

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## Miss Sharon Jones!

Documentary premieres in Portland

(AP) -- Preparing to go on stage for the first time in months after intensive rounds of chemotherapy, an atypically nervous Sharon Jones sat backstage at New York's Beacon Theatre, clutching a cup and shaking.

"Then they announce her — 'Miss Sharon Jones!' — and she goes like a prizefighter onto the stage," recalls Barbara Kopple, the Oscar winning filmmaker. "And she just kills it."

It's one of the many moments in Kopple's documentary "Miss Sharon Jones!" which has opened in theaters nationwide and debuts



Singer Sharon Jones performs in a scene from the documentary Miss Sharon Jones!

in Portland on Friday, Aug. 26 at Living Room Theaters, downtown, and Friday, Sept. 2 at the Hollywood Theater in northeast Portland.

The film captures the stark difference between life on and off stage for the dynamic soul singer most often compared to James Brown. In 2013, Jones was diagnosed with stage-two pancreatic cancer. The film documents her transformation into cancer patient and, ultimately, back into a

full-throated force as she struggles to keep her band "Sharon Jones and The Dap-Kings" together.

The documentary has, the 60-year-old singer says, turned into a kind of motivation for her second round with cancer: visual proof that she got through this once before, and can do it again.

"You got to be brave," says Jones. "I want to use the time that I have. I don't want to spend it all laid up, wishing I had done that gig."

## Good in the Hood History

The Oregon Historical Society has partnered with the Holy Names Heritage Center to give an archival look at one of Portland's most enjoyed festivals with keeping unity in the community: The Origins of Portland's Good in the Hood Festival.

The annual celebration was formed in 1992 out of the backlash against heightened gang activity in north and northeast Portland. Musicians, community leaders and staff members of the Holy Redeemer Catholic School started the festival to bring neighborhood residents, organizations and businesses of all cultural backgrounds to advocate peace throughout the neighborhood and the city.

You're invited to hear from a panel of the festival's founding members and supporters who will discuss Good in the Hood's past, present and future on Monday,

Aug. 29 at McMenamins Kennedy School Theater, 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave. Doors open for the all ages and free event at 6 p.m. with everything actually starting at 7 p.m.

Sister and principal Jane Hubbard of Holy Redeemer, Oregon Music Hall of Fame blues artist Norman "The Boogie Cat" Sylvester and key Good in the Hood contributors Sister Roswitha Frawley and Paul Knauls will discuss the fest's historical contributions, while Good in the Hood President Shawn Penney and parade organizer Paul Knauls Jr. will tease plans for next year's 25th celebration/

Following the discussions, musical performances from the Norman Sylvester Band joined by LaRhonda Steele and the Obo Addy Legacy Project (members of Okropong) will be begin just before 9 p.m.

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