

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



The central plaza of the World Forestry Center at Washington Park is transformed into an African Market for the Day of the African Child, a celebration of diversity.

Forestry Center Honors Diversity

With crafts, activities and events

The World Forestry Center and Harambee Centre at Washington Park in southwest Portland will celebrate Day of the African Child, a unique day where people from all cultures and backgrounds can come together to celebrate diversity.

On Saturday, June 27, from 10 a.m. -5 p.m., the World Forestry Center's Central Plaza will be transformed into a colorful African Market and the Discovery Museum will have crafts, activities, and events.

Admission of \$5 per person gives visitors the opportunity to enjoy shopping at the African Market as well as explore the World Forestry Center Dis-

covery Museum. Visitors can shop for one-of-a-kind gifts and traditional African dress, listen to upbeat and fun music, and taste exotic flavors from traditional African food vendors.

Crafts for children and demonstrations for adults include mask making, head wrapping, and henna painting. This event is great for people of all ages who want to embrace diversity and experience daily life in another part of the world.

The World Forestry Center is a nonprofit educational organization. Their mission is to teach about forests of the world and environmental stewardship.

The Harambee Centre is also a nonprofit whose mission is to connect the people of the Pacific Northwest with the people and cultures of Africa. Harambee means "let's pull together" in Kiswahili.

Asian American Film Festival

The DisOrient Asian American Film Festival of Oregon will be hosting its first event for the Portland community with two screenings on Friday, June 26 at the Hollywood Theatre in northeast Portland.

After four successful festivals in the Eugene area, DisOrient is excited to bring these independent Asian American films to Portland.

The engaging documentary "Manilatown is in the Heart" will begin at 7 p.m. It runs about 60 minutes and will be followed by a question and answer session with the film's Portland-based director Curtis Choy.

The charming feature narrative "White on Rice" will follow at 8:45pm. It too will be followed a Q & A session with the film's director Dave Boyle.

DisOrient was started by a group of Asian American educators and activists who dedicated themselves to combating stereotypes by bringing honest representations of Asians to the silver screen.



Joy Osmanski and Hiroshi Watanabe star in 'White on Rice,' a charming narrative film coming to the DisOrient Asian American Film Festival, Friday, June 26 at the Hollywood Theatre.



Army Band Ushers in Fourth

Oregon Zoo visitors can get a jump on Independence Day and help the zoo celebrate 50 years at its current location on Wednesday, July 1, with an evening of patriotic music from the 234th Army Band. The concert, free with zoo admission, is part of the zoo's 2009 summer concert series presented by NW Natural. "The Oregon Zoo and the 234th Army Band are both such beloved local institutions," said Krista Swan, the zoo's event coordinator. "I can't think of a better way to kick off our '50 Years Here' celebration and help usher in the Fourth of July."

Sharing a Passion Filmmaker Opens Exhibit

New York based African-American filmmaker and award winning photographer Deborah Marciano will open an exhibit with an Artist's Tea on Last Thursday, June 25 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave.

Marciano will share her deep connection to the community of Lalibela, Ethiopia. Her work fuses her passions for photography and urban affairs by capturing skirting images of Lalibela residents and events.

Stunning and compassionate photos highlight the natural beauty and culture that resonates in the midst of heart-wrenching poverty. The photography is not only artistically exciting but her life journey and growing relationship with the people of Lalibela are also a work of art.

Find out more and meet this artist and activist at her IFCC opening. The exhibit runs through July 25, Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m.



'Young Beauties' of Lalibela, Ethiopia, by African American photographer Deborah Marciano.

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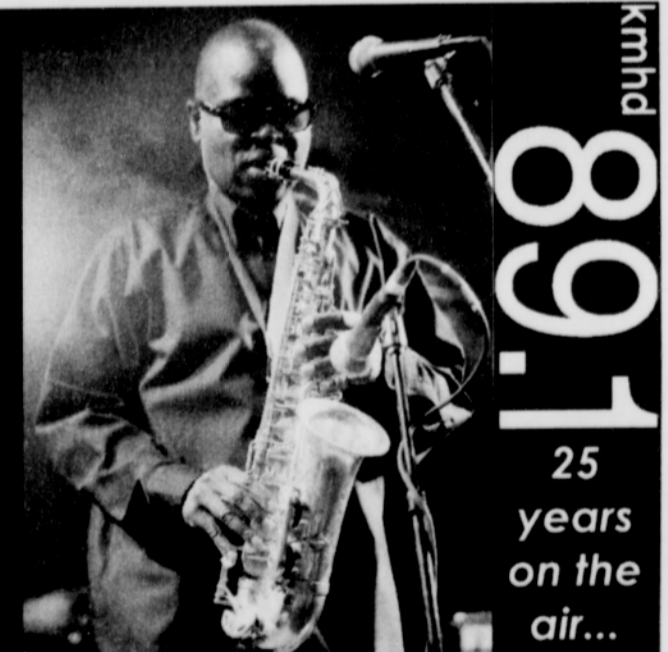
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