

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



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Salsa Band at the Alberta Rose

Siren Nation presents a concert with Melao de Cuba, Luz Elena Mendoza and Edna Vazquez on Friday, Nov. 7, at the Alberta Rose Theatre. Doors open at 7 p.m. with the show at 8 p.m.

Melao de Cuba is a group of talented Portland musicians who come together to share the beauty and exuberance of traditional Cuban music. Melao is the Spanish word for molasses, an ingredient

that is transformed into one of the oldest spirits of the world, rum. Melao transforms elements of Afro-Cuban and Spanish music into vibrant, danceable music that lifts your spirit and brings joy to your heart.

Edna Vazquez performs original compositions that pay homage to her many Latin American influences and frequently mixes in her own arrangements of traditional songs to bring the feeling of Mexico's

Folkloric music to her audience.

Luz Elena Mendoza (Y La Bamba & Tiburones) draws from both her strict Catholic upbringing as an only daughter of a Mexican immigrant to create what LA Weekly calls "Devendra Banhart-influenced art-folk with hazy femme vocals and traditional Mexican sounds."

Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

Duo at the Wonder Ballroom

The Underachievers, a hip hop rap duo from New York, are coming to the Wonder Ballroom in northeast Portland with the Flatbush Zombies on Thursday evening, Oct. 30. In support of their album "Cellar Door: Terminus Ut Exordium," the group is touring with what's been called one of the most dynamic live shows in hip hop, and even more so when you put them with the Zombies. The two groups also just put out a collaboration dubbed "Clockwork Indigo."



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