

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Blind Boys of Alabama

The legendary group, "The Blind Boys of Alabama," honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at this year's Grammys, performs in Portland on Thursday evening, Feb. 19 at the Aladdin Theatre. The Blind Boys of Alabama have thrilled and inspired audiences the world over since 1939. Their forthcoming DVD is the companion to their 2008 Grammy nominated Gospel album "Down in New Orleans." The group has also been inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame.



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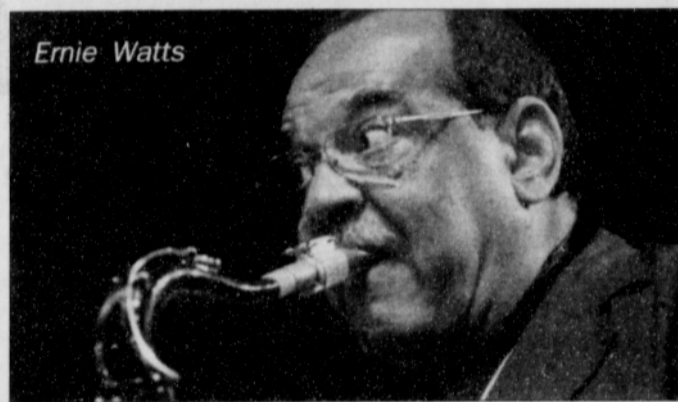
'Dedicated to You' at Crystal Ballroom

The Portland Jazz Festival presents "Dedicated to You," a special finale concert with Kurt Elling performing selections from jazz legends John Coltrane and Johnny Hartman.

Elling, a Portland favorite and former Blue Note artist, will be joined by sax great Ernie Watts along with a string quartet and the Laurence Hobgood Trio, for the concert, Sunday, Feb. 22 at 8 p.m. at the Crystal Ballroom.

With his unique collaboration of musicians, Elling will cap the 2009 Portland Jazz Festival, celebrating the 70th Anniversary of Blue Note Records.

In his latest project, Elling has created an adventurous tribute

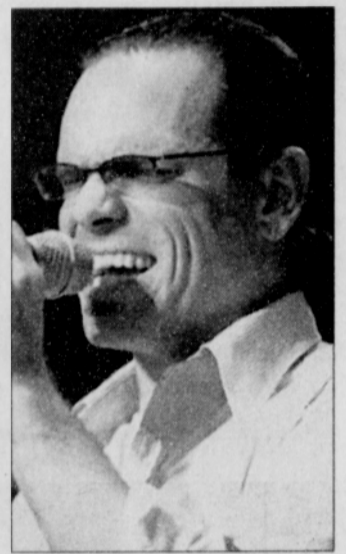


Ernie Watts

to the 1963 classic recording of Johnny Hartman and John Coltrane, long regarded as a true 'jazz essential.' The rich baritone voice of Hartman, the only vocalist to ever record with Coltrane, formed a unique col-

laboration of romantic ballads only 18 months before Coltrane's masterpiece, A Love Supreme.

This will be Elling's third appearance at the Portland Jazz Festival having previously collaborated with Patricia Barber



Kurt Elling

and Nancy King to sold out performances.

For information on the festival schedule and for ticket information, visit pdxjazz.com or call 503-228-JAZZ (5299).

Sassy Spin on Soul Music

Kirsten Price will serve up a "sassy spin on soul music," with a simple rhythm section line up while performing triple duty on keys, guitar and bass during a Saturday, Feb. 21 evening performance at the Doug Fir Lounge.

Price is an independent label artist who won acclaim for her 2008

debut release "Guts and Garbage." She has embarked on a 20 city coast-to-coast tour with a new video soon to be released for her song "Fall." She also is in the process of recording her second album.

Kirsten Price



Film Festival Honors Black History --

The 19th annual Cascade Festival of African Films, held in honor of Black History Month at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus, runs through March 7. Free and open to the public. For a complete schedule, visit africanfilmfestival.org.

Food and Entertainment -- 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.

The Wiz -- "The Wiz," the all-black adaptation of the "Wonderful Wizard of Oz," under production by Stumptown Stages, continues through March 11 at the Jefferson High School Auditorium. Visit stumptownstages.com or call the box office at 503-381-8686.

Xbox 360 Teen Game Tournament -- With break-neck chases and spectacular high-way battles, teens should come ready to race in this gaming tournament at OMSI for grades 6-12 on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 4 p.m. Sponsored by Game Crazy, admission \$10 at the door and \$7 for pre-registered players and OMSI members.

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The Game Concert -- Come see the Game, Lion of Fire, Cool Nutz and more. Hosted by DJ Wicked. 8 N.W. Sixth Ave. and Burnside in downtown Portland at the Roseland Theater, Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. all ages. General admission \$30. Tickets available at TicketWest.com

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!

32nd Annual Newport Seafood and Wine festival -- Adjacent to the Rogue Warehouse, Friday, Feb. 20; Saturday, Feb. 21; and Sunday, Feb. 22.

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.

International Films -- The Northwest Film

Center presents the 32nd Portland International Film Festival through Saturday, Feb. 21 with new films from over three dozen countries. The full festival program is available online at nwfilm.org.

Perfection -- A secret with historical weight that continues to cast silent, powerful ripples in our community is told in the play "Perfection," a story about forced sterilizations, on stage for Black History Month at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center. For tickets, call 503-205-0715. A benefit performance at King El-

ementary for the King SUN School program takes place at the school on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m.

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 Sunday, 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.

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.

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.

OMSI After Dark -- OSMI 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.

"Everything I do is collaborative. It's just my way. I'm really very interested in how the other musicians perceive the song."

Cassandra Wilson

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