

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## Entertainment Set for NBA All-Star Game

Before he sings at the Oscars, Pharrell Williams will perform Sunday, Feb. 16 at the NBA All-Star Game in New Orleans.

Williams will open the game and perform during the player introductions with surprise guests.

The game's halftime performance will feature Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, Earth, Wind and Fire, Janelle Monae and



Pharrell Williams

Dr. John.

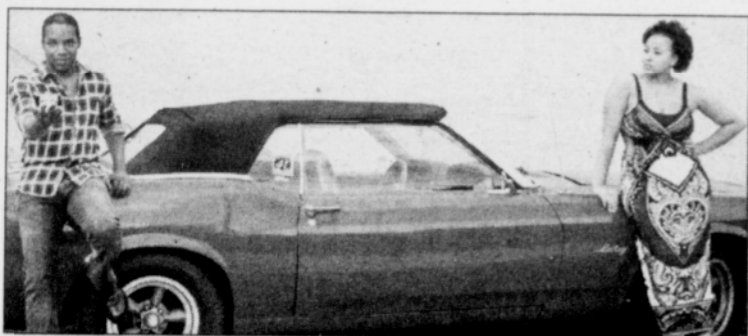
Recent Grammy winner Gary Clark Jr. will sing the national anthem and also perform during the halftime show. Folk-rock singer Serena Ryder will sing the Canadian national anthem.

The All-Star game will air live on TNT. Kendrick Lamar will perform before the slam dunk contest on Feb. 15, a day before the big game.

### ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

**Norman Sylvester --** Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band plays Friday, Feb. 14 at Halibut's; Friday, Feb. 21

at Clyde's; Sunday Feb. 23 at the Winter Blues Festival at the Bob White Theatre in southeast Portland; and Friday, Feb. 28 at the Gemini Bar and Grill in Lake Oswego.



**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 Sunday, Feb. 16 at the Winningstad Theater, downtown.

**Year of the Horse Celebration --** The Lan Su Chinese Garden, downtown, celebrates the Chinese New Year and the Lunar Year of the Horse with special activities throughout the month. For detailed event information, visit [landsugarden.org](http://landsugarden.org).



**Cascade Festival of African Films --** The 24th annual Cascade Festival of African films celebrates Black History Month at Portland community College. The incredible films from all over the African continent are free and open-to-the-public with screenings taking place in the Moriarty Arts and Humanities Building on the PCC Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St. For a full schedule, visit [africanfilmfestival.org](http://africanfilmfestival.org).



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**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.

**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 Sunday, Feb. 16 at Lake Oswego's Lakewood Theatre Company.



**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.

**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](http://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+.



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