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Fats Domino and the Birth of Rock n' Roll

Special airs
 for performer's
 88th birthday

Fats Domino was one of the most popular rockers of the 1950s and early 60s. His achievements and record sales during that time were rivaled only by Elvis Presley. With his boogie-woogie piano playing rooted in blues, rhythm & blues, and jazz, he became one of the inventors, along with Presley, Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis and Little Richard of a revolutionary genre of music, rock 'n' roll.

In celebration of Fats Domino's 88th birthday, Thirteen's American Masters presents, "Fats Domino and The Birth of Rock 'n' Roll," premiering nationwide during Black History Month on Friday, Feb. 26 at 10 p.m.

The one-hour documentary traces how Fats Domino's brand of New Orleans rhythm and blues morphed into rock and roll, appealing to black and white audiences alike. Actor Clarke Peters



'Fats Domino and The Birth of Rock 'n' Roll' premieres on PBS (OPB Channel 10) Friday, Feb. 26 at 10 p.m. on the legendary performer's 88th birthday.

narrates.

Fats Domino was born Antoine Domino, Jr. on Feb. 26, 1928. He was the last of eight Domino children and the only one of his siblings born in New Orleans. His journey from a poor childhood in

the Lower Ninth Ward to a key figure in rock 'n' roll is told using vintage performances of Domino and his band interwoven with reminiscences of fellow architects of rock 'n' roll.

Rockwood Concert for Area Youth



Musician Michael Allen Harrison

To help change lives, the Gresham Salvation Army at 194th and Stark in the Rockwood community, and musician Michael Allen Harrison, are once again collaborating for an incredible evening to benefit the Salvation Army's Gresham Music Academy. Pianists Hailey Rowden and Mac Potts will join Harrison for a sensational free show. The "Evening with Michael Allen Harrison" will be on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. The event features hors d'oeuvres, desserts, silent and live auction, student and family testimonials. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.; the concert begins at 7 p.m. All proceeds support the Salvation Army's after school programs, including the Gresham Music Academy's free music lessons for any student in need, sports programs like youth basketball, educational help, tutoring program and computer lab.

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The Portland International Film Festival presents 'Dheepan,' a film that brings the experiences of Sri Lankan immigrants to France to the screen and provides a voice for the struggles of refugees escaping conflict. Screens on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 25-26.

PIFF Films

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Some of the best films don't ever get a theatrical release beyond PIFF, so jump in and see

what you can before it's over!

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