



# Joyce Washington Classic 2015



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of Joyce Washington  
and Charles Washington  
for their tireless work  
in the Portland Community.*

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May 16, 2015*

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# Healthcare Blues

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insurance, and a much larger portion can't afford the large deductibles, premiums, and out-of-pocket expenses that exist for many people.

The universal system would replace a multitude of private insurance companies with a single non-profit agency to collect and distribute funds for healthcare equitably and fairly. As backers of the Health Care for All-Oregon campaign say, "Everyone In and Nobody Out."

Scheduled to perform at the "Healing the Healthcare Blues"

event and lending their voices to the cause are Andy Stokes, Bill Rhoades, Bloco Alegria, Jay "Bird" Koder, LaRhonda Steele, King Louie and Friends, Mad as Hell Doctors, the Normam Sylvester Band, Newel Briggs, Richard Arnold, Sarah Billings, Tevis Hodge Jr., Steve Cheseborough, the Strangetones and Volcano Vixens, and Renee Mitchell.

This year the festival will also honor local musicians who died over the past year, including Janice Scroggins, Linda Hornbuckle, Mel Solomon and Jim Miller, as well as previous Inner City Fes-

tival and community supporters Geneva Knauls and Lucinda Tate.

You're invited to enjoy this exciting music festival while supporting a worthwhile campaign. There will also be bar-b-q dinners for sale, a silent auction, desserts for sale, 2 bars, raffle prizes and a community village of information tables.

Festival seating tickets are \$20 and available at [tickettomato.com](http://tickettomato.com), Music Millennium, Geneva's Hair Perfection, the Musician's Union or at the door. The concert will take place from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. with doors opening at 5:30 p.m.

# Activist Teacher

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English, speech and debate in the Portland School District for 25 years, first at Grant High School and then John Adams when it was opened in 1969 and until he retired in 1979. In 2002, he was awarded a lifetime achievement award for his contribution to civil rights when Portland's World Arts Foundation saluted him at their annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Gerber credited his views on equality to World War II when he served as a B-17 bomber pilot and his life was saved by members of America's first all-black Tuskegee fighter squadron.

He also is remembered for encouraging civic involvement and always making sure diverse voices had a seat at the table. As a retired Portland resident, he was active in bringing equality issues to the Cully neighborhood of northeast Portland.

Among his other interests, he was an extraordinary poet, and musician. He enjoyed sharing his talents by participating in poetry reading groups or by singing, playing his harmonica or banjo.

He and his wife Lyn were married for 62 years. She died in 2006 from Alzheimer's disease.

He is survived by his sister Mary Jane Evans of Cherokee, Okla.; son Chris (Cathy) Gerber of Vancouver; daughters Anne (Ron) Emmons of Hermiston and Leslie Brunton of Vancouver; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

# We want your feedback!



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