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Wonder SEI Benefit Postponed

Stevie Wonder has postponed plans to celebrate his 65th birthday in Portland at a benefit for Self Enhancement, Inc., a local nonprofit organization that supports at-risk urban youth. The exclusive and intimate birthday celebration was scheduled to take place Friday, May 8 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Portland. But SEI officials now say that due to contractual obligations set forth by Stevie Wonder's management, Stevie will be unable to perform at the event. The local organization says Wonder will be available to perform for SEI and its supporters in the summer, date and time to be determined. "We are excited to have Stevie Wonder's enthusiastic support and look forward to seeing him this summer," SEI officials said.



Saturday Market -- Portland Saturday Market in Old Town has opened for the 42nd year bringing some of Oregon's best handmade products, good eats and



along with other movies that influenced Van Sant's film practice, runs through June 5.

live entertainment from street musicians and other artists. Located next to the Willamette River at 2 S.W. Naito Parkway, Saturday Market is also open every Sunday through Christmas Eve.



Show Boat -- Portland Opera's production of Show Boat, the epic musical of three romances that blossom aboard a Mississippi River show boat, and the first to use music and dance to explore what it's like to be black and white in America, is now playing through Saturday, May 9 at Keller Auditorium.



Senior Center Prom -- Vancouver Parks and Recreation celebrates Older Americans Month with a lively evening of dining and dancing, Friday, May 15 from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Luepke Senior Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. in Vancouver. Register by phone at 360-487-7100.

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.

Norman Sylvester -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band perform Friday, May 8 at the Rogue Pub in North Plains; Saturday, May 9 at Gemini Bar and Grill in Lake Oswego; and Friday, May 15 at Finnigan's Mill in Newberg.



Essential Gus Van Sant -- The Northwest Film Center is currently showing a series of films by Gus Van Sant, the Portland director honored as one of the most talented and imaginative filmmakers of the indie film renaissance. The series, which includes such notable successes such as "Drugstore Cowboy," "My Own Private Idaho," and "Elephant,"

Asian Pacific Heritage Month -- Portland's Lan Su Chinese Garden celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month during May with exciting performances every Saturday and Sunday from local cultural organizations and dance troops. All of the performances are at 2 p.m. except the Sunday, May 10 event, which will take place at noon.

Chicago Steppin' Classes -- You have seen the R. Kelly video, now it's time to learn the dance! Portland's Groovin' High Steppers offer Chicago Steppin' classes at the Rockwood Community Center in Gresham and the Colwood Golf Center in northeast Portland. All levels are welcome. No partner is needed. First two lessons are free; \$20 monthly fee includes both locations. For an event schedule, announcements and more information, visit the website groovinhighsteppers.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.

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 of the month at 7 p.m. at Celebration Tabernacle, 8131 N. Denver Ave. The free event is open to the community.

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.

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 St. 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.