

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Filmmakers Not Truthful, Berry Says

Decries films devoid of people of color

(AP) - Halle Berry said Hollywood's lack of diversity stems from a lack of honesty. Filmmakers and actors should tell the truth, she said, "and the films, I think, that are coming out of Hollywood aren't truthful."

Addressing the film academy's diversity controversy publicly for the first time, the only black woman to win an Oscar for lead actress, said she's heartbroken her victory for 2001's "Monster's Ball" didn't



Halle Berry

lead to more women of color being cast in leading roles. But she puts the blame on filmmakers with

tunnel vision.

"Our cities are filled with black and brown people. And many times, unfortunately we see films that are set in Chicago, New York, Atlanta - big metropolitan cities - and they're devoid of people of color," she said. "So I feel like when we really live up to our responsibility and challenge ourselves to be truthful, and tell the truth in our storytelling, then people of color will be there in a real competitive way, and it won't be about inclusion or diversity. Because if we're telling the truth, inclusion and diversity will be a byproduct of the truth."

Cascade Festival of African Films -- Portland Community College's



Cascade Festival of African Films is a free and open to the public screening of new films from across the African continent. The month-long festival offers Portlanders a rare opportunity to see Africa through the eyes of Africans. Most screenings take place at the Moriarty Auditorium at PCC's Cascade Campus, 735 N. Killingsworth St. For complete screening information, visit africanfilmfestival.org.

Alice's Jazz Odyssey -- Tumble down the rabbit hole as Alice's adventures through Wonderland are transformed into a spectacular jazz odyssey! The NW Children's Theater and School presents an original jazz musical of the story based on the book "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland." Shows continue through Feb. 28 at the NW Children's Theater and School, 1819 N.W. Everett St. For tickets, visit nwcts.org or call the theater box office at 502-222-4480.



Valentine Ball and Dance -- The African American Men's Club invites the community to a Valentine's dinner ball and dance to benefit its scholarships program, Saturday, Feb. 13 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the historic Billy Webb Elks Lodge, 6 N. Tillamook St. Music will be provided by disc jockey Michael Morris, Portland's original king of old school. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. To reserve tickets, contact Cynthia Livingston at 503-504-0640.

Black Love Matters -- This Valentine's Day, Black Lives Matter PDX invites you to celebrate love at a new "Blackentines" celebration. Black people are warmly encouraged to invite people who they love, inclusive of family, friends, partners and more, to a night of music, dancing and light refreshments on Sunday, Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. at In Other Words, 14

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N.E. Killingsworth St. The event is free and open to the public event.

Norman Sylvester -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band plays Friday, Feb. 12 at Billy Blues in Vancouver; Saturday, Feb. 13 at the Spare Room; Friday, Feb. 19 at the Blue Diamond; Saturday, Feb. 20 at the 45th Street Pub; Friday, Feb. 26 at the Rogue Pub in North Plains; and Saturday, Feb. 27 at Clyde's.

American Drama Masterpiece -- Lakewood Theatre Company in Lake Oswego presents "Golden-Boy," the Clifford Odets drama masterpiece about a young violinist who gives up his career for a chance at immortality in the boxing ring. Performances continue through Feb. 14. Order tickets online at www.lakewood-center.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.

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.

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.

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