

# Concerts Honor Black History

## Lunch time events at US Bank locations

PDX Jazz, the presenting organization of the U.S. Bank Portland Jazz Festival, presented by Alaska Airlines will celebrate Black History Month with lunch time in-branch performances Wednesday, Feb. 6 through Friday, Feb. 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Three duos comprised of current and former Portland State University students are set to perform.

Jazz Guitarist Grant Saylor from Portland, and Jon Letts, a bass player from the city's vibrant jazz scene, kick-off the series on Wednesday at the U. S. Bank Main Branch, 321 S.W. Sixth Ave.

On Thursday, Feb. 7 at the Unico Building, 111 S.W. Fifth Ave., the concert will feature Ben Zuelsdorf, an up and coming pianist living in the Portland area who graduated from Portland State University's jazz program, and Cary Miga, a bass player who has studied under bassist Andre St. James and trumpeter Thara Memory.

On Friday, Feb. 8 at the Martin Luther King Branch of U.S. Bank, 5505 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., the lunch time series will feature Portland native and tenor saxophonist Marc Hutchinson, and Ben Graves, a local jazz and classical guitarist who performs regularly as a solo guitarist, bandleader, accompanist and sideman in a wide variety of jazz, Latin, classical and R&B/soul ensembles.

## Postal Service Honors Rosa Parks

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At one point, officials cleared the vehicle and allowed Deputy Postmaster General Ronald Stroman — who as a young lawyer worked on Conyers' staff while Parks worked at Conyers' Detroit office — to sit on the bus by himself.

The Rosa Parks Forever Stamp went on sale Monday

and was part of a series of events scheduled throughout the day to honor her.

Stroman looked around the bus and gathered his thoughts before saying: "It's such a powerful experience to be actually in the seat that Rosa Parks sat in. It's almost emotional — very overwhelming to be here."

The Parks stamp is the second in a set of civil rights stamps being

issued this year by the U.S. Postal Service.

USPS launched the series Jan. 1 with the Emancipation Proclamation Forever Stamp, which was issued at The National Archives in Washington. In August, the series will culminate with the dedication of a stamp recognizing the 50th anniversary of the historic March on Washington.

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