

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Art and Culture Night

Colored Pencils group celebrates

Celebrate the coming together of Portland's diverse communities of all abilities at Colored Pencils Arts and Culture Night, scheduled for Friday, June 29 at the Oregon Historical Society, 1200 S.W. Park Ave., downtown.

The mission of the Colored Pencils Art and Culture Council is to uphold the dignity of all people by creating an artistically and culturally rich environment where everyone feels safe to express their uniqueness.

Honoring the founding tribes of Oregon, a Native American performance will start off the evening. Two performances by recent émigrés from Mexico and Zimbabwe will follow to continue to connect the past to the breadth of Portland's newcomer experiences.

Singer and songwriter Edna Vazquez spent her first 16 years in Jalisco, Mexico. Since coming to the



Chido Dhliwayo

States, Vazquez has pursued her music career, writing songs and performing at various venues throughout Oregon, as well as in nationally televised shows and contests.

Chido Dhliwayo, an international

student from Zimbabwe, will present a native dance. When not performing, Chido is focused on learning business skills that will one day prove useful in helping development in her home country of Zimbabwe.

Art and Culture Night begins with a reception at 5:30 p.m. Odessa Too will cook up traditional African-American cuisine, and will offer

small bites for sale. Spoken word and musical jamming by old and new, young and old, begins at 6 p.m.

No admission cost for elders or students. Suggested donation for all others is \$10. For more information, visit coloredpencilsart.com.

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Summer Concerts Open with the B-52s

Party band to kick off zoo series

With 35 years of live shows under their belts and more than 20 million records sold, rock icons the B-52s will kick off the Oregon Zoo's

achieved their biggest commercial success on 1989's "Cosmic Thing," which spawned the signature smash "Love Shack," as well as hits like



The B-52s, celebrating 35 years of performing, will open the Oregon Zoo summer concert series on Friday, June 22.

2012 summer concert series, presented by Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon with support from U.S. Bank, on Friday, June 22.

Named for the soaring beehive hairdos often favored by singers Cindy Wilson and Kate Pierson, the B-52s played their debut gig at a friend's house on Valentine's Day 1977. "Rock Lobster," their first single, became an underground sensation the following year, and several hit records later, the B-52s

"Roam" and "Deadbeat Club."

Along with the B-52s, the zoo concert series will be showcasing a variety of world-renowned artists — from reggae superstar Jimmy Cliff to blues legend Buddy Guy to hometown heroes Pink Martini — before finishing in mid-September with a performance by classic-rock favorites Chicago. Other notables this year include Ziggy Marley, Melissa Etheridge, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, k.d. lang and Rosanne

Cash.

For more information and a full schedule, visit www.oregonzoo.org.

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