

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Rock and Roll Hall of Famer George Clinton performs Sunday, July 30 at the Crystal Ballroom, downtown.

Funk Legend Plays Portland

George Clinton, one of the foremost innovators of funk music, and the mastermind behind the bands Parliament and Funkadelic, comes to Portland for a performance on Sunday, July 30 at 8 p.m. at the Crystal Ballroom, downtown.

Clinton started his career with the Parliaments, a barbershop doo-wop ensemble, which scored a major hit with

“I Wanna Testify” in 1967. He then began experimenting with harmonies, melody, and rhythm, and taking cues from the psychedelic movement, forever setting himself apart from the Motown era.

By the early 1970s, the group’s tight songs evolved into sprawling jams around funky rhythms. They dropped the “s” from the band name and Parliament was born.

Around the same time, Clinton spawned Funkadelic, a rock group which fused psychedelic guitar distortion, bizarre sound effects, and cosmological rants with danceable beats and booming bass lines.

Clinton has become recognized as the godfather of modern urban music, saying, “funk is the DNA of hip-hop and rap.”

Augustana Hosts Summer Party

Augustana Lutheran Church has announced plans for its 25th annual “Summer in the City” neighborhood party on Sunday, Aug. 6 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

All are welcome to this free outdoor event, celebrating the diversity of our city. Some of the featured attractions will be a barbeque, book sale, children’s games, and music provided by some of Portland’s most notable jazz musicians. There will be a Jazz/Gospel worship service beginning at 6 p.m.

Augustana is located at Northeast 15th Avenue and Knott Street. For more information: 503-288-6174.

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