

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



The annual Mississippi Avenue Street Fair returns to the historic Boise Neighborhood on Saturday, July 14.

Mississippi Street Fair Saturday

North Mississippi Street from Fremont to Skidmore streets will once again be packed with thousands of people for the annual Mississippi Avenue Street Fair on Saturday, July 14 from 10-a.m. to 9 a.m.

The all-ages event will include four stages of music, plus a kids' stage.

A community-building event that celebrates the neighbors, businesses and organizations that make their home in the Missis-

sippi Avenue neighborhood, the street fair honors history and tradition while embracing diversity and sustainability.

The street fair is sponsored by the Historic Mississippi Avenue Business Association and the Boise Neighborhood Association. Part of the proceeds goes to Boise-Eliot Elementary and the Albina Youth Opportunity School.

Over 75 volunteers help put on the party that will attract tens of thousands of people. The event is

closed to vehicular traffic. Participants are encouraged to take transit, ride your bike or carpool.

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of Parkrose and the Jewish and Italian communities, which existed in south Portland before it was demolished for economic development projects.

The exhibit also includes an interactive program 'Not Everyone's Paradise', which is a section that examines the lives of those seemingly disenfranchised, including the homeless, the mentally ill, elderly, and drug addicted. "We try to tell their stories too," said Johnson.

The public often perceives museums as dusty old places with a

bunch of dusty old objects that you might find in grandmas attic, said Johnson. "But Oregon Historical Society is now becoming a place where you can really engage and interact with these objects and with our own stories. Oregonians can come to this building and interact with their own history in ways that is really exciting."

For more information about the creation of the exhibit, hours and the Oregon Historical Society, visit ohs.org.

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