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Chuck Berry Resting at Home

84-year-old legend fell ill during show

(AP) -- Chuck Berry, who fell ill with exhaustion and was escorted from stage during a Chicago concert on New Year's Day was resting on Monday at his suburban St. Louis home.

The 84-year-old performer did not require hospitalization and Berry's friend, Joe Edwards, said he appeared to have fully recovered.

"I think it was just exhaustion," Edwards said, noting that Berry played two shows in New York on New Year's Eve, then flew to Chicago where he played at the Congress Theater on Saturday night.

"I think by the time the concert in Chicago got near the end he just got tired," he said.

Berry's agent, Dick Alen, said that the singer "feels tired but good."



Chuck Berry

Edwards said Berry is feeling well enough to prepare for a Jan. 19 concert at Blueberry Hill in University City, Mo. Berry has performed monthly concerts at the popular bar and restaurant that Edwards owns since 1996.

"He's in great shape," Edwards said of the singer of early rock classics such as "Johnny B. Goode," "Sweet Little Sixteen" and "Roll Over Beethoven."

"He's very healthy. He doesn't smoke or drink. He cuts his own grass," Edwards said.

A man who attended the Chicago concert said Berry gave an

erratic, out-of-tune performance before he was helped offstage. After a few minutes he came back, thanked the crowd and gave a brief description of what happened, then did a few steps of his famous "duck walk" before calling it a night.

Berry still sings, plays guitar and performs the duck walk during his performances, despite his advancing years.

Edwards said the shows at Blueberry Hill sell out every month with visitors coming from around the world to see him perform.

When Berry's friend and collaborator Johnnie Johnson — the inspiration for "Johnny B. Goode" — died in 2005, Berry told reporters he would miss his friend but wasn't melancholy.

"My turn is coming very soon," Berry said at the time. "Would you shed a tear for Chuck? I hope not, because I don't see why one should weep when something inevitable must come."

Graceful Names Art Exhibit

"Graceful Names," an art exhibit at the Littman and White Galleries at Portland State University, will feature the work of locally-based artist Kanaan Kanaan and highlights the 99 names of Allah (God) as titles, each with intricate detail and vibrant color. Show opens Thursday, Jan. 6 and continues all month.

Community Multicultural Film -- The film "Great, Great, Great Grandparents Music," a portrait of three generations of Jeli (West African musicians, singers, dancers and carriers of collective knowledge and culture), focuses on the ancient system of cultural transmission through sharing, respect and humor. Admission is free. Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 5 p.m., North Portland Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St.

Last Polar Bear exhibit -- At the World Forest Center Discovery Museum, photographer Steven Kazlowski documents the devastating urgency of global warming's impact on the Arctic in the photo exhibit, The Last Polar Bear: Facing the Truth of a Warming World. Show runs through April 3.



Murals Exhibit -- The exhibit "Walls of Heritage, Walls of Pride: African American Murals," showcasing murals from Portland artists and all over the country takes place at the Oregon Historical Society through Feb. 13.

Norman Sylvester Band -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band performs Friday, Jan. 7 at the West Linn Saloon; Friday, Jan. 14 at Clyde's; and Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Cascade Bar & Grill in Vancouver.

Explore What Makes You Tick -- OMSI's new highly interactive exhibit "Identity: An Exhibition of You" explores the physical, psychological and social ele-

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ments in your life and challenges our notions of personal identity.

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.

Tinker Toy Inspiration

Tinker toys are bigger than ever at the Portland Children's Museum where a "Build Your Imagination" exhibit is now underway through Jan. 23. Giant replicas of the classic Tinker toy construction set provides for fun and educational activities targeted to children ages 3-10.



Discount Admission -- OMSI visitors pay only \$2 per person for general admission on the first Sunday of each month as well as discounted admission of \$5 to the Planetarium, OMIMAX Theater and USS Blueback submarine.

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.



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