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Sharing the Wonders of Creativity

Portland Open Studios tour enriches lives

Have you always been curious about what moves an artist to work in the way that they do? Let the artists of Portland Open Studios indulge your curiosity with its annual tour of artist studios on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8-9, and next weekend, Oct. 15-16.

The not-for-profit educational group sponsors the tour as a way to enrich lives and inspire creativity by giving the public the opportunity to interact with local artists at work within the context of their studios.

Visitors can see up-cycled wearable fashion, watch molten glass or fine porcelain stretch into a vessel, imagine a landscape moments before it is painted, peer through layers of silk-screened band posters, and much more.

Art lovers of all ages and walks of life can discover new materials, learn about ancient techniques, and share the wonders of creativity with friends and family.

Tickets for two are \$15 or \$5. A \$15 full-color tour guide comes with images of artworks, coupons, and an opportunity to win prizes. Included is a fold-out map with contact info and directions to the studios. Children under 18 are free. A \$5 map-only ticket is also available, with directions and contact information for all artists.

The tour guides are available from participating artists, including Art Media, New Seasons, Muse, Powell's, Portland Center for the Performing Arts, and other outlets.

For more information visit the website at portlandopenstudios.com.

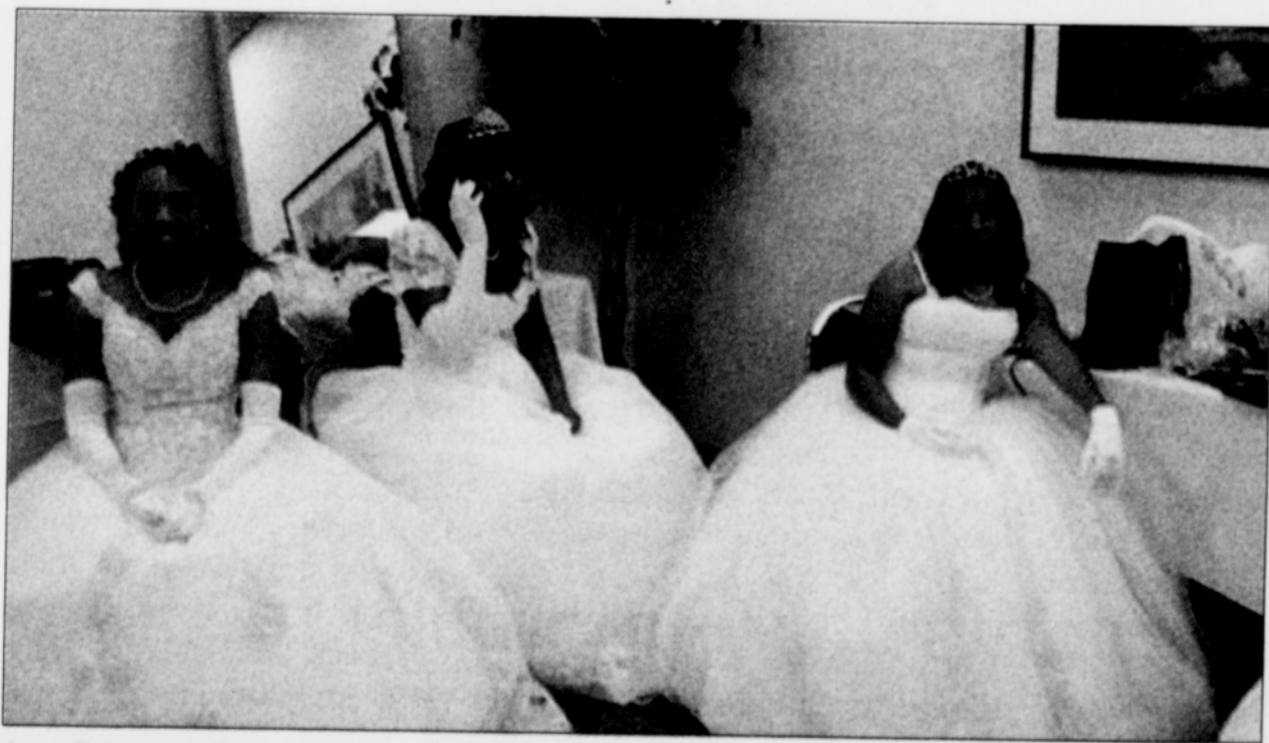


(Above) Giving a shout out to this year's Portland Open Studios tour are many of the 100 artists who will open their studios to the public.



(Left) A vibrant portrait of jazz and blues great Little Richard is one of the works of Diane Russell, a participating local artist in Portland Open Studios.

Young Women Reaching for Success



Les Femmes Debutantes back stage at the group's 60th anniversary ball last June.

Invites out for Les Femmes open house

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The popular and in high demand Les Femmes Debutantes Youth Program will hold its free annual open house at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9 at the Emanuel Hospital Lorenzen Center Auditorium.

Les Femmes promotes academics, social achievements, mentorship, and life-long success for girls in grades of 6th through 12th. The young women, along with their parents, guardians, family members, mentors and community members at large are invited to attend the open house.

The honorable Les Femmes tradition puts academics first, while promoting cultural, civic and community involvement and leadership. Among the infinite accomplishments that the organization plants and harvests in the lives of youth and young adults, is the promotion of a lifetime of achievement.

The group's activities such as peer partnership, character development, social workshops, service learning, networking and academic and collegiate workshops are some of the topics that will be showcased during the open house.

In service to youth for over 60 years, Les Femmes has always been dedicated to

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