

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Concert to Celebrate Local Ties

Musicians share three decades

More than 30 years ago, a Ghanaian by the name of Obo Addy settled in Portland, bringing with him an international reputation as a master drummer, composer, and one of the key originators of the seminal musical movement now known as

"Worldbeat."

Upon arriving on the West Coast, Addy encountered another musician, Thara Memory, who would become one of the most talented jazz performers the Pacific Northwest has ever known. The two struck up a friendship and musical collaboration that has spanned more than three decades.

In honor of their friendship and musical contributions, Homowo African Arts & Cultures is bringing the two men together for a one-time event: "Africa Speaks - America Answers: The Obo Addy/Thara Memory Reunion Concert."

Performing alongside these musical legends will be the Super Band, The Pacific Crest Jazz Orchestra, Obo Addy's Okropong, and a number of high-profile guests including



Obo Addy

Patrick Lamb, Linda Hornbuckle, LaRhonda Steele and Joseph Thompson.

The concert will take place at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 13 in the Kaul Auditorium at Reed College. Advance tickets are \$20 for adults or \$12 for students and can be purchased at pdxtix.net or at the Hollywood Theatre, 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd. Door prices are \$22 for adults and \$14 for students.

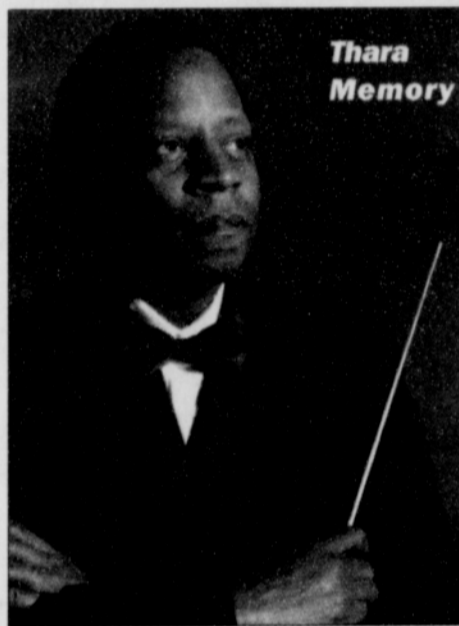
Both Addy and Memory have been commissioned to write new works for the concert. For the past six months, the pair has been working on the

compositions, focusing on the intersections between jazz and African music.

"There is a power in this music that will touch the audience deeply, on a spiritual level," said Susan Addy, executive director of Homowo African Arts & Cultures. "This concert highlights the roots of jazz and the contributions that African music and culture have made to contemporary music."

Acknowledgement of the relationship between the two is critically important at this time in our global development, she added. "It is through music and dance that we can truly celebrate each other. Jazz has its collective essence and it is beautiful to imagine this collective cultural phenomenon and its impact on this and future audiences."

For more information, call 503-288-3025 or visit www.homowo.org.



Thara Memory

Local Artist Sings Delta Blues

"Fetch It!" is the new CD of 1920s-30s-style blues performer Steve Cheseborough.



Northeast Portland blues artist Steve Cheseborough has his roots from the Mississippi Delta.

a northeast Portland resident who relocated to the Rose City from the Mississippi Delta three years ago.

Cheseborough has been a cult figure in the blues world for years. His book, *Blues Traveling: the Holy Sites of Delta Blues*, was recently released in an updated third edition by University Press of Mississippi. He appears in the

documentary *Last of the Mississippi Jukes*, also featuring Morgan Freeman, and was host of *Blues Breaks on Mississippi Public Broadcasting*.

Fetch It! and his other CDs and book are available through Cheseborough's website, stevecheseborough.com and at Music Millennium, 3158 E. Burnside Ave.



Everclear to Rock Irish Festival

Everclear rockers Brett Snyder, Dave French, Art Alexakis, Sam Hudson and Josh Crawley will perform a special concert on Sunday, March 15 during the Kells Irish Festival. Kells is located at 112 S.W. Second Ave. For more details about the festival, visit kellsirish.com.

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