

Portland Observer Auto Review News and reviews on new motor vehicles

2009 Kia Borrego EX 4X4

The 2009 Kia Borrego is a true body-on-frame 4x4 SUV that feels comfortable both on the road and off of it. Kia is hoping to lure customers to its seven-passenger, body-on-frame SUV with the promise of luxury at a value price. The Borrego is Kia's first model to offer accessories such as voice-activated navigation, Bluetooth, keyless start and a back-up camera. Other options such as leather seating, an upgraded Infinity audio system and a rear-seat DVD entertainment system may come as a surprise to consumers who may have previously considered Kia strictly a bare-bones brand.

The 2009 Kia Borrego is up against long-running, top-selling midsize standbys such as the Ford Explorer, Toyota 4Runner and Nissan Pathfinder. The Borrego has a slightly lower base price than these competitors, and offers all the necessities for an active family, such as a 60/40-folding second



Specifications: 3.8L 24 valve DOHC V6 engine; 5-speed automatic transmission; City 16 mpg, 21 Highway mpg; MSRP \$36,295.

row and a 50/50-split third row. The Borrego is available with rear-wheel or four-wheel drive systems, in either LX, EX, or Limited trims. Two drive-train choices are available, the first, a 276-hp 3.8-liter V6 mated to five-speed automatic, or a 337-hp 4.6-liter V8 mated to an all new six-speed au-

tomatic transmission. Towing capacity with the 3.8-liter V6 is rated for 5,000 pounds, while the 4.6-liter V8 is capable of towing 7,500 pounds. Standard features include seven-passenger seating, integrated rear tow hitch, cruise control, and roof rails. Standard safety features include full length side curtain airbags, seat mounted airbags, drivers knee airbag (V8 only), active front head restraints, electronic stability program, and back-up warning system. Unlike some trucks, the Borrego has coil springs, front and rear, which should provide a more car-like ride.

The Borrego gives Kia its most powerful and best-equipped vehicle yet, and it shows consumers that the brand once known mostly for value and economy can field a credible entry in a near-premium vehicle segment. The Kia Borrego EX is an SUV that is capable, comfortable and loaded with great options; however, it is price is within the same arena as its competitors so it will not stand out as much in a market that is losing its popularity.

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Classical ballet and West African culture merge in "Lambarena."

African Dance Blends with Ballet

Oregon Ballet Theatre presents four performances of Lambarena, an irresistible fusion of Bach and traditional African music and dance.

The show is the third ballet by Val Caniparoli to enter the OBT repertoire, and the first since 1992. The program is paired with Peter Martins' exhilarating Ash, and a Christopher

Stowell world premiere set to the jagged, percussive rhythms of Igor Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring.

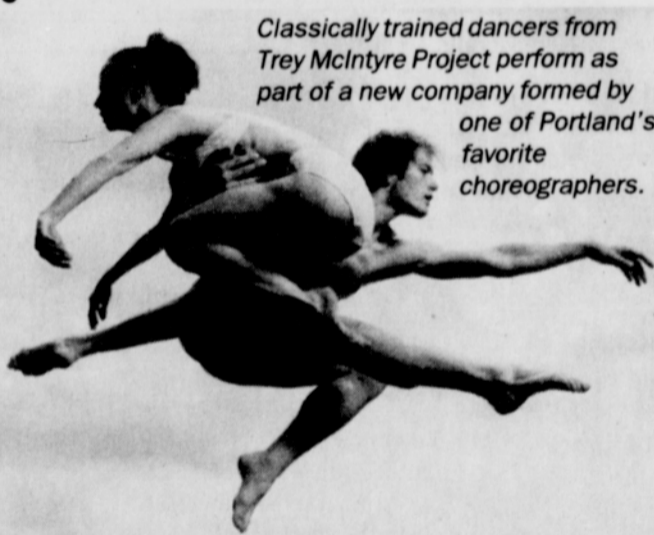
Performances take place at Keller Auditorium, Southwest Third Avenue at Clay Street, at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21; Friday, Feb. 27; and Saturday, Feb. 28; as well as a Sunday matinee: Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$15. Visit obt.org or ticketmaster.com.

