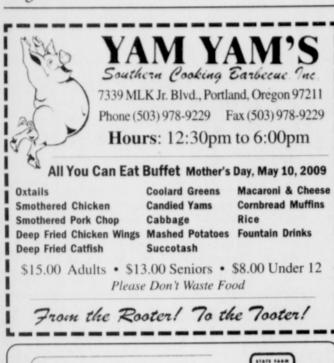
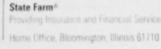
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## Excitement Builds for Multicultural Fest

'Good in the Neighborhood' planning

Thousands of community residents will celebrate diversity, culture, and neighborhood unity during the 17th Annual Good in the Neighborhood Multicultural Music and Food Festival, which is an annual celebration in late June that highlights the cultures of Northeast Portland community, the most multicultural area in Oregon.

"The festival honors, and pays tribute to, the many cultures within this nation and within the community of north and northeast Portland," said Cheryl Roberts, the committee chairwoman for the event.

"This year we are looking for new and upcoming musical talent, aspiring entrepreneurs, and community resources to stimulate jobs or other economic opportunities within our neighborhoods," Roberts aid. "This east Portland.

has been a difficult year to raise help make this year's Festival a new wave gospel artists." success."

community, despite the eco- noon to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Good In the nomic downturn cities

neighborand hoods throughout the nation are challenged with," Roberts said. "Aligned with President Obama's goals, we must all work to unite communities during these

uncertain times." The Festival unites neighbors, while fostering new and supportive relations, stimulates economic opportunities, and provides access to community resources in north and north-

"We will feature dance money to support local events troupes to celebrate Mexican such as Good in the Neighbor- and Cambodian cultures," Robhood, therefore we are asking erts said. "And we have music local businesses to provide that honors the cultural heritage donations of \$100 and up to of jazz, rhythm and blues, and

The free and open to the pub-"It is an exciting time for our lic festival will be held from

June 27 and from noon Neighbox to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 28 at King School Park, which is located in the od 4800 block of Northeast

Sixth Avenue. On Friday, June 26, the festival will host a Networking Opportunity

from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the King School Park. Live music, courtyard food, and sponsor recognitions will set the tone for the evening.

McMenamin's fine wines will be featured in the Beer & Wine Garden.

On Saturday, June 27, thousands will march along northeast Portland streets as part of the annual Good in the Hood Parade. Businesses and neighbors are encouraged to join in the celebration of community culture, accomplishments, and endurance.

Each year, thousands of Oregon and Washington residents attend the festival, which began in 1992 as an outreach effort to showcase the Northeast Portland community. Each year, the festival has grown.

The festival will feature some of the Northwest's finest entertainers, ethnic cuisine, spoken word artists, clowns, face painters, and a "Kids Space" area with fun activities for children.

"It will be a fun time for people of all ages," Roberts said.

For more information about becoming a table or food vendor, local sponsor, or entertainer at the 2009 Good in the Neighborhood Festival call 503-282-1288 or visit the website at goodintheneighborhood.org.

**Dance Halls** Show at IFCC

#### Tucked within our neighborhoods we have an amazing number of "dance halls." Many built in the 1920s, they spoke to cultures, rich within our community.

The history of these entertainment venues are contained in the exhibit, "Once upon a time in Portland, we danced," an art show by Judith Lea Yelvington that opened last week at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center in north Portland.

Images of dance and music by the artist are accompanied by historic photos and stories of dancehalls and ballrooms in Portland gathered by **David Edwards** 

## **Saxophonist Joins Jazz Festival**

New York saxophonist Antonio information, Hart, one of the world's finest jazz saxophonists, will perform at the 31st annual Northwest Jazz Band Festival,

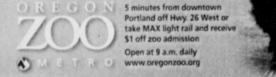
to be held on the Mt. Hood Community College Gresham Campus Saturday, May 9. Hall will take the stage at 5 p.m. at the MHCC gymnasium with the MHCC Jazz Band under the direction of music instructor Susie Jones. Admission is free.

visit www.jimmymaks.com. The third local performance is Satur-

day, May 9, from noon to 1 p.m. at the **MHCC Vista Dining** 



Admission is free. The Northwest Jazz Band Festival is a competitive school event held annually on the MHCC Gresham Campus. Approximately 90 bands from Oregon, Washington, California and Nevada attend each year, bringing approximately 2,000 visitors to Gresham.



