

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Thomas Lauderdale and Storm Large are among the special guest stars for the Oregon Symphony's New Year's concerts.

New Year's Concert Spectacular

The Oregon Symphony is bringing 2013 to a crescendo with two special performances of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony on Monday, Dec. 30 and Tuesday, Dec. 31 under the direction of Music Director Carlos Kalmar.

The concerts will feature soloists Angela Niederloh, Carl Moe and Richard Zeller, the Portland State University Chamber Choir, the Pacific Youth Choir and the Portland

Gay Men's Chorus. The evenings also include music by a cavalcade of guest stars: Thomas Lauderdale on piano, director Gus Van Sant, and vocalists China Forbes, Storm Large (Dec. 30 only), the von Trapps, and Cantor Ida Rae Cahana.

"Beethoven's Ninth Symphony is one of the most loved pieces of music ever written," said Kalmar. "I'm looking forward to performing this triumphant and monumental

work to celebrate the New Year with the community."

Thomas Lauderdale adds, "Pink Martini has played with over 50 orchestras and I say with great confidence that the Oregon Symphony is the best in the country. We'll end the year with triumph and ring in the new year with joy."

For tickets and more information, visit orsymphony.org.

Soul King to Ring in the New Year

The Radio Room, 1101 N.E. Alberta St., will be hosting a free New Year's Eve event, with live music by Portland's "Soul King" Ural Thomas.

Thomas was a vital part of the long gone Funk and Soul scene of the late '60s and early 70s. In his career, he has opened for Otis Redding, James Brown, Stevie Wonder, and played in the studio with the Quincy Jones band and the Supremes.

Thomas has lived in the same Portland house since the 1960s and has been playing every Sunday for the past 40 years at the "House of Entertainment," the practice space and neighborhood music venue that he built himself, out by the back alley behind his house.

His Tuesday, Dec. 31 New Year's Eve performance at the Radio Room will take place from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.



Ring in the New Year with with a New Year's Eve performance by Portland Soul King Ural Thomas at the Radio Room on Alberta Street.

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