

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Gospel Singers Reach Out



The University of Oregon's Gospel Singers ensemble will present "Reaching Out," a pair of benefit concerts in Beaverton with proceeds to support the ensemble's upcoming performances in the People's

Republic of China.

Reservations are required for the 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. concerts on Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Valley Lutheran Church, 17625 N.W. Cornell Rd. Visit the website, music.uoregon.edu/

gospel.

In recent years the UO Gospel Singers have been grabbing hearts, not to mention headlines. The singers are back-to-back national champions at the Disney Gospel Choir

The University of Oregon Gospel Singers will perform two benefit concerts on Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 17625 N.W. Cornell Rd. Reservations are required.

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The Gospel Singers plan to introduce their form of classic Americana through performances at two Chinese universities and a performance hall, as well as a concert at the Great Wall of China.

All funds raised at the Feb. 23 concerts will help cover the costs of international airfare, Chinese student visas, and bilingual tour guides.

Celebrating our Cultures

Colored Pencils brings together talented neighbors

Colored Pencils, the Portland organization promoting human and equal rights through arts and cultural exchange, is bringing diverse songwriters, musicians and traditional dancers all together on one stage.

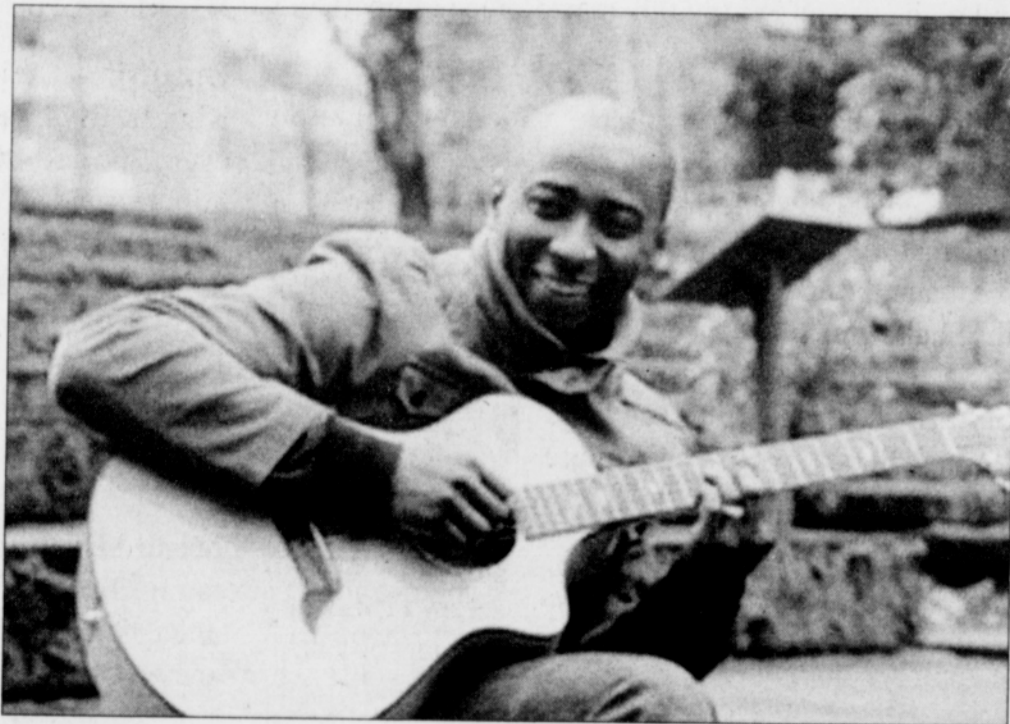
On Friday, Feb. 22, in collaboration with David Douglas High School's English as a Second Language program, the group will host an evening to celebrate our loving new Portland community.

The Ron Russell Middle School Performing Arts Center will be transformed into an outdoor market filled with our diverse families.

Hear students' stories about their journey and life in a new land, as well as the traditional music they and their families bring to our city.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a culinary assortment of traditional foods prepared by students and their families. Visual art and performances by David Douglas ESL students and East Portland's talented neighbors will follow.

Special guests for the evening will include well-known Nepali musician Gauri Rajbajda, enchanting Portuguese songstress Alexandra Coutinho, and Portland's very own West African singer Parfait Bassale.



Portland's very own West African singer Parfait Bassale will perform Friday, Feb. 22 during Colored Pencils Art and Culture Night at Ron Russell Middle School in southeast Portland.

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