Trey McIntyre World Premiere

Trey McIntyre, one of Portland's most acclaimed and in-demand choreographers, returns to the Rose City with the Northwest debut of his celebrated new company, the Trey McIntyre Project.

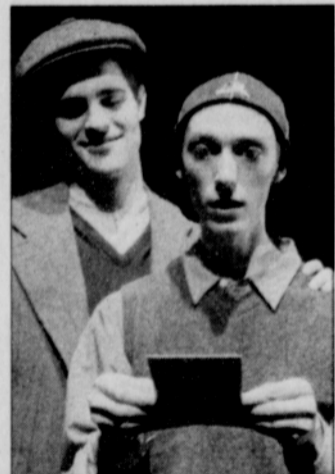
The classically-trained dancers will perform a world premiere of ballet commissioned by White Bird as well as two acclaimed works set to Peter, Paul and Mary and the Beatles.

Performances are scheduled Wednesday through Friday, Feb. 25-27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Newmark Theatre, 1111 S.W. Broadway.



Classically trained dancers from Trey McIntyre Project perform as part of a new company formed by one of Portland's favorite choreographers.

Tickets are \$20-\$50 plus all Ticketmaster outlets, in-service fee and available by cluding Portland Center for calling 503-790-2787, from Performing Arts Box Office.



American Classic

Mark Merritt and Jacob Bean-Watson star in 'Brighton Beach Memoirs,' a Neil Simon play centering on an irrepressible adolescent who bears witness as everyone around him copes with hardships and the humor in it all. The Portland Actors Conservatory production opens Friday, Feb. 20 and continues through March 8 at the Firehouse Theater, 1436 S.W. Montgomery St.

Leisure Hour Jr. Golf Program Open Enrollment 2009

Sunday, February 22, 2009 2pm - 5pm

Final Registration Sunday, March 8, 2009 2pm - 5pm

For New and Returning Members and Mentors

3800 NE Mallory Portland, Oregon

Applications will be available to download at our website on February 13, 2009 www.eteamz.com/Leisurehourjrgolf/



Fee for Jr. Golfers
\$15.00 for 1 Child per Family
\$25.00 for 2 Children per Family
\$40.00 for 3 Children per Family
\$55.00 for 4 Children per Family

Fee for Mentors
\$20.00

Additional Fee for Uniform Per Person
\$25.00 which includes Hat and Shirt

If you have any questions, please call

(503) 936-8568 Debbie Moaning
or
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Dr. Billy R. Flowers

THE SPINA COLUMN™

An ongoing series of questions and answers about America's natural healing profession.

Part 7. CHILDREN & CHIROPRACTIC: Start off early in life for a lifetime of health

Q: When will my children be old enough to benefit from seeing a Chiropractor?

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Peninsula Little League 2009

(Serving the Youth of Inner North & Northeast Portland ages 5-14)

visit our website at: www.eteamz.active.com/peninsulalittleleague
Registration available on-line beginning January 15, 2009

Softball Program

Level	Ages
Minor	8 - 10
Major	10 - 12
Junior	13 - 14

Questions contact:
Mark Washington - 503-288-0033
markw@portlandobserver.com

Items to bring to sign-ups
Birth Certificate
Proof of Address
Doctor/Insurance Info
Player Fee

Regular Sign-ups
\$64/T-Ball, \$74 All other levels
This fee includes the pepperoni fund raiser. Sell one bag of pepperoni and get \$24 off fee. Each bag contains 24 sticks

Peninsula Park Community Center
700 N Portland Blvd

Saturdays:
February 7, and February 14
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Thursdays:
February 5, and February 19
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Registration forms can be completed in advance by downloading from our website.

Baseball Program

Level	Ages
T-Ball	5 - 6
Farm	7 - 8
Minor	8 - 10
Major	10 - 12
Junior	13 - 14

Questions contact:
Jjay Lincoln - jlnks@msl.com

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