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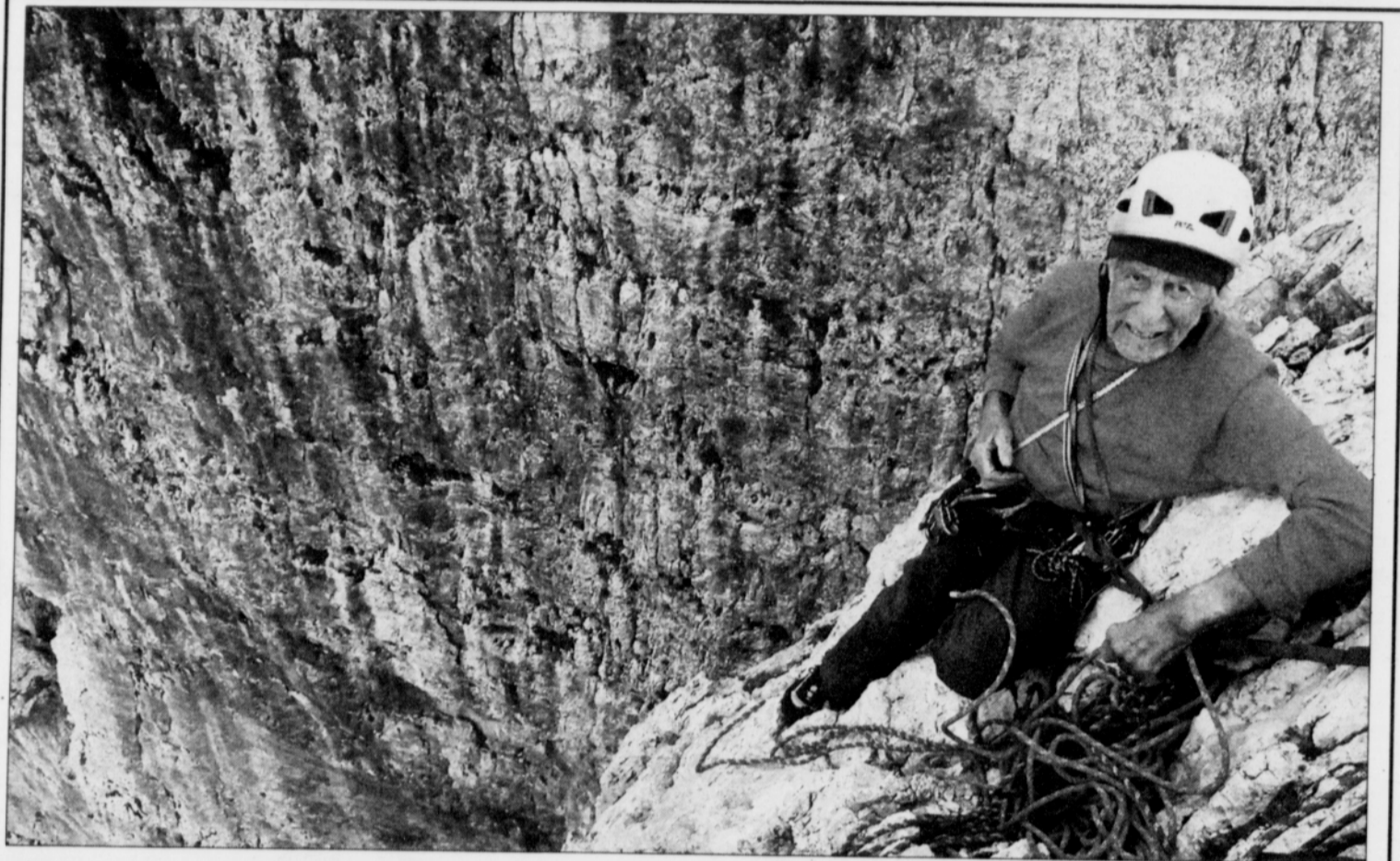
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# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



## Sharing a Love for Rock Climbing

World-renowned rock climber, mountaineer and guidebook author Fred Beckey will talk about his adventures around the world and share some amazing photos of his climbing accomplishments from the past 60 years, during a free public presentation at Mt. Hood Community College on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the college's Visual Arts Theater.

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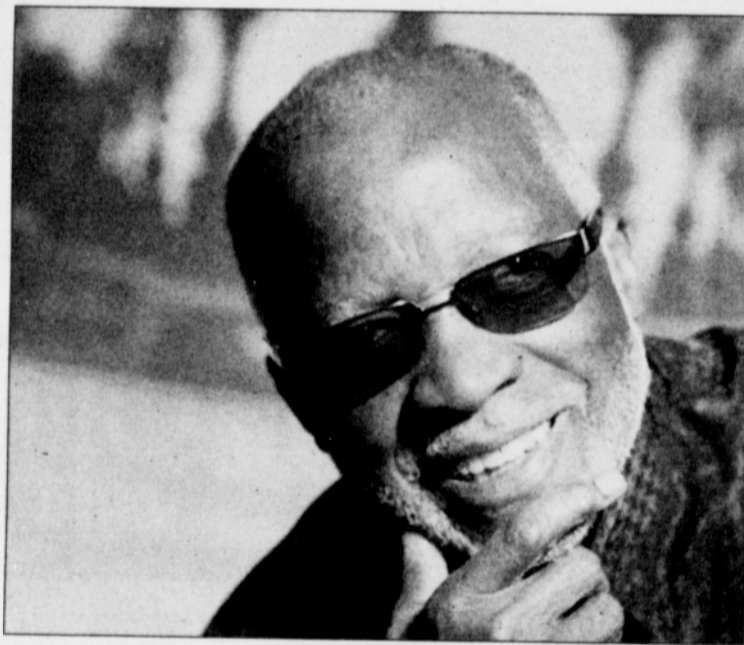


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## Paying Tribute to the Finest in Jazz

### PDX Jazz Festival kicks off 11th year

The 2014 U.S. Bank Portland Jazz Festival Presented by Alaska Airlines will be held Thursday, Feb. 20 through Sunday, March 2 at venues throughout the city.

The 11th annual celebration will include a rare appearance by the 83-year-old piano icon and NEA Jazz Master Ahmad Jamal; the return of Portland's hometown favorite, Esperanza Spalding as part of a new collective; The Spring Quartet featuring Spalding's musical director Leo Genovese and enduring collaborators, Jack DeJohnette and Joe

Lovano; celebrated jazz stars Wynton Marsalis fronting the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra; and Pat Metheny's long overdue festival appearance with his recalibrated Unity Group.

"We strive to produce a festival that reflects the fabric of a vibrant jazz community who responds positively to a highly evolved musical aesthetic from artists who range from their young 20s to upper 80s," said PDX Jazz Festival Managing Director Don Lucoff. "Additionally, there is no city of a similar size in America that boasts such a wealth of talented artists as Portland, and each year we feature these celebrated artists in selected settings as headliners and special guests."

Education and outreach, as al-

ways, amplify the festival's recognition of Black History Month through a series of community-wide initiatives. The outreach programming will include the Student Stage at Portland State University on March 1 and 2, "The Incredible Journey of Jazz" middle school program, Jazz Conversations, Round About Midnight Jam Sessions hosted by Ron Steen, and an extensive free performance schedule.

For up-to-date festival information on all of the events, visit [pdxjazz.com](http://pdxjazz.com).

PDX Jazz, a non-profit cultural arts organization whose mission is to inspire, educate and develop future jazz audiences for generations to come.