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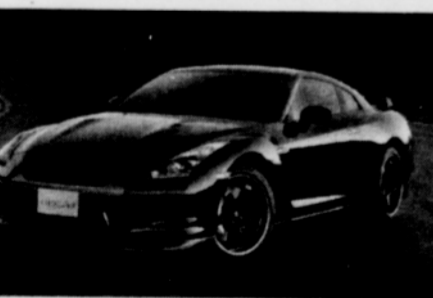
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Fertile Ground Festival -- The Portland-grown Fertile Ground Festival of new artistic works is underway through Sunday, Feb. 2, offering a multiple of artistic endeavors from Portland artists at different points in development and in a variety of genres like theater, musical theater, dance and multidisciplinary arts. For a full schedule, visit fertilegroundpdx.org.



August Wilson's Pittsburgh Cycle; Jitney -- African-American playwright August Wilson's 'Pittsburgh Cycle: Jitney,' a masterful, tension-filled play about a group of independent taxi drivers, is performed by the local theater group Portland Playhouse, now playing through Feb. 16 at the Winningstad Theater, downtown.

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.

Sister Mary's Angels -- A desperate situation has two identical sisters, one a lingerie model and the other nun, change habits in "Sister Mary's Angels," from local filmmaker Mary Knight, screening Saturday, Feb. 1 at the Joy Theatre, 11959 S.W. Pacific Hwy. in Tigard.



Norman Sylvester -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band plays Friday, Jan. 31 at the Gemini Bar & Grill in Lake Oswego; Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Spare Room; and Friday, Feb. 14 at Halibut's.

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.



Comedy of Cultural Errors -- An American businessman tries to communicate with a Chinese bureaucrat, but much gets lost in translation in the Broadway hit comedy

Chinglish, now playing through Feb. 9 at Portland Center Stage.

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.

Murder Mystery Masterpiece -- Mysterious twists and thrilling turns abound when a group of strangers stranded in a guest house during a snowstorm discover that a murderer is in their midst. Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* is now playing through Feb. 16 at Lake Oswego's Lakewood Theatre Company.

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+.

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.

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.


Discount Tickets -- Local low-income families and individuals can purchase \$5 tickets to classical musical performances in Portland as part of a unique program called Music for All. Participating organizations include the Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera, Oregon Ballet Theater, Chamber Music Northwest, Portland Youth Philharmonic, Portland Baroque Orchestra, Friends of Chamber Music, Portland Chamber Orchestra, Portland Piano International, Portland Symphonic Choir, Cappella Romana and Portland Vocal Consort.

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