



Jesse Vasquez brings his talent and passion for painting to Culture Night, Friday, March 27 at the Center for Intercultural organizing, 700 N. Killingsworth.

## Arts and Culture Night

Join newcomer artists and performers for Culture Night, Friday, March 27 at the Center for Intercultural Organizing office, 700 N. Killingsworth.

Co-sponsored by Colored Pencils Arts Collective, the Center of Intercultural Organizing, and the Latino Network, the event is open to people of all ages. Admission is \$3.

Culture Night debuted in February with artworks by up-and-coming painters and photographers from Asian, African, Arab, European and Latino backgrounds.

Open mic features cultural dance and song, as well as poetry and prose readings from a host of writers.

"We're a group of newcomers, poets, artists and like-minded people of all colors who gather together once a month to sing, read poetry and perform in our native languages," said Portland artist Nim Xuto, a native of Thailand.

This month's featured artist is Jesse Vasquez, a newcomer from Mexico who works as a day laborer. Before coming to the States, Vasquez was a painter by trade. Bringing his talent and passion for painting, he obtained work to paint murals, street signs and work on Native American designs.

An artist reception and networking begins at 5:30pm, and open mic starts at 7 p.m.

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



## Rose Garden Concert Date Set

Music legends Earth Wind & Fire will be performing in Portland July 18 at the Rose Garden. Tickets went on sale Monday. The performance will include the legendary band Chicago. The same two groups, teamed up for a concert series five years ago that was phenomenal.



The classic group Al Andalus bridges cultures from East to West.

## Reed Hosts 'Baghdad' Concert

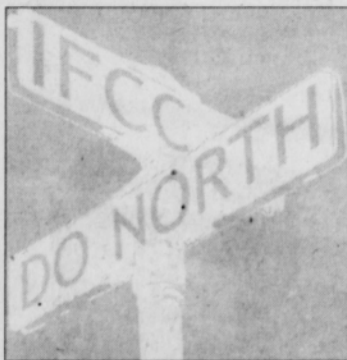
The international Al Andalus Ensemble headlines the classical concert "Baghdad" on Saturday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Kaul Auditorium at Reed College, 3203 S.E. Woodstock Blvd.

Renown as a premiere bridge between East and West musical cultures, Al

Andalus embodies a new vision of America as a modern society that embraces its cosmopolitan, cultural heritage. The word Al Andalus comes from a time when Christians, Jews and Muslims lived in peaceful co-existence (Spain 711-1492).

The Reed performance is dedicated as a memorial to all the people whose lives were lost or destroyed in the "war on terror." Grief, forgiveness and healing are all focal points for the evening that also serves to herald the return of spring and foster new beginnings.

## Do North Celebrates Community Artists



The third annual "IFCC Do North" community arts celebration kicks off on Last Thursday, March 26 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave.

Dozens of artists from north and northeast Portland, working in all mediums, from sculpture and painting to poetry, are featured in this free exhibit. Your vote will help decide three awards to these

talented neighbors.

Two lifetime achievement honors will also be awarded at a Do North gala that will include live performances by local artists on Sunday, March 29, from 6 pm. to 9 p.m.

The exhibit is open to the public through April 25, Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays, from noon to 4 p.m.

## Montel to Host Radio Show

The Air America radio network has signed a multi-year deal with talk show host, author, entrepreneur and humanitarian Montel Williams to host "Montel Across America," debuting April 6 on stations across the country, and

and insatiable quest for knowledge."

"After being on television for more than 17 years, I'm looking forward to engaging in lively conversations and interacting with the American public," said

Williams. "Air American is providing me with the perfect environment to do this everyday from New York City, as well as reporting from cities around the world as a traveling correspondent."



Montel Williams

streamed live online at [airamerica.com](http://airamerica.com).

"We're extremely pleased to be able to add such a talented, passionate voice to our programming line-up," said Bill Hess, Air America executive. "This program will give Montel an outlet to do what he does best - reach people with his probing questions

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