

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Events Pack Calendar for Art Week

PCC festival is free and open to the public

Portland Community College's largest weeklong festival dedicated to the arts is ready for its 24th season.

The 2011 Art Beat Festival at Portland Community College is a celebration of the arts from Monday, May 9, through Friday, May 13, at all of the college's major comprehensive campuses.

Art Beat covers visual art, dance, music, literature and theater, featuring more than 80 events around the PCC district. The 24th annual Art

Beat Festival is free and open to the public. Parking at all PCC campuses also is free during the festival.

"Art Beat reflects Portland Community College's dedication to its students and to the larger community," said Kristin Bryant, Sylvania Campus Art Beat chair and composition and literature instructor. "This celebration involves local artists as well as PCC student and faculty creations, including presentations, demonstrations, performances and workshop. The variety of events is truly amazing."

This year's featured artist is Marie Watt who taught for nine years at the Sylvania Campus, is a multidisciplinary artist who lives and works in Brooklyn, New York, and



Art Beat Festival featured artist Marie Watt.

coming totem pole to Sylvania in 2000, earned a master's degree in Fine Arts in Painting and Printmaking from the Yale University's School of Art and a bachelor's degree in Communications and Art/Art History from Willamette University.

Working with carved cedar, cast bronze and collected wool blankets, Watt draws from indigenous design principles, oral traditions and her personal experiences.

Coming to Portland from his home in Taiwan, award-winning guitarist Seiko Tsai will perform from 1 to 2 p.m., Monday, May 9, Auditorium, Moriarty Arts and Humanities Building, Cascade Campus.

Tsai will also have a night performance from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Monday, May 9 at Performing Arts Center on the Sylvania Campus.

For a complete listing of all of the Art Beat artists and events, visit artbeat.pcc.edu.

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Her cornerstone work, "Susan B. Anthony with Woodland Influences," is Art Beat's featured piece. Watt, who helped bring the wel-

Ladies First Fashions, Art, and Music Expo

The LadiesFirst Fashion, Art, and Music Expo, an all-female showcasing of Portland's leading ladies in the fashion, art, and music industries, takes place Saturday, May 7 between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the T & A Center, 300 N.E. Multnomah.

The show will be produced by

GoodTyme Entertainment, a Portland event planning and promotions company and sponsored by 360 Degrees Unlimited.

The lineup will feature a fashion show, performances, silent auction, and vendors. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Oregon food Bank and the Rock Camp for Girls.

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