

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



New York City rapper Azealia Banks brings her show to Portland's Hawthorne Theater.

## Perfecting Her Rap

Controversial rapper Azealia Banks comes to southeast Portland for a show on Friday, July 8 at 8 p.m. at the Hawthorne Theater.

Raised in Harlem, Banks has steadily been perfecting her craft and making a name for herself. She originally got on the radar of many record labels with her fist recording "Seventeen." Classically trained in the performing arts,

she has "upped" her profile in the past couple of years with various public controversies.

Banks uses Twitter as her weapon, for example she first hit Bay Area rapper Kreyashawn in 2012 calling her a "dumb b\*\*\*\*" and threatening to sit on her face. In 2013, she made openly gay celeb gossip Perez Hilton her target by firing various homophobic slurs his way and encouraged him

to commit suicide when he took the side of fellow female and bisexual rapper Angel Haze. A racially driven attack on former One Direction star Zayn Malik and Disney Channel actress Skai Jackson caused Twitter to suspend her account.

Whether it's her seasoned barbs, voice and hooks, Azealia Banks gives you a reason to pay attention.

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One of the first allies of the NAACP in the fight for civil rights and one of the first groups to advocate for women and for marriage equality, YWCA Clark County will celebrate its centennial year with a free summer reunion.


A family-friendly event for the entire community, current and former staff, volunteers, donors, supporters and participants are invited to gather together in celebration of the lives transformed through the last 100 years of service. The reunion will take place

at Vancouver's Esther Short Park on Sunday, July 10, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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