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Beats from the Congo and Carolinas

'Zoo Tunes' show kicks off season

With new spins on traditional music from the Congo and the Carolinas, the Oregon Zoo kicks off another globetrotting season of "Zoo Tunes" shows Wednesday, July 7, with the Carolina Chocolate Drops and Konono N°1.

The zoo's summer concert series, presented by Northwest Natural, features 19 shows running through September. "ZooTunes" shows focus on an eclectic variety of acts from around the world.

The Carolina Chocolate Drops — Don Flemons, Rhiannon Giddens and Justin Robinson — met at North Carolina's esteemed Black Banjo Gathering in 2005 and have been exploring the beautiful music of the Carolinas' Piedmont region ever since.

Using everything from fiddles, banjos and snares to kazoos, jugs and bones, the Chocolate Drops bring old-time American string-band music up to date to produce a sound brimming with history and smarts.

Konono N°1, from the suburbs of Kinshasa, Congo, are described locally as a "tradi-moderne" band.

With a distinct repertoire of musical instruments, including three electric likembés, makeshift percussion instruments such as car parts, handmade microphones built from magnets, and a megaphone sound system, Konono N°1 has put its own spin on Bazombo trance music by seamlessly integrating once-un-



Konono N°1 uses makeshift instruments and microphones from recycled car parts to transform traditional Bazombo trance music.



The Carolina Chocolate Drops, who perform with everything from banjos to bones, will appear at the Oregon Zoo, Wednesday, July 7 as part of the zoo's summer concert series presented by NW Natural.

wanted sound distortions into their hypnotic performances.

Advance tickets for the Carolina Chocolate Drops and Konono N°1 are available online or at the zoo for \$14.50. Ticket price includes zoo admission. Remaining tickets will be available at the zoo after 4 p.m. on the day of the performance.

Zoo's Discount Prices Change



Samudra the elephant enjoys playing in his watering hole at the Oregon Zoo.

The admission price for the Oregon Zoo's popular Second Tuesday discount program will go from \$2 to \$4, beginning Tuesday, July 13. Children under 3 will continue to be admitted free.

The zoo began its reduced-admission program in 2004, offering discounted tickets on the second Tuesday of each month to make the zoo accessible to as many people as possible. The nominal increase will help relieve budgetary pressures brought about by a slow economy.

"We remain committed to providing a reduced admission program," said Kim Smith, Oregon Zoo director. "Unfortunately, the economic times we live in are having an unprecedented impact on our budget."

Smith encourages visitors to use public transportation on Second Tuesday and thereby take advantage of the zoo's additional discount program.

"If people take a TriMet bus or MAX to the zoo, they can take an additional \$1.50 off their \$4 admission. Getting into the zoo for \$2.50, while helping the environment is a win-win."

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