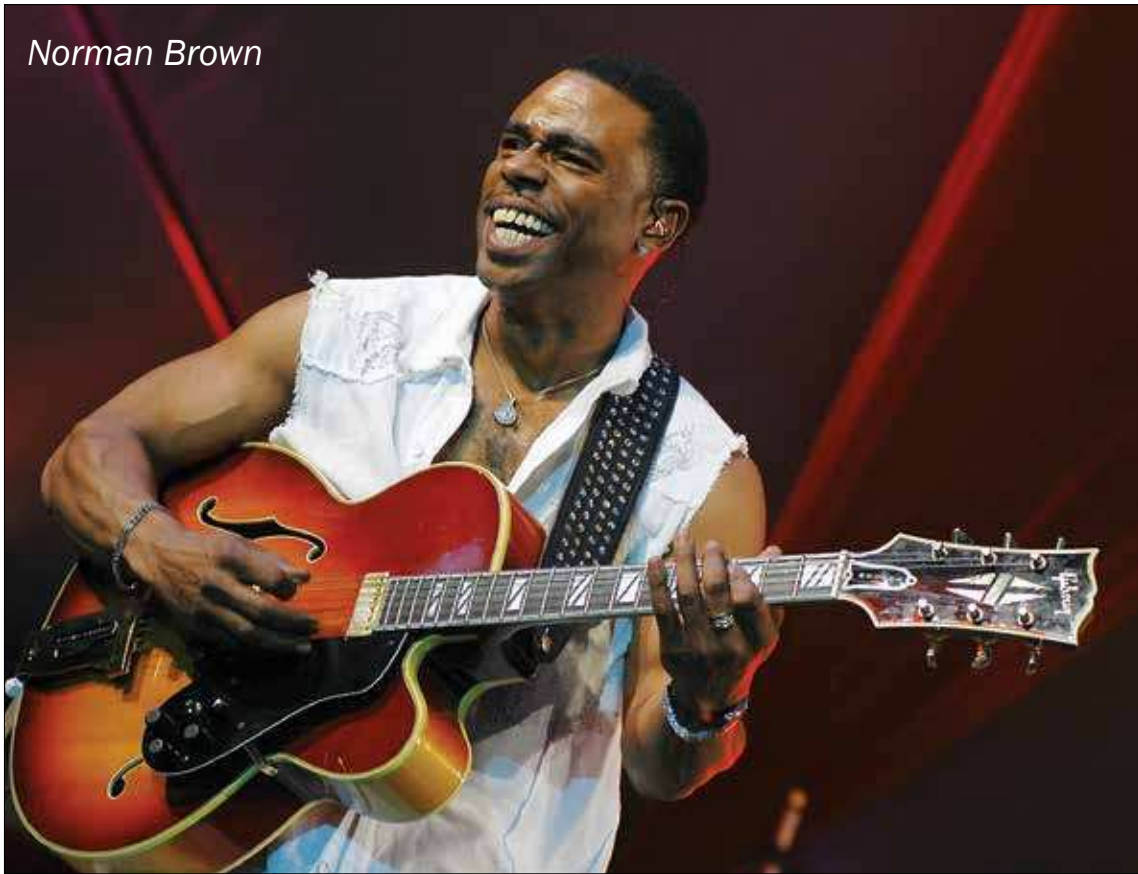


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Vanport Jazz Fest Returns

Portland's second annual Vanport Jazz Festival takes place this Saturday, August 4th at Portland Meadows with a star-studded lineup that includes talented acts from all over the country.

The Vanport Jazz Festival honors the city of Vanport, a once thriving, multi-cultural city that housed a large African American population but was flooded and disbanded 70 years ago.

Many survivors of the flood would go on to settle in Portland, and many jazz clubs that opened in the Rose City after that were run by former Vanport residents. Though that once thriving music scene is all but a memory to many, the Vanport Jazz Festival aims to carry the tradition of Portland jazz scene into the new century.

Acts include Grammy-winning Contemporary Jazz/R&B superstar Norman Brown, who has sold over 2-million records with his Jazz guitar playing and Jazmin Ghent, whose debut CD Boss reached the Smooth Jazz Global radio's top 50 Smooth Jazz CDs for 2015 and later release "Compared to What," which reached #5 on the Smooth Jazz Charts. Najee, Eu-

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lulah Donyll "Lalah" Hathaway, Kenny Polson, and Jonathan Butler will also perform.

Doors open at 10:30am with performance starting at noon. Tickets start at \$75 for Gener-

al Admission, not including a \$10 general parking pass. The festival will take place at 1001 Schmeer Road and More information can be found at vanportjazzfestival.com/info.



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