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Aaron Nigel Smith



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## Reggae Music Show Debut

KBOO Community radio reggae programmer Ras Danny and award winning reggae artist Aaron Nigel Smith want Portland to become an important hub for reggae music. Opening the New Year, they are launching their first of what they hope will be a series of shows for the Portland community connected with the global and local reggae scene.

Rocker-T and the 7th Street

Band will headline the first "Just-SomeReggaeFolk" event, Saturday, Jan. 6 at Mississippi Studios, 3939 N. Mississippi Ave. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 21 and over show. The local group Ska, Rocksteady, soul band Heavy City and DJ Cansaman will round out the lineup.

"Reggae music is the heartbeat of our planet," says Danny. "We want Portland to come together in the spirit of unity and dance to the

reggae riddim.'

Smith, known for his work in the world of children's music, will debut music from a new album geared to adults.

"The current social and political climate brings up a lot of stuff for me that I can't express through the medium of kids music, so I'm excited for the opportunity to share some of these new songs," says Smith.

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Metropolitan Youth Symphony is welcoming the New Year with a Sunday, Jan. 7 concert by Project Trio (above) joining them on stage for a high octane mix of music including rhythmically charged originals and covers ranging from classical to jazz to hip-hop and rock.

## Jamming with Project Trio

Metropolitan Youth Symphony is welcoming the New Year with an exciting collaboration with Friends of Chamber Music, a concert featuring world-class artists from Project Trio and the MYS Symphony Orchestra conducted by Music Director Raúl

Gómez.

Blending their classical training and eclectic taste in musical styles, Project Trio is one of the most watched instrumental ensembles on the Internet. The trio has its own YouTube channel, which has over 80 million views

and 96,000 subscribers.

The concert promises a high octane mix of music ranging from classical to jazz to hip hop and rock. It takes place Sunday, Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Newmark Theater, downtown. For tickets, visit [focm.org](http://focm.org).