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Visitors to the show are invited to share their own tales of dance and music in the halls of Portland's storied past, at the round table discussion on Saturday, May 16. The show runs for a month.

Judith has studied and showed her work at the Art Students League and the Craft Student League in New York City as well as participating for 20 years in the Washington Square Outdoor Art Exhibit.

Live Jazz -- Every Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Third Degrees Lounge at the RiverPlace Hotel, 1510S.W. Harbor Way. No cover or minimum purchase. For more information, visit pdxjazz.com.

Get Intimate with Storm Large -- Storm Large brings here in-your-face sexuality, raw musical talent and breathtaking emotional honesty to Portland Center Stage in the autobiographical world premier musical Crazy Enough, now playing through June 7 in the Ellyn Bye Studio at the Armory, downtown.

Hip Hop Concert -- "The Cool Nutz Celebration of the Miracle B-Day Bash: with Todd G, DJ Fatboy, Vursatyl of the Lifesavas, and Mania Lok takes place Thursday evening, May 7 at Berbati's Pan.

Jefferson Dancers -- The Jefferson Dancer will share their incredible energy and talents on the home front when they perform spring concerts, May 6, 7, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. and on May 9 at 2 p.m. at the Newmark Theater, downtown. Tickets are available at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts box office and from Ticketmaster outlets.



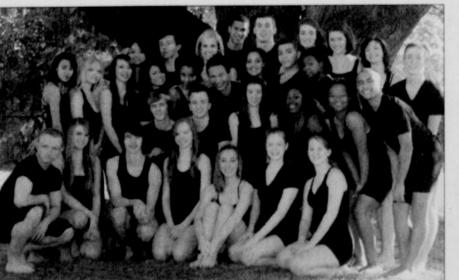
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Kirk Green Jam Session -- Come enjoy the smooth and soulful sounds of the Kirk Green Band every Sunday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Club 720, 720 S.E. Hawthorne. The jam session and open mic is from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. All professional musicians are welcome.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



Totally Gospel II -- Pen-

insula Open Bible Church, 8225 N. Peninsula, hosts all styles of gospel, country, and contemporary music with host Riny Horst each Friday night from, 7:30 p.m. --9:30 p.m. For more information, call 503-335-3132.



Hart will also delight audiences with two other local performances on Friday, May 8, at 8 p.m. at

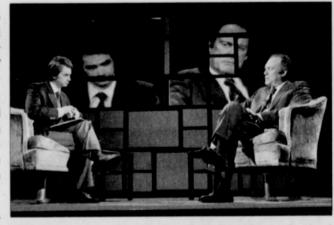
Antonio Hart

town Portland with MHCC alumni Tim Gilson, Gary Hobbs and Tony Pacini. Admission is \$10 at the door. For more clinics.

The public is encouraged to attend the festival's free concerts and music

Pink Martini and the Oregon Symphony -- Newly added concert for Portland's Globe-Trotting Salon, 923 S.W. Washington St., will take place Tuesday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 503-228-7343.

Music Millennium Free Shows -- The Music Millennium, 3158 E. Burnside, hosts in-house live performances. Enjoy free music and the opportunity to meet artists. Call 503-231-8926 for a schedule.



The Media vs. the President -- Portland Center Stage presents Frost/Nixon, the play that became the Oscar-nominated film, about the conversation between David Frost and Richard Nixon that changed the media's relationship to the presidency. Shows run through Sunday, May 10.

Zoo Buck Tuesdays -- On the second Tuesday of every month, the Oregon Zoo hosts 2-Buck Tuesdays when guests can tour the zoo for the discounted price of \$2 per person.

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.

OMSI After Dark -- OMSI 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.