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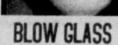


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ENTERTAINMENT

Sneak Peak Chorus Rehearsal

downtown Portland on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 3 p.m., an unfettered sneak peek at how the Portland Opera Chorus prepares for performance.

"We aim to make opera available to everyone in Portland, and this is

Christopher Mattaliano.

"Hearing 55 operatic voices together is an almost indescribable, absolutely visceral experience, and what better venue than Director Park for our fellow Portlanders to watch a great opportunity for us to share and hear these talented singers up

Portland Opera invites the public what we do with the city in a com- close as they rehearse works by some to its fourth annual free Open Cho- pletely casual environment," says of the greatest opera composers? It rus Rehearsal at Director Park in Portland Opera General Director strikes me as an ideal way for anyone who has always been curious about opera to get a taste for this astonishing music," Mattaliano said

This open rehearsal is part of the preparations for Portland Opera's annual Big Night Concert on Saturday, Sept. 21 at Keller Auditorium

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.



Fire and Ice -- Uncover fossils, draw prehistoric reptiles, and much more at the nation's first exhibit focused on dinosaur habitation for children "Dinosaurs: Land of Fire and Ice." Located at the Portland Children's Museum, 4015 S.W. Canyon Rd., the exhibit continues through Sunday, Sept. 22.

Norman Sylvester -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band plays Friday, Sept. 13 at the Gemini Bar & Grill in Lake Oswego; and Friday, Sept. 20 at Clyde's.



Labor: A Working History -- Clock in at the Clark County Museum in Vancouver to learn about the area's work and workers in this brand new exhibit tracing their history against a backdrop of regional and national labor movement milestones through words, images and artifacts, plus activities for the young and young at heart. Runs through Dec. 31.

Saturday Morning Kids Theater -- Traveling Lantern Theatre Company presents performances for children each Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Artists Repertory Theater's Alder Street Lobby. The family-friendly performances are only \$5 for all who attend over 5 years old and can be purchased at the door or at artistsrep.org.



Oregon Voices -- Oregon Voices tells Oregon's fascinating history through the eyes and ears of the people who lived it. The new Oregon Historical Society exhibit dives into a diverse range of subjects, from the displacement of minority populations from urban devel-

opment, to cycles of boom and bust.

The Soulful Showcase -- Blacque Butterfly presents spoken word, live music and featured artists on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 8 p.m. at E'Njoni Café, African-Mediterranean cuisine at 910 N. Killingsworth St.

Afrique Bistro Benefit -- Afrique Bistro, 102 N.E. Russell St., opens its doors each last Saturday of the month to raise donations for the African Women's Coalition. Great Caribbean and African music along with good drinks and fun people, 9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. \$10 at the door.

Oregon Black History -- The Black Museum of Oregon group meets every Saturday, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 420 N.E. Mason. For more information, call 503-284-0617.

'Keep Portland Lost' -- The Pumpkin Patch on Sauvie Island introduces its latest cornfield maze 'Keep Portland Lost.' The MAizE attracts eager explorers annually to the giant labyrinth of field corn which is open to visitors through Halloween

on Oct. 31. For more information, visit portlandmaze.com or call 503-621-7110.

Open Mic -- Curious Comedy, 5225 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., hosts a free night of stand-up comedy every 2nd and 4th Sunday. Open mic comics get three minutes, and audience members get a free sneak peak at Portland's up and coming talent. Signups start at 8:30 p.m. Show starts at 9 p.m.

Live Jazz -- Every Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Third Degrees Lounge at the River Place Hotel, 1510 S.W. Harbor Way. No cover or minimum purchase. For more information, visit pdxjazz.com.

> Music Millennium Free Shows -- The Music Millennium, 3158 E. Burnside, hosts in-house live performances. Enjoy free music and the opportunity to meet artists. Call 503-231-8926 for a schedule.

Humor Night -- Awesome comedians perform stand-up, sketch, and more at the weekly Recurring Humor Night every Wednesday night at Tonic Lounge. 3100 N.E. Sandy Blvd. Pay as you wish, \$3-5 donation suggested. Show is 21+.