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Zoo Series Turns Soulful

International hitmaker LeRoy Bell and Portland favorite Tahoe Jackson will bring a little bit of soul to the Oregon Zoo Wednesday, Aug. 11 as part of the zoo's summer concert series presented by NW Natural.

Bell broke onto the music scene as a songwriter in the late 1970s, teaming with partner Casey James to create hits for groups like the Spinners, Temptations and O'Jays. In 1979, Bell & James scored a gold record under their own name with "Livin' It Up (Friday Night)," and also gave Elton John his last Top 10 single of the '70s, the Grammy-nominated "Mama Can't Buy You Love."

These days, Bell is known as much for his mellow, earthy voice as for his songwriting. His band, playfully named "His Only Friends," features bassist Terry Morgan and drummer Davis Martin.



Tahoe Jackson

Opening the show is Portland local Tahoe Jackson, whose passionate live performances and voice earn her frequent comparisons to R&B legend Etta James.

Jackson combines soul standards with her own serene melodies for an always-captivating performance. She will be joined by band the Trojan 7.

Advance tickets for the concert are available online or at the zoo for



LeRoy Bell

\$10.50. Ticket price includes zoo admission. Remaining tickets will be available at the zoo after 4 p.m. on the day of the performance.

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Concert on the Lawn at



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- An evening of music and conversation with Michael Harrison, Friday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. on the lawn in the Grotto's upper level gardens. Tickets in advance only at thegrotto.org or by calling 503-254-7371.

Community Fun -- The family-friendly and multi-cultural PROPER Festival is held Saturday, Aug. 7, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at McCoy Park in north Portland. Activities include a basketball tournament, live art and entertainment, networking booths, a puppet show and free food.

Providence Bridge Pedal -- You're invited to take in the Willamette River bridges -- including the top decks of the Fremont and Marquam bridges -- from the best possible vantage point: the seat of a bicycle. With bike rides from 3 to 36 miles, as well as a 6-mile walk, the Sunday, Aug. 8 event offers choices for everyone. For information, visit bridgepedal.com.

Rock 'n' Roll Legend -- Levon Helm brings his distinctively soulful and country-tinged voice to the Oregon Zoo's summer concert series, Thursday, Aug. 8. Helm shot to rock stardom in 1965 with the Band -- then known as the Hawks.



Outdoor Arts Festival -- "Art in the Heart" is downtown Vancouver's annual outdoor festival of the arts, taking place on First Friday, Aug. 6 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and again on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thirteen galleries will be participating.

Norman Sylvester Band -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band perform Thursday, Aug. 5 at Clyde's; Friday, Aug. 6 at Tualatin in the Commons; Saturday, Aug. 7 at Spirit Mountain Casino; Sunday, Aug. 8 at the Elephant Garlic Festival; and both Thursday and Friday, Aug. 12 and 13 at Clyde's.



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Mel Brown Live -- Portland jazz giant Mel Brown performs at Salty's on the Columbia every Friday and Saturday night. Known as the "Gentleman of Jazz," Brown has a career spanning over 40 years.

Chance McKinney -- Chance McKinney and CrossWire will bring their special blend of country, rock, metal and soul to the Ponderosa stage at Jubitz Travel Center in north Portland for two consecutive evenings Friday, Aug. 6, and Saturday, Aug. 7, starting at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Road to Equality Exhibit -- Clark County Historic Museum presents the exhibit, Road to Equality: the Struggle for Women's Rights in the Northwest. The museum is located at 1511 Main St. in Vancouver. For more information, call 360-993-5679.

King Farmers Market -- The King Farmers Market is back each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 31 at Northeast Seventh Avenue and Wygant Street, adjacent to King School Park. Food stamp users can receive up to \$10 in matching tokens.

St. Johns Farmers Market -- The St. Johns Farmers Market takes place each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Johns Plaza through Sept. 25. About 24 vendors sell fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy, honey and more.

Mom's Dream and Fate -- based on the real-life account of burlesque star Gypsy Rose Lee, the musical Gypsy tells the story of a mother's unflappable desire to see her daughters become stars. Plays at the Lakewood Theater Co. in Lake Oswego through Aug. 22.

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.

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.

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