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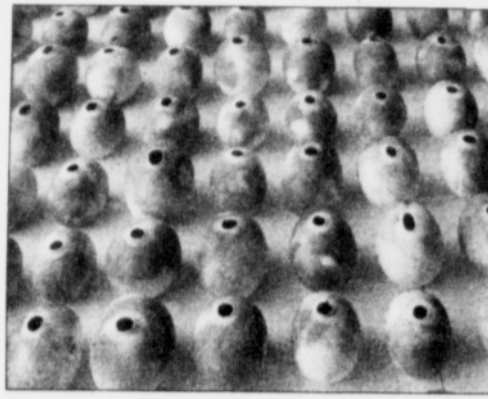
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Festival of African Films -
 - Portland Community College's Festival of African Films honors Black History Month with screenings and special events through March 5. For complete listings and more information, visit africanfilmfestival.org.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

through Feb. 20 at the Newmark Theatre, 1111 SW Broadway. The world premier musical captures all of the droll humor and whimsy of the wildly popular books by Doreen Cronin and Harry Bliss.



Differences and Similarities -- 'Collective,' an arts project by Portland ceramist Hsin-Yi Huang, was conceived as a means to explore how individuals blend

conformity and individuality to function in an interconnected and interdependent society. Her works are on display at the Portland building, 1120 S.W. Fifth Ave., through Friday, Feb. 11.

African American Read In -- Concordia University invites the community to hear local celebrities and leaders read works from their favorite African-American writers at the 15th annual African American Read in, Sunday, Feb. 13 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hagen Campus Center.

Ladies with the Blues -- Ethos Music Center at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center presents "Billie's Blues—Tonight at Mama's Jam" and "No More Pity Party Blues." The audience is taken back to New York in the late 1930s and witness to the struggles and self-discovery of the great Jazz vocalist Billie Holiday. Friday, Feb. 11 through Sunday, Feb. 12. "Sherman: A Jazz Opera" will be showing on the weekends of Feb. 18-20 and Feb. 25-27. For more details, visit ethos.org.



Norman Sylvester Band -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band performs Friday, Feb. 11 at Clyde's; Friday, Feb. 18 at Spirit Mountain Casino; and Saturday, Feb. 19 at the Cascade Bar and Grill in Vancouver.

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 Sunday, Feb. 13.

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.

Children's Musical -- Oregon Children's Theatre presents Diary of a Worm, a Spider, and a Fly, now playing

Black Pioneers Host Celebration -- Commemorating local histories and contributions, the Oregon Northwest Black Pioneers invites the community to join in celebrating Black History Month at the organization's annual fundraising Gala Celebration to be held on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 7:15 p.m. at the Salem Conference Center, 200 Commercial Street SE. The red carpet event will feature a social hour beginning at 6 p.m. For tickets and information, call Willie Richardson at 403-540-4063.

Mysteries of Ancient Egypt -- Through cutting-edge modern technology, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry will take visitors on a journey back in time to experience the mysteries and wonders of ancient Egypt in the new exhibition "Lost Egypt: Ancient Secrets, Modern Science," now playing through May 1.

Outdoors Comes Indoors -- A fishing pond will delight kids, and the whole family will enjoy the latest outdoor toys, tools, tips and gadgets at the Pacific Northwest Sportsmen Show and Sport Fishing Boat show, opening Wednesday, Feb. 9 and continuing through Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Portland Expo Center.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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