

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



'Swimming While Drowning,' a world premiere play about two homeless teens who find inspiration to live life on their own terms, opens Thursday, Feb. 9 and runs through Feb. 25 at Milagro, 525 S.E. Stark St.

Life on Their Own Terms

Milagro, Portland premier Latino arts and culture center at 525 S.E. Stark St., presents the world premiere of "Swimming While Drowning,"

When teenager Angelo Mendez decides to leave his home out of fear of further disappointing his homophobic father, he encounters a world he was not prepared for at an LGBT homeless shelter in Los Angeles. Spoken word poetry and teen romance collide in this coming of age story as two homeless teens find inspiration to live life

on their own terms.

"This play is going to be unlike anything that is currently playing right now in Portland and it's exciting to help bring it to life with the world premiere," said playwright Emilio Rodriguez. "We're not seeing teenage characters that identify as LGBTQ and the real struggles that they go through, so being able to give a voice to those types of characters, that's important."

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Bigger Plans for 'Hidden' Star

(AP) - Octavia Spencer is up for her second Academy Award this year, but the star of "Hidden Figures" said Monday that she has even bigger plans.

"The role I'm destined to play is to be one of the biggest producers in Hollywood," Spencer said at the 3rd annual Makers Conference, a women's empowerment event sponsored by Verizon.

The actress shared her aspirations during a conversation with Gloria Steinem that kicked off the two-day conference in California.

Spencer received a supporting actress Oscar nod for playing Dorothy Vaughn, a black mathematician who worked at NASA, in the crowd-pleasing best picture nominee "Hidden Figures."

Spencer told the Makers crowd Monday night that she wants to continue to tell stories "that haven't really been told."



Octavia Spencer

"I want the movies that I produce to show a broader spectrum of people in the world," she said.

Spencer said she is working on a project about the Jonestown Massacre for HBO and developing a story about pioneering black entrepreneur Madam C.J. Walker.

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