

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## Ashanti Live at Chinook Winds

### Music sensation to perform two shows

Ashanti, one of the fastest rising stars of the decade, will perform at Chinook Winds Casino Resort on Friday, March 13, and Saturday, March 14. Tickets are on sale now and range from \$30 to \$45. Both shows start at 8 pm.

Ashanti blasted into the urban music scene in 2002, topping the charts with multiple singles at once. Ashanti built her reputation in duets with famous rappers Ja Rule, Fat Joe, and the Notorious B.I.G. It didn't take Ashanti long to make a name for herself: her debut album topped the Billboard album chart just as her debut solo single

"Foolish" was topping the Hot 100 chart. Ashanti's duet with Ja Rule, "Always on Time," hit number one on Billboard's Hot 100 chart in early 2002 just as a duet with Fat Joe, "What's Luv?," was creeping toward the same number one position. These two singles set the stage perfectly for Ashanti's self-titled debut album release.

The album's lead single, "Foolish," raced up the Hot 100 chart, entering the Top 10. Her other two songs "Always on Time" and "What's Luv?," gave her three Top 10 songs in the same week.

With all this chart-topping, Ashanti set some sales records and her success continued. She returned in 2003 with her second album Chapter II, which topped the Billboard album chart on the heels of its

hot lead single, "Rock Wit U (Awww Baby)".

For more information, or to obtain tickets, call 1-888-MAIN-ACT (624-6228) or TicketsWest, 1-800-992-TIXX (8499).

Chinook Winds Casino Resort is located on the beach in Lincoln City and is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

For more information please visit chinookwindscasino.com, call 1-888-CHINOOK (244-6665) or 541-996-5825.

Grammy award winner and pop music sensation Ashanti will perform live at Chinook Winds Casino Resort on Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14.



## Jazz Icon Featured on New Quarter

Jazz icon Duke Ellington has become the first African American to appear solo on a U.S. coin intended for everyday use with his image on newly minted quarters which also feature his native District of Columbia.

"He's the first African American to feature solo and the second African American to feature on a circulating coin," said Carla Coolman, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Mint.

"The first African American on a circulating coin was York, a slave who was depicted on a Missouri quarter alongside ex-



Duke Ellington and the newly minted quarter showing his image.

plorers Lewis and Clark. There have been other African Americans on commemorative coins,"

Coolman said. "Like many great Americans who succeed in what they love

doing, Duke Ellington was equal parts talent, hard work, passion and perseverance," U.S. Mint director Ed Moy told a celebration last week to mark the quarter-dollar's release.

"When Americans look at this coin, they will remember the man and his art, as well as the place where both were born and nurtured," Moy said.

## Portland Teen Idol Auditions

Are you a future star just waiting to be discovered? Here's your chance! Portland Parks & Recreation is hosting its third annual singing competition, Portland Teen Idol,

for teenagers between ages 13 and 19.

Last year over 300 teenagers from across the region auditioned for the competition. The ultimate winner, Jeff Cameron Quigley, was selected at the end of the season by a panel of local celebrity judges, including Storm Large, Michael Allen Harris, Dan Saltzman and 2007 Teen Idol Jordan Thompson, as well as nearly 700 audience members.

All participants must register on-line at portlandonline.com/parks or in person or on the phone at any community center no later than Monday, March 9.

Auditions begin March 11 at selected community centers.

Portland Teen Idol is part of Portland Parks and Recreation's mission to expand recreational activities tailored specifically to the interests of teens.

## Celebrate Women's Day

Artists, comedians, singers and musicians will celebrate International Women's Day, Friday, March 6 with a free concert from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, downtown, and again Saturday, March 7 at 8 p.m. with a \$10 admission that includes an international dinner at the Urban Grind Coffeehouse, 2214 N.E. Oregon.

**Jam Session** -- Come enjoy the smooth and soulful sounds of the Kirk Green Band every Sunday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Club 720, located at 720 S.E. Hawthorne. The jam session and open mic is from 9-10 p.m. All professional musicians are welcome! For more information, call 503-234-7738.



**MDA Stride and Ride** -- On March 7, over 150 walkers and people using wheelchairs and scooters will participate in the 6th annual MDA Stride & Ride to benefit local individuals and families coping with muscle diseases. This event is a family-friendly walk and features entertainment. Registration will be at the Nordstrom court inside Lloyd Center at 8 a.m. The victory walk will begin at 9 a.m.

**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



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stumptownstages.com or call the box office at 503-381-8686.

**World Forestry Center** -- The World Forestry Center is celebrating bananas with Banana Mania discount day on Saturday, March 14 from 11 a.m. -- 4 p.m. Admission for the day will be discounted. Bananas will be distributed to the first 300 people. There will also be banana puppet crafts, story telling, and balloon art. For more information, call 503-228-1367

**American Classic** -- 'Brighton Beach Memoir,' 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, continues through Sunday, March 8 at the Firehouse Theater, 1436 S.W. Montgomery St.

**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!

**Irish Festival** -- Get 'Irish' with a few thousand of your best friends at the 19th annual Kells Irish Festival. The celebration takes place over five days, beginning Friday, March 13 to St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday, March 17. Guests will enjoy Irish food, entertainment and bevs. Kells is located at 112 S.W. Second Ave.

**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.

**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.

**Comedy** -- Curious comedy presents Are We There Yet? or Don't Make Me Turn This Country Around. Performances on Friday, March 6, and Saturday, March 7 at 5225 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Curious Comedy Theatre is a non-profit comedy theatre that seeks to improve the lives of the Portland community through the art comedy.

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"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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