

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Marie (Claire Craig-Sheets) and Werther (Daniel Buchanan) are together again in 'Out of Eden,' a production of Opera Theater Oregon coming to the Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 N.E. Alberta St.

## Cuddle Up for Valentine's Day

This Valentine's Day (and week), Opera Theater Oregon invites you to cuddle up with your sweetie, a vodka gimlet and some candy cigs for a romantic evening at the cinema, circa 1955. The gimlet comes from the bar at the Alberta Rose Theatre - the cigs from the lovely, wandering cigarette girl, and the entertainment from another time.

"Out of Eden," OTO's world premiere adaptation of Jules

Massenet's tragic opera 'Werther' (1887), mixes opera, archival news footage, projections, painted backdrops and original film of the on-stage performers to create a living 1950s Hollywood melodrama.

The play tells the story of an American GI, missing in action, who returns home from the war to find his sweetheart in love with another man - a man whose dark secret threatens to destroy them all.

The 15-piece Opera Theater Or-

gon Technicolor Orchestra, under the baton of OTO Musical Director Erica Melton, provides lush accompaniment for this tale of passion, treachery and lost innocence.

Performances are Feb. 11, 12, 14, 16, 17 and 19, at 7:30 pm at the Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 N.E. Alberta St. Minors are okay when accompanied by a parent or guardian. Tickets are available by visiting the website [albertarosetheatre.com](http://albertarosetheatre.com) or calling 503-427-8201.

## Lush Harmonies, Cool Grooves

Latin jazz vocalist Jessie Marquez will get the Valentine's Day weekend warmed up when she sings about love and longing from her new CD, *All I See Is Sky*, Friday, Feb. 11 at Jimmy Mak's, 221 N.W. 10th Ave.

Marquez brings lush harmonies and cool grooves that blend Cuban, Brazilian and pop sounds, Produced by pianist Clay Giberson (Upper Left Trio, *Go by Train*) and bassist Phil Baker (*Pink Martini*, *Diana Ross*), the release combines intimate, understated vocals and a rich, textured soundscape.

Marquez displays a poetic sensibility in both English and Spanish. While her themes revolve around love and longing, her soothing voice is a balm for any heart.



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