

Please tell us what you think about equal access to ODOT contracting opportunities.

Public Meeting:

Portland, Feb. 26, 3 p.m.

Oregon Association of Minority Contractors
111 N Hayden Meadows Dr.
Portland, OR 97217

ODOT is conducting a study analyzing whether minority and women-owned businesses have equal access to contracting opportunities within Oregon's transportation contracting industry and with ODOT's main contracts. The findings will help us improve the Federal Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program.

We're also meeting in Bend Feb. 23, Astoria Feb. 24 and Salem Feb. 25, and we'll hold a webinar Feb. 27. Details at www.odotcontracting.com.

Meeting locations are wheelchair accessible. Accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities, and alternate formats of printed material are available upon request. Please call (503) 325-4400 or visit www.odotcontracting.com.



Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Follow a search for belonging in 'Tribes,' a play on family and deafness by the Artist Repertory Theater.

Deafness and Understanding

Compelling production on Alder stage

The Artist Repertory Theater brings a new tense, compelling play on family and deafness to its Alder Street stage.

"Tribes" has been sweeping the nation after making its debut at London's Royal Court Theatre in 2010.

The story explores many universally valid, important and opposing viewpoints on family, belonging, otherness, language, communication, connection, culture, parenting, identity and re-

sponsibility, said Dámaso Rodriguez, Artists Rep's artistic director who is directing Tribes. "Ultimately, Tribes is not about a particular group, but rather how we all seek to belong to a community we can call our own, and in doing so, how we too often fail to listen," Rodriguez said.

Shows continue through March 1. Select performances featuring ASL interpretation will run Saturday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. and again Saturday Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. For tickets, call 503-241-1278 or visit artistrep.org.

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Celebrating Blackness with Art

Students invite community to performance

The Jefferson High School Black Student Union invites the community to celebrate blackness through art and performance.

Students, local artists, and a special guest will present dance, poetry, monologues, and other performances relating to the theme of blackness and how it interacts with

the lives of the performers during a special Black History Month show on Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Jefferson High School Auditorium, 5210 N. Kerby Ave.

Refreshments and snacks will be available in the gallery from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., where art created by black students and alumni will be shared. At 7:30 p.m., the show will move into the auditorium where the lights will go on a series of performances relating to blackness.

The celebration is free and open to the public.