

## Maxwell Back with New CD

Maxwell may appear smooth and suave onstage, but he says it's all just an act.

The soul singer says he's actually insecure — so a concert tour last fall helped boost his confidence about releasing a new album.

Maxwell says going on the road also gave him a lot of inspiration for his new material.

His CD is titled, "BLACKsummers'night." It is due to be released July 7. It's Maxwell's first album in almost 10 years



Maxwell

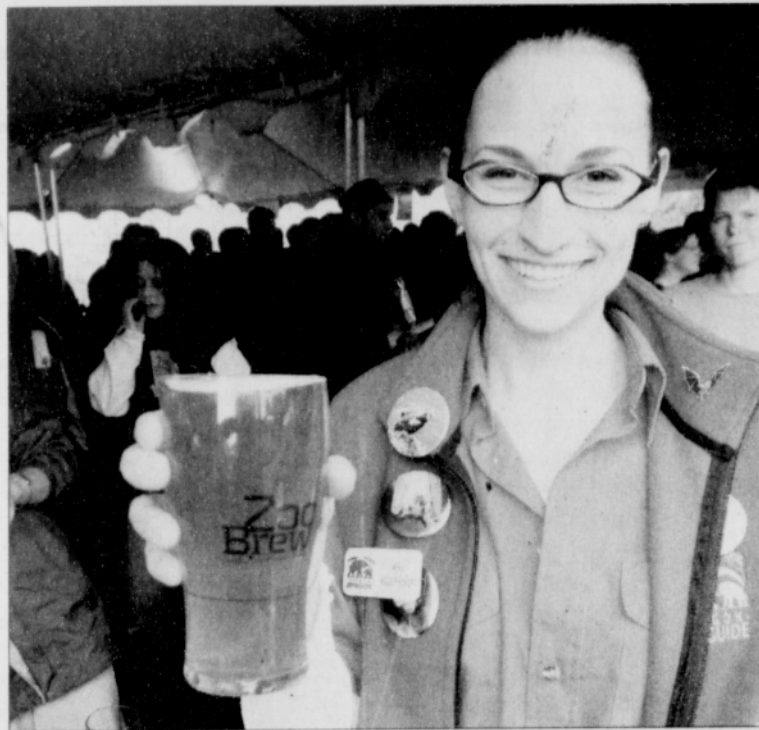
## 'Zoo Brew' Taps Local Talent

The best beer in the Northwest will combine with one of the greatest bands ever to come out of Oregon, the Crazy 8s, for Zoo Brew, Friday, May 29, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Oregon Zoo.

The recently reunited rock band of the 1980s and '90s, will provide the microbrew festival's soundtrack, playing live on the zoo's main stage as attendees sample beers from more than 20 local microbreweries.

The festival supports the zoo's award-winning education programs and provides new veterinary equipment.

Tickets to Zoo Brew are \$25 and include a commemorative glass and 10 tokens. Only guests 21 and over will be admitted.



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## Love, Wit and Folly

Actors from Portland's Re-Theatre Instrument create an extraordinary theatrical experience by presenting both the classic and a contemporary adaptation of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, with shows continuing through June 6 at Brunish Hall at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts. For tickets, visit [retheatre.org](http://retheatre.org) or call 603-790-ARTS.

## Art for Africa Benefit

The Springbox Gallery, 2234 N.W. 24th Ave., hosts an Art for Africa benefit on Saturday, May 30 at 6 p.m. to raise money to provide quality education to underserved indigenous children in rural Tanzania.

Proceeds from the second annual event helps the Indigenous Education Foundation of Tanzania, a non-profit grassroots organization co-founded by Portland resident Ashley Holmer.

Guests and donors will be welcomed with food, wine, beer and refreshments as they browse through the artwork of Springbox artists, participate in a silent auction and raffle, enjoy live music, Maasai handcrafts, and more.

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**Rose Festival** -- The Portland Rose Festival Waterfront Village is in full swing at Waterfront Park. The Starlight Parade is Saturday, May 30, also downtown. The Grand Floral Parade is Saturday, June 6 starting at 10 a.m. from Memorial Coliseum to downtown. The Queen's Coronation precedes the Grand Floral parade at 8:30 a.m., also at Memorial Coliseum.

**Northeast Farmers Market** -- The new Portland Farmers Market in the King Neighborhood at King School Park take place each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Sept. 27.

**Bay Area Hip Hop** -- A fresh new hip hop sound from the Bay Area, "The Pack," will perform with Illaj and DJ Automation at Backstage, 115

## ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

**Gospel Choir Spring Concert** -- De La Salle North Catholic High School presents its Gospel Choir Spring Concert, Thursday, May 28 at 7 p.m. at the University of Portland's Buckley Auditorium. Free admission.

**Portland's Dance Halls** -- The history of Portland's dance halls, many built in the 1920s, is the subject of the art show "Once Upon a Time in Portland, We Danced" at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center in north Portland.

**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 28 in the Ellyn Bye Studio at the Armory, downtown.

**Best of National Geographic** -- Powerful portraits that reflect the continuity of human experiences over time are on display in the exhibit "In Focus: National Geographic's Greatest Portraits," at the World Forestry Center Discovery Museum at Portland's Washington Park through June 21.

**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.

**OMSI 2009 Film Festival** -- Sixteen remarkable, thought-provoking films designed to celebrate the IMAX experience will be shown through June 28 as part of the 2009 OMSI Film Festival.

**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.

**Comedy at Miracle Theater** -- The Shrunken Head of Pancho Villa, a raucous and unpredictable satire, currently is on stage with English language shows through Saturday, May 30 at Miracle Theater, 525 S.E. Stark St.

**Mars on Broadway** -- Susannah Mars, Portland's first lady of musical theater, will be the special guest as the Portland Gay Men's Chorus romps through some of the greatest musical moments from Broadway, for one night only, June 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Tickets can be purchased on line at [pdxgmc.org](http://pdxgmc.org).

**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.

**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](http://omsi.edu).

**Totally Gospel II** -- Peninsula 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.

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