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What's on your list today?®



'The Emancipation Approximation' by Kara Walker, part of a collection of African American Art coming to the Portland Art Museum.



'Blue Dress,' a 1985 painting by Paul Keene and one of the collections of African American artists to be featured in a special Portland Art Museum exhibit.

Constructing Identity

African American masterpieces on loan

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A rare opportunity to view African-American masterpieces opens this weekend at the Portland Art Museum. The show called Constructing Identity

brings together paintings, sculpture, prints and drawings by prominent African American artists from the past and today.

Works by Harlem Renaissance artists John Thomas Biggers, Romare Bearden and Norman Lewis will be on view as well as a vibrant cross section of contemporary artists such as Sonya Clark, Radcliffe

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AMA March to Focus on Justice

Equality and love to frame Saturday events

Civil rights activists working through a group representing black churches in Portland are inviting the public to join them on Saturday for a rally and march for justice.

The Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform has scheduled the family-friendly demonstrations to coincide with the 7th anniversary of the death of Aaron Campbell, an unarmed African American man shot by Portland Police in 2010, as well as the transition to a new federal government which potentially threatens the civil liberties of many communities.

The NAACP Portland Branch, Urban League of Portland, Unite Oregon, Muslim Education Trust, Portland Copwatch, and Sisters of



Dr. T. Allen Bethel (left) and Dr. LeRoy Haynes Jr. of the African American Ministerial Alliance's Coalition for Justice and Police Reform.

the Road are among the local civil rights groups pledging to support and join the "Advancing Justice and Equality for All Through the Strength to Love" rally and march.

The AMA Coalition is guided

by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s non-violent direct action principles. Participants are asked to show respect for one another and to use language that is friendly to families and children.