

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



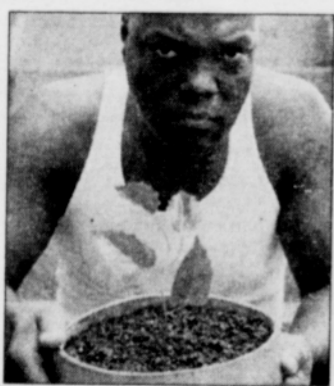
Soaking Up the Holiday Spirit

Veyoncé Ratcliff as "Marie" and Collin Trummel as "Fritz" in Oregon Ballet Theatre's 2011 production of George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker*. The popular and annual holiday event has returned to Keller Auditorium. Shows continue through Saturday, Dec. 22. For more information, visit obt.org.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Holiday Magic Theater -- Lakewood Theater Company presents the popular holiday show *The Peppermint Bear Show: Who Needs Sneeds?* Two performances on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at the Lakewood Center for the Arts in Lake Oswego. Reservations are required by calling 503-635-3901.

Classic Holiday Favorite -- Stumptown Stages presents "It's a Wonderful Life," a new musical adaptation of Frank Capra's classic film. Performances continue through Sunday, Dec. 23 at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts, 1111 S.W. Broadway. For tickets, visit ticketswest.com.



Dramatic African-American Play -- *King Hedley II* by August Wilson features Emmy Award-winning Oregon Shakespeare Festival actor Peter Macon. Performances continue through Dec. 30 at Portland Playhouse, 602 N.E. Prescott St. Tickets are \$15 to \$35 and available at

the box office, by calling 503-205-0715 or visiting portlandplayhouse.org

Irving Berlin's White Christmas -- Lakewood Theater Company presents a reprise production of last year's holiday hit, Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*. Now playing through Sunday, Dec. 23 at the Lake Center for the Arts, 368 S. State St. in Lake Oswego. For tickets, call 503-635-3901.

RACE: Are We So Different? -- A new exhibit about the science of human variation at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) challenges visitors to consider race in a new light. Open through Jan. 1, the national exhibition tells the story of race from biological, cultural and historical points of view.

Tsunami Artifacts on Display -- Two pieces of the massive 201 ton dock that was washed away from a city on Japan's northeast coast by the devastating March 2011 tsunami and that landed on Oregon's Agate Beach this past June have now arrived at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland. The two metal boat tie offs are on display in the "Treasures of the Vault" exhibit through Dec. 30.



The Santaland Diaries -- A cult anti-holiday comedy classic with a new Crumpet the Elf in tow plays through Dec. 31 at Portland Center Stage. Tickets available at 503-445-3700 or pcs.org.

Beloved Magical Tale -- Revel in the enchantment of the holiday season in the sparkling forest of Shakespeare's most beloved magical tale. Portland Center Stage's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is now playing through Sunday, Dec. 23 at Portland Center Stage.

The Mightiest Wind -- The 50th anniversary of the most disastrous weather event to hit Oregon, the Columbus Day Storm is being commemorated with "The Mightiest Wind," a new exhibit that runs through Jan. 6 at the Oregon History Center, downtown.

Mel Brown Live -- Portland jazz giant Mel Brown performs at Salty's on the Columbia every Friday and Saturday night. Known as the "Gentleman of Jazz," Brown has a career spanning over 40 years.

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