

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Disney's Newest Princess

Gumbo of adventure set in New Orleans

A joyous gumbo of adventurous storytelling, captivating characters, offbeat comedy and memorable music is featured in the all-new "The Princess and the Frog," an animated comedy set in the great city of New Orleans.

From the Walt Disney creators of "The Little Mermaid" and "Aladdin" comes this modern twist on a classic tale, featuring a beautiful girl named Tiana (Anika Noni Rose), a frog prince who desperately wants to be human again, and a fateful kiss that leads them both on a hilarious adventure through the mystical bayous of Louisiana.

Everyone knows the story in which a princess finds true love



The Princess and the Frog opens in theaters nationwide Friday, Dec. 11.

by kissing a frog that magically turns into her handsome prince. In this telling of the story, the girl still kisses a frog, but the result is quite different; it's only one of dozens of surprises in

this mix of wacky humor, thrills, melody and emotion.

The voice cast for "The Princess and the Frog" features a varied and renowned troupe of actors, including Tony Award

winner Anika Noni Rose, Bruno Campos, Keith David, Jim Cummings, Jenifer Lewis, Michael-Leon Wooley, John Goodman, Terrence Howard and Oprah Winfrey.

Holiday Ale Festival

-- Pioneer Courthouse Square, downtown, hosts the Holiday Ale Festival, Wednesday, Dec. 2 through Sunday, Dec. 6. Event organizers say the craft ales of choice are designed to fend off the cold chill of a long winter night.

Colored Pencils Night -- Known as Portland's multicultural living room, Colored Pencils is moving to City Hall for December's First Thursday. The Dec. 3 event from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. will mark the one year anniversary for the organization and will feature arts, crafts, and Thai cuisine.

Ruin to Redemption -- The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave., has extended "Ruin to Redemption," through Dec. 19. The interactive exhibit chronicles the harrowing experiences and triumphant turnarounds of ex-convicts and former gang members who be-



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came successful artists in Hollywood.

Holiday Soul -- Jimmy Moks presents Holiday Soul with Patrick Lamb, featuring special guests Ian Jame and Liv Warfield, Friday, Dec. 18, with two shows at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by visiting ticketsoregon.com or jimmymoks.com.

Norman Sylvester Band -- Local jazz great Norman Sylvester performs Wednesday, Dec. 2, Friday, Dec. 11 and Saturday, Dec. 12 at Tillicum in Beaverton; Thursday, Dec. 3 at the 720 Nightclub on Hawthorne; and Friday, Dec. 4 and Thursday, Dec. 17 at the Candlelight. For a complete schedule, visit normansylvester.com.

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

Predators of the Serengeti

-- Come hear the roar as the Oregon Zoo shows off its newest and most ambitious exhibit with three African lions and other animals that are home to the Serengeti.



Totally Gospel II -- Peninsula Open Bible Church, 8225 N. Peninsula, hosts all styles of gospel, country, and contemporary music with host Riny Horst on Friday, Dec. 4 and every other month on the first Friday night from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For more information, call 503-335-3132.

From Farm to Cup -- The World Forestry Center at Washington Park takes a look at the powerful influence of coffee on environments, human cultures and economies worldwide in a special traveling exhibit "Coffee: The World in Your Cup," running now through Jan. 10.



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