

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Children's Theater Grows Reach

Portland's Northwest Children's Theater and School has acquired the Young Players, an after-school drama program that provides theater education to Portland area schools.

Representatives said the merger increases the reach of NWCT's already robust theater education department and ensures the continued growth and success of the popular Young Players after-school drama club.

The combined programs will reach over 70 schools in the first year, with a goal of reaching 100 schools by year three.

Interested parents and educa-

tors can find out more about Young Players and other NWCT programs at nwcts.org/youngplayers. Registration is now open online with the first after-school classes beginning on Oct. 2.

The Northwest Children's Theater and School has acquired the Youth Players, a local after-school drama program. Pictured is the NWCT production of Roald Dahl's The BFG (Big Friendly Giant.)



Benefit Concert at Madeleine

L'Arche Portland will host its second annual benefit concert, featuring Julianne Johnson and Michael Allen Harrison, on Saturday, Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Madeleine Parish, 3123 N.E. 24th Ave.

Johnson shines in a wide range of musical genres, such as jazz, R & B, Motown, Broadway, gospel, and blues. Harrison touches his audience with his passionate renderings of jazz and classical piano.

L'Arche Portland is a community of people with and without developmental disabilities. It differs from conventional group homes in that caregivers live as family with adults with developmental disabilities. The arrangement creates a culture of equality, founded on a belief in the unique value of every person and our need for one another.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.



Julianne Johnson



Michael Allen Harrison

Arab Heritage Festival Saturday

Mahrajan, the largest celebration of Arab heritage and culture in Oregon, takes place Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Sylvania Campus of Portland Community College, Performing Arts Center lobby and courtyard.

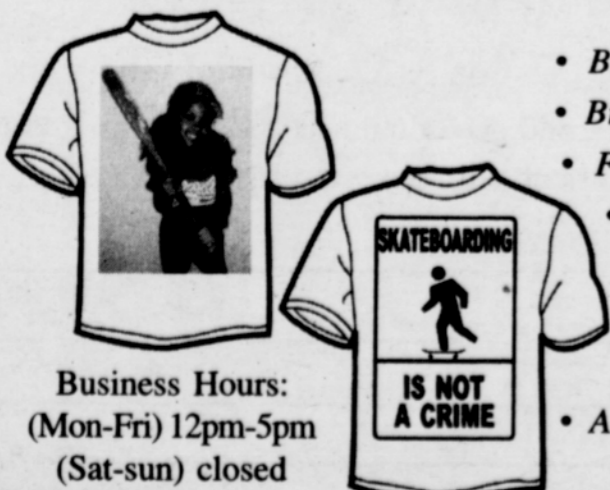
This day-long, alcohol-free, and tobacco-free event showcases the arts, entertainment, food, traditions, and most importantly, the spirit of Oregon's Arab-Americans and their contributions to Oregon's cultural landscape.

Hosted by the Arab American Cultural Center of Oregon, the celebration will feature delicious Arab cuisine, Arabic coffee, tea and refreshments. An Arab bazaar will have arts and crafts, henna painting, cooking demonstrations, an art show, music and dancing. Other activities will include a fashion show of Arab attire from throughout the Middle East, children's activities and a raffle for prizes.

An entrance fee donation of \$5 is requested.

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