

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## Miss Ethnic, Not Specific

Comedy a search for self acceptance

Portland actress and writer Kristina Haddad's new multi-media stage play "Miss Ethnic Non-Specific," a comedic take on a search for self acceptance and fighting stereotypes, completes its premiere run this weekend at Shaking-the-Tree Theatre, 823 S.E. Grant St.



Kristina Haddad

Based on her real-life, the play explores Haddad's identity crisis journey from a small town talent show to the cut-throat streets of Hollywood. Along the way, she confronts race, culture, misogyny, and the need to fit into the molds of others -- before shattering them into a million pieces.

Haddad speaks to anyone who has looked in the mirror and tried to change their appearance, or tried as hard as they could to fit into a box, in order to feel welcomed. Her project first emerged last year at Artist's Repertory The-

atre for the Fertile Ground Festival. "Miss Ethnic Non-Specific," plays Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. Adults \$20 and seniors and students \$15.

### Obituaries

## In Loving Memory Ronald Stewart



Ronald Gerald Stewart went home to be with the Lord on Aug. 16, 2017. He was surrounded by family and friends.

Ron was born on May 26, 1953 and passed away due to complications from leukemia. Celebration of Life services are scheduled on Friday, Sept. 1 at 2 p.m. at New Song Community Church, 2511 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Ron will be greatly missed by his family and friends. His family thanks everyone who made his life full and inspirational. A special thanks also to the Portland Observer and the Washington family.

## Drowning Victim was Caring, Compassionate

Vancouver First Avenue Baptist Church was standing room only as family and friends gathered Aug. 6 to say goodbye to Jonathan James Walker, 18, who drowned off Sauvie Island on Aug. 2 while swimming with friends.



Jonathan James Walker

He was remembered as a caring and compassionate young man.

Walker was a 2017 graduate of Jesuit High School and had recently enrolled at Florida A & M University. While at Jesuit, he participated in football and baseball and was an active member of the campus ministry by participating in and leading program retreats.

Growing up in north Portland he played baseball with the Interstate-Kenton Little League, Roosevelt Roughriders and Portland Baseball Club.

He was involved in many organizations including the Oregon Humane Society, University of Oregon Young Scholars Program, FBI Youth Leadership Academy and iUrban Teen.

He was preceded in death by a brother James C. and grandfather, Jimmy Bang-Bang Walker. He is survived by his mother, Freda Walker of Portland; a brother James D.; sisters Paris and Lauren; three nephews and two nieces and a host of cousins, aunts and uncles, extended family and friends; special big cousin Mechelle, favorite cousin, Tobias, special little cousin Laila, and grand-godmother Berna. His manny, Raymond Montgomery, special friend Carlissa Wood and lifelong friends Londyn Johnson-Brooks, Greyson Juono, Bobbie Steen and Delano Harris also mourn his passing.

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