

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Poetry and Music — A poetry and music night with Clark County Poet Laureate Christopher Luna and pianist/composer Beth Karp will be held at the Niche Wine and Art Bar, 1013 Main St., in Vancouver, on Saturday, March 22 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The performance is free.



Romance and Turbulence — Portland's Latino theater group Milagro brings back the original Spanish-language version of the play *Ardiente Paciencia*, a passionate story of friendship and romance set amid the rise of Pinochet's military regime in Chile. Now playing through Saturday, March 8. For tickets and more information, call 503-236-7253 or visit milagro.org.

Norman Sylvester — Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band plays Friday, March 21 at the Blue Diamond; and Friday, March 28 at Clyde'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.



Kells Irish Festival — Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with live music, traditional dancing and Irish food and libations at the 23rd annual Kells St. Patrick's Day Festival, the Northwest's largest St. Patrick's Day event, Friday, March 14 through Monday, March 17 at four venues: inside the venerable Kells Irish Pub at 112 S.W. Second Ave; in a festival tent in Kells' back parking lot; at the new Kells Brew Pub at 210 N.W. 21st Ave; and in a festival tent in the Brew Pub parking lot.

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.

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.

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.



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.

Discount Admission — OMSI visitors pay only \$2 per person for general admission on the first Sunday of each month as well as discounted admission of \$5 to the Planetarium, OMIMAX Theater and USS Blueback submarine.

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