

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

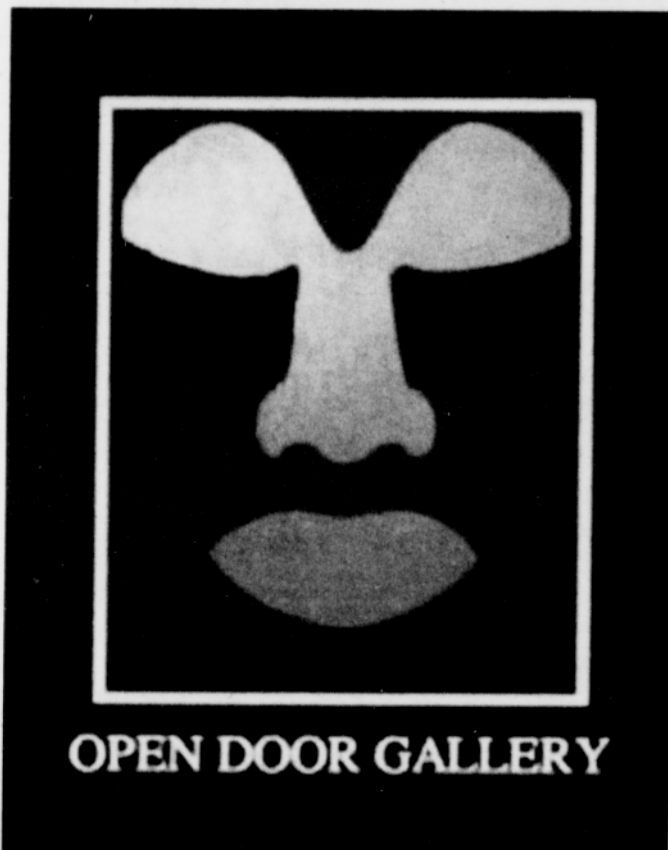
Art on the Boulevard

Holiday weekend festival at McCoy Academy

The first annual Art on the Boulevard Festival, presented by The Open Door Gallery at the McCoy Academy, 3802 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., will be held over the Labor Day weekend, Friday, Aug. 31 through Monday, Sept. 3, from noon to 6 p.m.

The festival is a fundraiser for a free Saturday arts program based in the community.

Highlights of the event include performances by local artists and the unveiling of Bobby Foucher's commissioned paintings for the Regional Arts and Culture Councils permanent works collection. The performing artists will include Janice Scroggins and guests, Toni Hill, Gauri Raj, Blue Azul, Cameron



Whitten, Lady Rose, Blacque Butterfly and many more. Brenda Phillips will also perform via skype from Atlanta, Ga., and Tessa Raiford will host the Sunday Tea@Three

program.

Foucher has dedicated his career to inspiring youth in the greater Portland area and beyond to discover and cultivate their natural artistic ability. He is a second-generation visual and performing artist and native Oregonian known for his dedication to arts education.

His goal is to recreate a centrally located place for making art in our community. He hopes the festival will inspire those within the community to join him in creating an environment that supports and promotes artistic talent.

For more information on the Art On The Boulevard Festival, or how you can support the "Open Door Gallery," contact Bobby Foucher at 503-422-3076 or bobbyfoucher@yahoo.com.



Bridgeport Goes for Something Wicked

Portland's BridgePort Brewing has released its newest fall seasonal brew.

The aptly titled, "Witch Hunt," is a spiced harvest ale with an intense dry hop character that is finished off with hints of cinnamon and nutmeg.

"With all of the pumpkin ales that come out in the fall, we wanted

to try something a little different," said Bridgeport Brewmaster Jeff Edgerton. "This is still a beer that you can enjoy alongside the comfort foods of fall but the spice flavors are subtle enough that you can have more than just one in a sitting without being overwhelmed."

Classical Music for All Ages

Free waterfront concert set for Thursday

One of Portland's favorite annual events—the Oregon Symphony's free Waterfront Concert—is set for Thursday, Aug. 30.

Each year thousands of people of all ages pick their spots on the grass beside the Willamette River at Tom McCall Waterfront Park, bring their blankets, their families and their picnics to help Music Director Carlos Kalmar and the Oregon Symphony kick off the symphony season in spectacular Portland fashion.

This year the Symphony is pleased to share the summer spotlight once again with the Portland Youth Philharmonic, led by Music Director David Hattner, who takes the stage at 5 p.m., and the Oregon Ballet Theatre which will perform the Black Swan pas de deux from Swan Lake (featuring dancers Yuka Iino and Brian Simcoe) during the symphony's 7 p.m. concert.

The festivities conclude with the traditional grand finale — Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture complete with military cannons from the Oregon Army National Guard 218th Field Artillery. Immediately following the 1812 Overture we'll light up the skies with an elaborate fireworks



Classical music takes center stage for a free concert by the Oregon Symphony on Thursday, Aug. 30 at Tom McCall Waterfront Park, downtown.

display, a signal to everyone in Portland that the season has begun.

Special thanks go to the Waterfront Concert's generous sponsors: the City of Portland, the Regional Arts and Culture Council, NW Natural, Boeing, KOINTV and KINK fm.

Patrons who bring lawn chairs

are urged to bring only chairs that sit low to the ground in order to preserve sightlines for those patrons behind them. The evening's concert program will once again be available via smartphones, with each piece of music announced from the stage.

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