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A. J. Java, 6425 N. Albina Ave., hosts a summer series of free concerts every Friday, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

A.J. Java Hosts Concerts

A.J. Java, a community cafe across the street from Peninsula Park in north Portland, welcomes the public to a series of free weekly concerts this summer. Owner and activist Eleza Faison invites you to join neighborhood musicians Aquiles Montas and Lolo Cutumay for an alcohol-free, family-friendly music night each Friday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., featuring Cuban sandwiches and a potpourri of Latin sounds. Montas and Cutumay are frequently joined by other local musicians, including Carlos Flores, Eric Johnston, Fito Roberts, Ivan Alamos, Kiwi Karen, Lolo, and Tito Amaya. A.J. Java is located at 6425 N. Albina Ave.

Rose Festival Fun -- City-Fair, the Portland Rose Festival waterfront celebration on the downtown waterfront with carnival rides, live music, tasty treats and dozens of shops and wares, among other attractions, is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday this weekend, and then opens again for another extended weekend through Sunday, June 7 as Portland's Rose Festival comes into full swing.



Starlight Parade -- One of the most popular Rose Festival events, the Portland General Electric/SOLVE Starlight Parade takes off Saturday, May 30, offering funky, eclectic fun for everyone, from traditional marching bands and flood-lit floats, to glow-in-the-dark umbrellas and unique hand-built entries. The parade begins at 7:30 p.m. at Northwest Burnside and Ninth Avenue and then travels through downtown Portland and ends at Lincoln High School

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 Friday, June 5.

Norman Sylvester -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band Wednesday, May 27 at the Hawthorne Lobster House; Norman is a guest with Ed Neumann on Sunday; May 31 at Bradford's; and Sylvester and the band perform Friday, June 5 at the Blue Diamond.

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.

Chicago Steppin' Classes -- You have seen the R. Kelly video, now it's time to learn the dance. Groovin' High Steppers offer Chicago Steppin' classes at the Rockwood Community Center and the Colwood Golf Center. 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

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.

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.

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