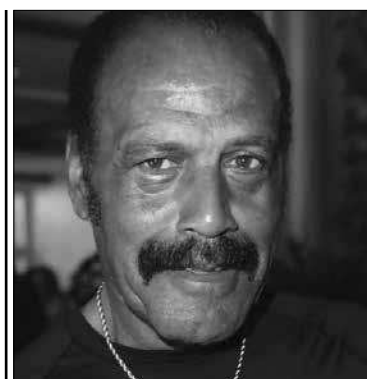


Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Black Violin's Classical Hip Hop

You're invited to open your ears, your heart and soul to the ground-breaking sounds of Black Violin. Wil Baptiste and Kevin "Kev Marcus" Sylveste are classically trained musicians and vocalists who blend pop, blues, hip-hop and bluegrass music into a socially conscious performance. The group performs Wednesday, Feb. 24 at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.



Fred Williamson

Film Star Visit Postponed

The Hollywood Theatre's Portland Black Film Festival closing night film, a 35mm presentation of "Black Caesar" with star Fred Williamson scheduled to attend, will be postponed from its original Sunday, Feb. 27 event date to a future date to be announced, due to an unexpected conflict in Williamson's schedule, the theater announced Monday.

The festival, which annually explores African-American contributions to and voices in cinema, will therefore end on Wednesday, Feb. 24 with "Rap City," a program exploring the evolution of the hip hop music genre.

Kam Franklin fronts the retro group 'The Suffers,' bring a fresh approach to what they have coined Gulf Coast Soul. The band performs Wednesday, March 2 at the Crystal Ballroom, downtown



Gulf Coast Soul at the Crystal

The Suffers are a Gulf Coast soul band from Houston, Texas who bring elements of classic soul and rock to crowds that love to dance, perform, Wednesday, March 2 at the Crystal Ballroom, downtown.

The group shakes up the notion that they're another soul revival band by bringing a fresh approach to what they have coined Gulf Coast Soul. They have performed on the Late Show with David Letterman, on NPR's Tiny Desk, and at the Austin City Limits Music Festival.

The large ensemble packs each position of the rhythm and horn section as a perfect foundation for singer Kam Franklin's massive voice. Their 2016 self-titled debut album hit shelves this month.



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