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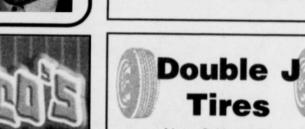




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Grumpy Old (Black) Men -- George Hendrix and Jerry Foster star as Abe and Henry

Around Talking, a funny play about rivalry, friendship, and aging. Portland's African American theater company PassinArt presents the play at the Ethos/Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate. Now -playing through April 13.



Spring Break at Discovery Museum -- You're

invited to spend Spring Break at the World Forestry Center's Discovery Museum with Snoopy, Charlie Brown and the rest of the gang. The exhibit which runs



through May 4 takes a light-hearted look at Charles Schulz's exploration of the natural world through Peanuts comic strips, videos, objects, and interactive stations. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$6 for children ages 3-18.

Raw Emotion on Playhouse Stage

-- Portland Playhouse presents the hit musical The Light in the Piazza, now playing through Sunday, March 30 at the theater group's intimate performance venue, The Church, located at 602 N.E. Prescott St. Tickets are \$15 to \$40. For more information, call the box office at 503-488-5822 or visit portlandplayhouse.org.

Norman Sylvester -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band plays Friday, March 28 at Clyde's; and Saturday, April 5 at the Inner City Healing the Healthcare Blues Festival at Melody Ballroom.

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 Sunday, 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.

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+.

Crimes of the Heart --A Pulitzer Prize winning dramatic comedy about three Mississippi sisters betrayed by their passions. Now playing through April 13 at the Lakewood Center for the Arts in Lake Oswego. For tickets, call



503-635-3901 or visit lakewood-center.org.

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.

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.