Crumpet the Elf Returns -- Darius



Pierce returns as Crumpet the Elf in Portland Center Stage's annual holiday hit The Santaland Diaries. Now playing through Dec. 29. For tickets and more information, visit pcs.org.

Holiday Favorite for All Ages -- Stumptown Stages

presents the holiday classic for all ages "It's a Wonderful Life" with shows through Sunday, Dec. 22 at Hatfield Hall at Portland'5 Centers for the Arts, 1111 S.W. Broadway. Tick-



ets are the box office, by phone at 503-248-4335 or at any TicketsWest outlet.



Natalie Cole en Espanol -- Nine time Grammy winner Natalie Cole will perform a selection of holiday songs, cherished favorites and songs from her new album "Natalie Cole en Espanol," on Saturday Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

JFK at the Oregon History Museum

-- "The Fading Light Camelot," an exhibit at the Or-



egon Historical Society, downtown, traces the pivotal events leading up to and following President John F. Kennedy's assassination. Opened in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of his

death in 1963, the exhibit will run through Jan. 2.

Chicago Steppin' Classes -- Learn the fastest growing urban dance at the Billy Webb Elks Lodge, 6 N. Tillamook each Friday at 6:30 p.m. Classes also at 7 p.m. on the first, second and third Mondays of the month at the Rockwood Community Center, 124 N.E. 181st. No partner is needed. Your first two lessons are free. For more information, call Denise Johnson, 503-819-4576.

Dickens gets Twisted -- Portland Center Stage brings the genius of The Second City to the stage this holiday season with the comedy twist on a classic. A Christmas Carol: Twist Your Dickens is now playing



through Sunday, Dec. 22. For tickets and more information, visit pcs.org.

Norman Sylvester -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band plays Friday, Dec. 20 at the Rogue Pub in North Plains; and Friday, Dec. 27 at Clyde's Prime Rib.

Benefit Christmas Tree Sale -- A Christmas Tree sale to benefit L'Arche, a non-profit helping people with and without intellectual disabilities, takes place daily through Sunday, Dec. 22 at the Grocery Outlet parking lot at Northeast 45th Avenue and Hancock and the former Safeway parking lot on Southeast 82nd and Burnside.

Labor: A Working History -- Clock in at the Clark County Museum in Vancouver to learn about the

ENTERTAINMENT 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.



Birth of Freedom -- The National Park Service at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site presents the new exhibit: A New Birth of Freedom: Vancouver Barracks During the Civil War. The free exhibit explores the role of Vancouver's military post in the 1860s, as well as some of the larger themes of the conflict. Runs through March 30.

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.

Irving Berlin's White Christmas -- Lakewood Theatre Company celebrates the season with a reprise production of last year's holiday hit, Irving Berlin's White Christmas. Now playing through Dec. 29 at the Lakewood Center for the Arts in Lake Oswego. For tickets and more information, visit Lakewoodcenter.org.

Creating Art by Folding Paper -- The Oregon History Museum hosts the traveling exhibit Folding Paper:

The Infinite Possibilities of Origami. Organized by the Japanese Museum in Los Angeles and International Arts & Artists of Washington, D.C., the exhibit shows through Jan. 11.



Fourth Sunday Jam Night -- A friends and family variety comedy show in a Saturday Night Live format with local recording and performing artists, bands, dance crews, poets, and drama groups, takes place each Fourth Sunday at 7 p.m. at Celebration Tabernacle, 8131 N. Denver Ave. The free event is open to the community.

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.

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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.

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