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Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Neo Soul Night at the Analog

A homegrown soul singer is getting ready for her next big show right here in Portland. Tamara Stephens will perform live Saturday night at the Analog Café & Theater, 720 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd., following a Grown and Sexy Neo Soul Party with DJ Mello Cee. The show, starting at 8:39 p.m., will also feature Chicago Steppin sessions offered by the Groovin High Steppers.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.



Tamara Stephens

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

Rap Show at the Roseland --

Bay area rapper E-40 joins fellow hip-hop artists Stevie Stone and Cool Nutz at the Roseland Theater on Wednesday, May 13 at 8 p.m. Tickets run for \$25 and the show is open to all ages. For more information, visit roselandpdx.com.



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.



Provocative Happy Hour --

Educator, writer, organizer, and spoken word artist Walidah Imarisha will headline a happy hour series meant to spark provocative conversations about big ideas on Thursday, May 21 at 7 p.m. at the Alberta Rose Theater, 3000 N.E. Alberta St. Imarisha is a Portland State University black studies professor and author of "Why Aren't There More Black People in Oregon? A Hidden History."

Norman Sylvester --

Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band perform Friday, May 15 at Finnigan's Mill in Newberg; Friday, May 22 at Halibut's; Saturday, May 23 at the Nehalem Bay Blues Festival; Wednesday, May 27 at the Hawthorne Lobster House; and Norman is a guest with Ed Neumann on Sunday, May 31 at Bradford's.

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Red Dress Party --

One of the city's most outrageous parties, and a fundraiser for the Cascade AIDS Project and Our House, organizations that support gay youth and help people with HIV/AIDS and other serious diseases, The Red Dress Party, is Saturday May 16 at 8 p.m. at the Old Freeman Factory, 2638 N.W. Wilson Ave. Visit reddresspdx.org for details.

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.



Portland's 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 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.



Madcap Odyssey --

"American Night: The Ballad of Juan José," a sharp-eyed and sharp-witted comedy about a Mexican immigrant who dreams of moving to the Land of the Free, plays through May 23 at Milagro Theater, 525 S.E. Stark St. Tickets start at \$24 with discounts for students, seniors, veterans, and groups of over 15. For more information, visit milagro.org.

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.