett will present the epic film as the festival's centerpiece presentation on Friday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. the Hollywood Theatre, 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

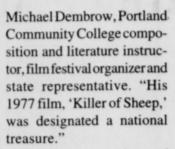
Lumbly, and the film's edi- can-American directors, a tor, Edwin Santiago, will be truly great filmmaker," said



Charles Burnett

in attendance along with Portland Mayor Sam Adams.

"Charles Burnett is one of Burnett, actor Carl the country's foremost Afri-

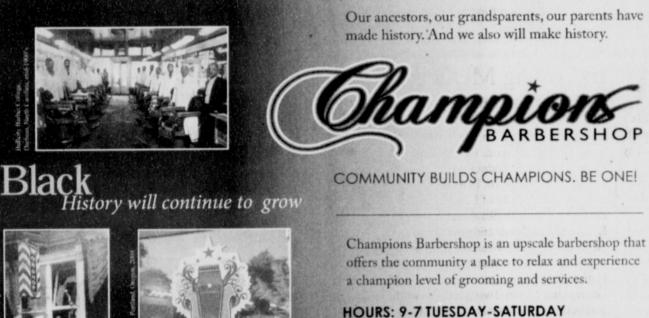


MacArthur Award-winning film from Namibia." filmmaker. He grew up in the Watts neighborhood of African Films features Los Angels and eventually earned bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of California, Los free and open to the public Angeles.

His work concentrates on the lives of the African-American middle class, which were seldom treated more information, visit infilms.

"His films take us to the Community College compo- heart of the African-American experience with honesty and great beauty, free from the stereotypes that usually plague Hollywood was designated a national films," added Dembrow. "We are extremely honored Burnett, a native of to bring Charles Burnett to Vicksburg, Miss., is a Portland to show his new

The Cascade Festival of more than 20 films from or about the African continent. All of the screenings are with most of the films playing on the PCC Cascade campus in north Portland. For complete listings and africanfilmfestival.org.



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The play is written by Helen Hill, a founding member of Bay City Arts Center, a thriving arts center dedicated to supporting creativity in Tillamook County. She has focused on social justice issues for stage and radio for over 10 years.

Chosen by New York's Black Experimental Theatre to be part of the 2006 Core Project, "Perfection" went on to win the 2006 Radiant Theatre's Emergence tickets call 503-205-0715 or visit Festival of New Women Play- ifccarts.org.

wrights.

The edge-of-your-seat drama is directed by Drammy winner Brenda Phillips and stars Andrea White, Habiba Addo, Josh Belville, Veronica Everett, Garfield Wedderburn, Alex Fuchs, Brian Kettler.

This month's performances at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Killingsworth are each Thursday through Saturday nights at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Admission is \$16-\$20. For

'Perfection' Play benefits King School

"Perfection," are supporting the Martin Luther King SUN School Program with a benefit performance at the school, located at 4906 N.E. Sixth Ave., on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m.

SUN schools are operated as partnerships between through as late as 1971. schools and community-

The cast and crew of the play based organizations or public agencies.

> The play, based on real stories, is about the forced sterilization of men and women, especially minorities and disadvantaged populations, which occurred from the early 1900s

Tickets are \$15 at the door.

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