

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



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"Raq in the New Year" will be a festive night to shake off your

troubles and start anew. The band will perform music from the recent CD, *Just Do What's Right*, and host a belly dance show with Justina, Latifa and the unpredictable and exciting dance troupe, Offbeat Belly Dance led by

Karissa.

The Brothers of the Baladi are noted as a band that covers musical styles from Arabic, Turkish, Persian, Reggae, Global Rock and Latin in addition to their own original stylings.

Graceful Names Art Exhibit

"Graceful Names," an art exhibit at Littman and White Galleries at Portland State University, downtown, will feature the work of locally-based artist Kanaan Kanaan and highlights the 99 names of Allah (God) as tiles, each with intricate detail and vibrant

color.

The show opens Thursday, Jan. 6 and will continue throughout the month; there also is an artist's reception on Thursday, Jan. 13 and an artist's lecture, focusing on contemporary Islamic art, on Thursday, Jan. 21. All are

open to the public.

The event is co-sponsored by the Arab American Cultural Center of Oregon; the Institute for Christian-Muslim Understanding; the Iraqi Society of Oregon; Middle East Studies Center, PSU; and Muslim Educational Trust.

Benefit Holiday Choir Fest

Human Solutions' Epiphany Choir Fest will bring an uplifting afternoon of Christmas music to friends and families on Sunday, Jan. 2 at 3 p.m. to benefit homeless families served by Human Solutions'

Daybreak Shelter and other programs.

The 9th annual event will be held at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 11560 S.E. Market. Eleven local church choirs, plus a bell choir, will

perform their best Christmas anthems, and the combined choirs will perform the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah*.

The concert is free and everyone is welcome.

Kwanzaa at Portland City Hall

Diverse and Empowered Employees of Portland invites you to celebrate Kwanzaa during a special event at City Hall.

The employees will honor Ujamaa, the fourth of seven principles of Kwanzaa which focuses on Cooperative Economics: To build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together.

The free and open to the public event will feature drumming by Art Alexander and Caton, music by DJ Calvin Kyles, spoken word recitations by Renee Mitchell and Antoinette Edwards, catering by Le Sous Chef, Muffin Batiste, and a libation ceremony by Joyce Harris.

The celebration takes place on Wednesday, Dec. 29 from 5 p.m. to

7 p.m. in the City Hall Atrium.

Kwanzaa, the African American and Pan African holiday, is celebrated from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1. Rooted in the first harvest festivities of Africa, Kwanzaa is derived from the Swahili phrase "matunda ya wanza" meaning "first fruits," and began in the U.S. as a weeklong celebration of family, community and culture.

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"Special Service" Our own Bishop H. L. Hodge in concert, February 13, 2011 at 3:00pm in Luther Hall on Concordia campus. Everyone is invited!!!

Location: Sunday worship starts back — [January 2, 2011] Concordia University Campus 2800 NE Liberty (The GRW Library, room 303) Portland, OR. 97211

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