

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Workshops Inspire Literary Arts

The non-profit organization Write Around Portland, in honor of their 13th year of service, will offer free writing workshops on Saturday, May 5, from 10-12 p.m., to engage the community in the literary arts.

The free, two-hour creative writing workshops are held to inspire new people in the literary arts right where they live, work and convene.

Although Write Around Portland traditionally holds workshops in partnership with social service agencies for people living in poverty, dealing with illness or experiencing isolation, the Saturday WRITE! workshops are open to everyone.

The workshops will be held at Eastminster

Presbyterian Church, 12505 NE Halsey Street; Oregon Jewish Museum, 1953 N.W. Kearney St.; Mercy Corps, 45 S.W. Ankeny St, with one lesson facilitated in American Sign Language; and Miracle Theatre, 537 S.E. Stark, where the event will be facilitated in Spanish.

To register for workshops at Mercy Corps, Oregon Jewish Museum, and the Eastminster Presbyterian Church, call 503-796-9224 or email saturdaywrite@writearound.org. To register for the Miracle Theatre workshop, email sabado@writearound.org.

Journals, pens and light snacks will be provided.

Afrique Bistro Benefit --

Afrique Bistro, 102 N.E. Russell St., opens its doors each last Saturday of the month to raise donations for the African Women's Coalition. Great Caribbean and African music along with good drinks and fun people, 9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. \$10 at the door.

Screen-Free Week -- It's the week you and your family turn off the TV and computer and engage in healthy, movement activities. Community centers run by Portland Parks and Recreation are holding special programs and activities for Screen-Free Week, April 29 through May 6.



Creations from LEGO Blocks

-- Playing with LEGO blocks is taking on a whole new meaning to visitors at the Oregon Museum of Industry. The Art of the Brick exhibition features large-scale sculptures created out of LEGO toy building blocks by well-known artist Nathan Sawaya. Exhibit will be open to OMSI visitors through Sunday, April 29.

Fundraiser Faire for Last Thursday -- Alberta Rose Theater, 1476 N.E. Alberta St., hosts a day and evening of entertainment to support Friends of Last Thursday, on Sunday, April 29, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Activities for kids and the whole family include music, juggling, kids' crafts, slam poets and the Wanderlust Circus and Friends.

Norman Sylvester Band

-- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band perform Friday, April 27 at the Old Church; Friday, May 4 at the West Linn Saloon; and Saturday, May 12 at the Blue Diamond.



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.

Portland Saturday Market -- Portland Saturday Mar-

ket in Old Town/Chinatown, the largest arts and crafts market in continuous operation in the United States, has over 350 vendors and is open every Saturday and Sunday through Christmas Eve at 2 S.W. Naito Parkway.

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.



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.

Humor Night -- Awesome comedians perform stand-up, sketch, and more at the weekly Recurring Humor Night every Wednesday night at Tonic Lounge, 3100 N.E. Sandy Blvd. Pay as you wish, \$3-5 donation suggested. Show is 21+.

OMNIMAX: Flying Monsters -- For audiences of all ages, OMSI's new IMAX film, Flying Monsters, takes viewers to a prehistoric world. The world's leading naturalist Sir David Attenborough sets out to uncover the truth about the giant flying reptiles whose wingspans of up to 40 feet compare to that of a modern jet plane.

Discount Tickets -- Local low-income families and individuals can purchase \$5 tickets to classical musical performances in Portland as part of a unique program called Music for All. Participating organizations include the Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera, Oregon Ballet Theater, Chamber Music Northwest, Portland Youth Philharmonic, Portland Baroque Orchestra, Friends of Chamber Music, Portland Chamber Orchestra, Portland Piano International, Portland Symphonic Choir, Cappella Romana and Portland Vocal Consort.

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.

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