

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

# Rehearsals Begin for Huge Line Dance



**White Bird taps 150 dancers of all backgrounds**

Kicking off its 15th anniversary season, White Bird is producing *Le Grand Continental*, choreographed by acclaimed Montreal choreographer Sylvain Énard, and danced by 150 non-professional volunteer dancers from the Portland region.

Rehearsals are now underway at the Expo Center in north Portland. This will be the West Coast premiere of an exciting line dance, infused with contemporary movement that incorporates the rhythms of country, techno, cumbia, waltzes, and R&B.

It will be the largest dance event ever held in Pioneer Courthouse Square. Two free 30-minute performances are scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 30, at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

White Bird is bringing *Le Grand Continental* to Portland as a thank you to the community for 15 years of support. *Le Grand Continental* celebrates the diversity of Portland by bringing together individuals of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds.

Participants will rehearse twice a week for the next two months at the Expo Center.

PHOTO BY CAROLYN CAMPBELL

Rehearsals for "Le Grand Continental," started last week at the Expo Center. The White Bird dance series production will use 150 non-professional volunteer dancers from the Portland area.



Ravi Coltrane

## PDX Jazz at Jimmy Mak's

PDX Jazz @ Jimmy Mak's presents Blue Note Records Recording Artist Ravi Coltrane on Wednesday, Aug. 8 with shows at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The New York Times calls Coltrane an unflappable tenor and

soprano saxophonist. The one night only quartet performance also features David Virelles on piano, Dezron Douglas on bass, and EJ Strickland on drums.

Jimmy Mak's is located at 221 N.W. 10th Ave., downtown.

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