

# New Focus for Good in the Hood

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unit and it will be very secure," he said. "We will check everyone who comes in through the entrance ways. We will check bags and everything that comes in will be checked."

Portland Police also bring in dogs to sweep the grounds before the festival opens and watch the grounds overnight to make sure the park is safe.

Plans already call for Good in the Hood to kick off with an opening night party on Friday, June 22, with a live band and a chance for event sponsors to meet and greet the community. The next day, the Good in the Hood parade will start at Dawson Park at 11 a.m. and will make its way to King Park via Russell Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard.

The parade will be bigger than ever, Penney said, but with lots of local groups, bands, floats, sponsors and other folks.

"We have some big groups of



Legendary R & B singer and songwriter Howard Hewett, the former lead vocalist from the 1980s group Shalamar, will headline the annual Good in the Hood music festival returning to King School Park, June 22-24.

50 to 60," Penney said. "We will have tons of people in the parade."

The festival is sanctioned and promoted by the Portland Rose Festival, and is volunteer-driven with many community sponsors.

The University of Oregon is the

main sponsor, according to Penney, while Legacy Health will sponsor the entertainment stage and Wells Fargo is sponsoring the Good in the Hood Parade.

The festival will have between 15 and 20 bands, playing all week-

end long, Penney said. The headliner, famed R&B singer-songwriter Howard Hewett, former lead vocalist of Shalamar, will appear Sunday afternoon.

Penney said the music will feature "live jazz, blues, R&B, Latin, pop and Neo-soul, plus conscious hip-hop."

Planning for Good in the Hood now goes on year-round, Penney said. In addition, he said a primary focus of the event is on the scholarships that are handed out every year to prospective college students. Penney said he hopes to see scholarships of \$5,000 offered to between 5 and 10 young people this year.

The festival will also host an Information Village with free information from about 50 vendors ranging from prospective employers to college recruiters.

At the Legacy Pavilion, people will be able to have their blood pressure checked and other health screenings, including an AIDS test, Penney said. And at the Kids

Space, kids will be able to watch puppet shows, jump in a bouncy house, get their faces painted and get a bicycle helmet for only \$6 from the "Trauma Nurses Talk Tough" booth.

While returning the free festival to King School Park is symbolic, what began as a small music festival started by a small group of nuns at Holy Redeemer School, remains true to its original purpose for bringing families and communities together, Penney said.

"They were trying to bring something positive to the neighborhood because there was so much gang activity," Penney said, "And parents got an opportunity to work the event to pay off their kid's tuition who attended Holy Redeemer... It's come a long ways. Back then it was just coming together having a little music festival. But now we go year-round and we're involved in the community."

To donate, volunteer or learn more about how to get involved with Good in the Hood go to their website at [goodinthehood.org](http://goodinthehood.org) or call 971-302-6380.

## Salvation Army Plant Sale

The Salvation Army in Gresham invites local gardeners to their 27th annual plant sale where all proceeds benefit The Salvation Army's work in East Multnomah County! The sale takes place Saturday, May 12 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the East Hill Church at 701 N. Main Ave. in Gresham. All plants are donated from local nurseries, so the selection is sure to be exciting and unique!



**Sister Act** -- Portland actress Kristin Robinson performs the title role in "Sister Act," the feel-good musical based on the 1992 smash hit film, now playing at the Lakewood Center for the Arts in Lake Oswego. Shows run through June 10. Tickets are \$39 for adults and \$37 for seniors. Call the box office at 503-635-3901 or visit [Lakewood-center.org](http://Lakewood-center.org).

**Journey to the Trail of Tears** -- Cherokee performance artist and activist DeLanna Studi performs her powerful memoir play "And So We Walked: An Artist's Journey Along the Trail of Tears" at the Armory, downtown. Studi retraces the path that her great-great grandparents took in the 1830s during the forced relocation of 17,000 Cherokee from their homelands. Now showing through Sunday, May 13. Regular tickets start at \$25. Visit [pcs.org](http://pcs.org) or call 503-445-3700.

**Norman Sylvester** -- 'Boogie Cat' Norman Sylvester plays Friday, May 11 at the Rogue Pub in North Plains; Saturday, May 12 at the Spare Room; Friday, May 18 at the Vinyl Tap; and Saturday, May 19 at C I Bar and Grill in Tualatin.

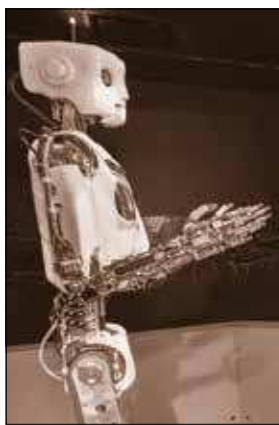
## ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

### Q Doc Festival --

The only festival in the U.S. devoted exclusively to LGBTQ documentaries is coming to the Hollywood Theatre, May 17-20. The films were selected to creatively engage core issues of queer identity -- politics, history, culture, diversity, sexuality, family, aging, and coming-out issues.

**OMSI Exhibit on Arctic Thaw** -- "Digging into Permafrost" is a new exhibit at OMSI addressing the subject of climate change as viewed through the lens of a thawing Arctic using exciting interactive features such as an Alaskan permafrost tunnel replica, fossil research stations and interactive games.

**Robot Revolution** -- A new exhibit at OMSI brings some of the most innovative robots from all over the world. Learn about the skills robots possess that mimic and often surpass human capabilities in "Robot Revolution," now showing through Sept. 7.



**Zoo for All** -- The Oregon Zoo has launched "Zoo for All," a new discount program that provides \$5 admission for low income individuals and families. Visitors may purchase up to six of the \$5 tickets by bringing a photo ID and documentation showing they participate in low income service, like the Oregon Trial Card, Medicaid, Section 8, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Head Start.

**Discount Tickets** -- Low income families and individuals can purchase \$5 tickets to classical musical performances in Portland as part of a unique program called Music for All. Participating organizations include the Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera, Oregon Ballet Theater, Chamber Music Northwest, Portland Youth Philharmonic, Portland Baroque Orchestra, Friends of Chamber Music, Portland Chamber Orchestra, Portland Piano International, Portland Symphonic Choir, Cappella Romana and Portland Vocal Consort.

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