

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Santa's Parade will return Saturday, Nov. 26 to historic downtown Gresham as the community hosts its 25th annual Spirit of Christmas celebration. The free festivities start at 4:45 p.m.

Parade and Tree Lighting

Downtown Gresham presents its 25th annual Spirit of Christmas event on Saturday, Nov. 26 with a variety of fun, family friendly festivities all leading up to the grand finale -- the lighting of the city's 60-foot ponderosa pine.

The free festivities start at 4:45 p.m. with Santa's Parade, followed by music and treats at the downtown Arts Plaza. The tree is lit promptly at 6 p.m.

"There's no better place to be than the heart of downtown Gresham to kick off the Christmas season," said Gresham Mayor Shane Bemis. "Every year, I'm delighted to see so many families and people of all ages and from all walks of life coming together at Spirit of Christmas to laugh, dance and enjoy the holidays as well as this great community."

Santa will greet the crowd,

listen to the children's wish lists, pose for photos. Live music performances include Gresham Arthur Academy, SALT Academy, and Salvation Army Youth Corp Band. Free cocoa, hot cider, hot dogs, candy canes, popcorn and more will be served, thanks to generous sponsors.

The city will collect donations of canned goods to support a food drive for people in need.

Political Laughs with Hari

A Brooklyn-based comedian known for making comedy on such subjects as race, identity and inequality brings his stand-up act to Portland's Revolution Hall, headlining a one night show on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at the southeast Portland performance venue.

Hari Kondabolu has been hailed by the New York Times as one of the most exciting political

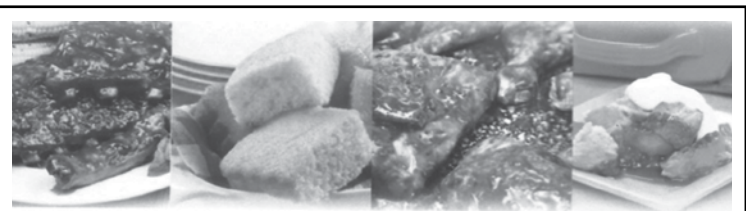
comedians in stand-up today.

On TV, Hari has appeared on the Late Show with David Letterman, Conan, Jimmy Kimmel Live, John Oliver's NY Standup Show, @midnight, the Nightly Show, and his own half-hour Comedy Central Presents special.

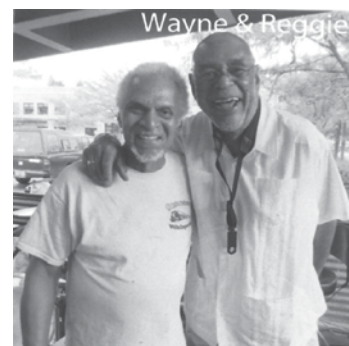
Doors open 7 p.m. with the show at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and available at ticketfly.com.



Hari Kondabolu



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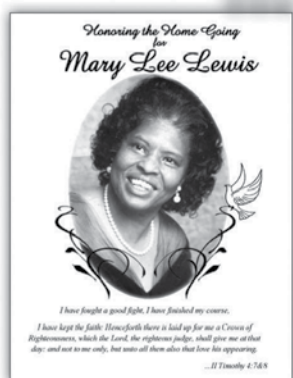
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