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# ENTERTAINMENT

# Zoo Amps Up for Sizzling Summer Concerts

## **Diverse series** will feature 20 shows

The Oregon Zoo will be sporting a powerhouse calendar of shows this summer, as it gears up for its 33rd year of popular outdoor concerts.

Oregon Zoo Summer Concerts, presented by Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon

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will feature 20 shows from June through August, with an impressively diverse offering of world- Lewis & the News. class artists.

Ma Rainey's Black Bottom -- Julianne Johnson stars in the Portland Playhouse production of Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, a play about the legendary blues

singer known for both her music and her attitude. The story by Pulitzer Prize playwright August Wilson is set during the Chicago Black Renaissance. Shows have been extended through the month of May, at Portland Playhouse, 602 N.E. Prescott St.

The Go-Go's will bring their "Ladies Gone Wild" tour to Portland Aug. 13 as part of the Oregon Zoo's summer concert series. The series will feature 20 shows from June through August. Tickets are now on sale.

The 2011 series kicks off with blues legend Taj Mahal and Joan Osborne on June 23. Other notables in this year's lineup include Grammy winner Peter Frampton, AfroCubism (the hottest band out of Cuba), Aimee at all Ticketmaster ticket cenwith support from U.S. Bank, Mann, the Go-Go's, Chris Isaak, the Indigo Girls, k.d. lang, Los Lobos, Brandi Carlile, and Huey

standing summer tradition for music-loving Portlanders and visitors alike," said Kim Smith, zoo director. "People crave the combination of long-awaited warm evenings and top-notch music in a unique and truly Portland setting. Where else can you take in shows like these and interact with wildlife at the same time?"

Tickets went on sale last week. They may be purchased in person at the zoo or can be purchased (with service charge) ters, online at Ticketmaster.com and by phone at 800-745-3000.

For more information and a full summer concert schedule, "Our concerts are a long- visitoregonzoo.org/concerts.

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Ave. Events include a behind-the scenes tour of OPB studios, a prize wheel spin, and y live musical performances by Tony Furtado and Vagabond Opera.

Queer Pride -- The Queer Resource Center of Portland State University is throwing a free pride party, Dawn of the Day of the Living Queer, Friday, May 19 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Park Blocks by Smith Memorial Student Union. Event includes a resource fair, workshops, and music by Tender Forever, Play/Start, and NO/HO/MO.



Call the box office at 503-205-0715 or visit portlandplayhouse.org.



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Tuesday-Saturday 11am - 7pm Sunday 1pm - 6pm

Friday the 13th -- What better way to celebrate than with Scream at the Beach, a frightening place full of fun, food, entertainment, and a mental hospital haunted house! The one-night event is Friday, May 13, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Jantzen Beach SuperCenter. Admission is \$20. Visit screamatthebeach.com for details.

St. John's Parade -- Bring friends and family to watch floats, bands, drill teams, and horses at the 49th annual St. John's Parade. The festivities begin at noon Saturday, May 14 on North Lombard Street in St. Johns. For details and a route map, visit stjohnsparade.com or call Barbara Legge at 503-515-1287. To volunteer, contact information@stjohnsparade.com.

### Ethos Theatre -- Compass Repertory Theatre's presen-



tation of 'Tis Pity She's a Whore' will shock mores and prissy tastes with an almost 400 year old play about incestuous love: an obsessed boy intent on getting what he

wants: a girl, wise yet captive to the passions of men. Play runs through May 29 at the Ethos Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave. Shows are Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20; and \$10 on Thursdays. Call 1-800-494-8497 or visit compassrep.org.

Open House at OPB -- Meet your favorite OPB TV and Radio personalities including Clifford the Big Red Dog

IMAX Film -- OMSI's largest IMAX Film Festival, now open through June 26, will highlight 24 giant motion pictures including the heart-warming new hit



Born to be Wild, narrated by Morgan Freeman, the film looks at orphaned orangutans and elephants and the extraordinary people who rescue and raise them. Tickets are \$8.50 Adults, \$6.50 Youth/Senior and \$1 less for OMSI members. Visit www.omsi.edu/filmfestival, for movie schedule and specials.

King Farmers Market -- For a third season of farmfresh produce, baked goods, meats, cheeses, seafood, and other specialty foods, visit the King Farmers Market on the intersection of Northeast Seventh Avenue and Wygant Street in the parking lot adjacent to King School Park. Now open Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Oregon Children's Theatre -- Set sail on a musical adventure in How I Became a Pirate, showing Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. through May 22 at the Winningstad Theatre, 1111 S.W. Broadway. Tickets are \$19-\$26 for adults and \$16-20 for children and seniors. Call the box office at 503-228-9571 or visit ticketmaster.com.

