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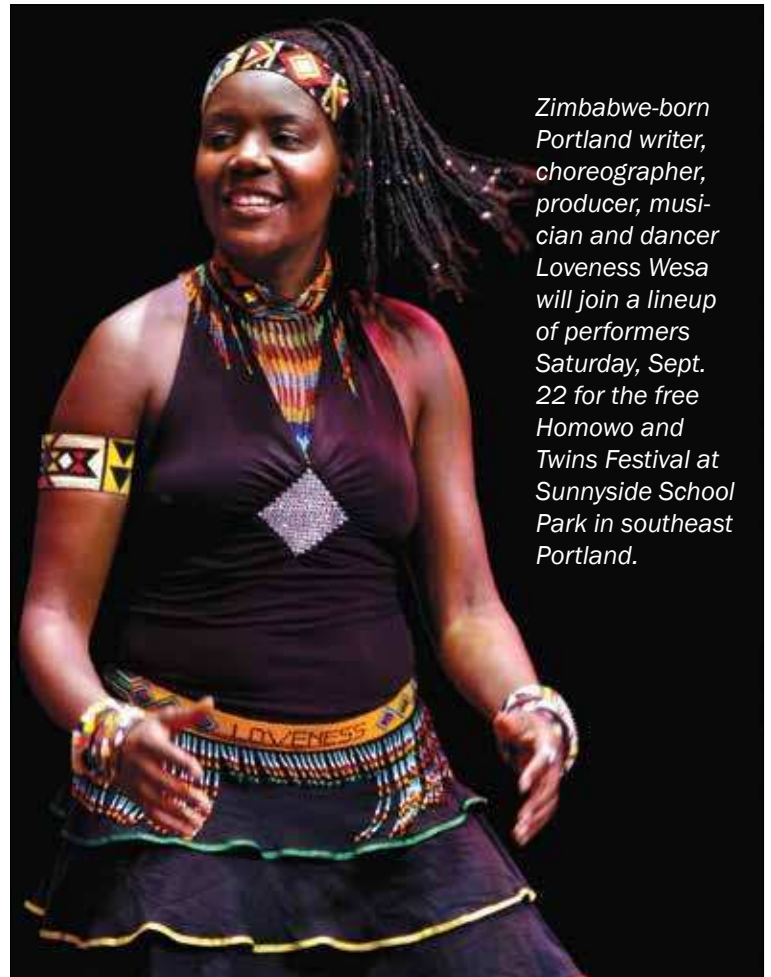
African Homowo Festival

You're invited to a free community festival to showcase the traditions of the Ga people of Ghana, West Africa and other African immigrants from Portland with performances of songs and dance that will take place on Saturday, Sept. 22 from noon to 6 p.m. at Sunnyside School Park, 3421 S.E. Salmon St.

All are welcome and encouraged to join in – to dance, sing, eat, and wish for health, abundance, and other good fortunes.

Nii Ardey Allotey, the festival organizer and a Ghanaian master drummer and dancer, hopes the festival will “bring people together and for everyone to feel like they can share with one another” as well as “showcase what Portland has to offer – to show that it truly is a world-class city.”

The lineup of local and national talent includes Comfort Tette of New York, a professional dancer and former Ghana National Dance Ensemble member; Ibrahim Kelly of Portland, a Mali-born master djembe fola (player), Malian blues guitarist, Dusu Mali Band leader, dancer, and instructor; Loveness Wesa, a Zimbabwe-born



Zimbabwe-born Portland writer, choreographer, producer, musician and dancer Loveness Wesa will join a lineup of performers Saturday, Sept. 22 for the free Homowo and Twins Festival at Sunnyside School Park in southeast Portland.

writer, choreographer, producer, dance performance ensemble musician, and dancer’ and Ekome, from Portland, founded and led by a traditional Ghanaian music and Nii Ardey Allotey since 1992.

‘The Color Purple’ on Portland Stage

Musical a powerful story of sisterhood

Portland Center Stage at The Armory has launched its new season with the Tony Award-winning musical “The Color Purple,” adapted from Alice Walker’s classic novel about the sisterhood, resilience and self-empowerment found in a community of black women living in rural Georgia in the early 20th century.

The cast includes Broadway star Felicia Boswell as Celie, whose journey toward love and self-worth forms the heart of the play.

Published in 1982, Walker’s novel won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the National Book Award. Steven Spielberg’s 1985 movie adaptation of the story was a critically acclaimed box office success, receiving 11 Academy Award nominations.

“The Color Purple” at Portland Center Stage at The Armory is now showing through Oct. 28. Tickets range from \$25 to \$87 with special \$5 tickets available for Oregon Trail Card holders through the Arts for All program. For tickets and more information, visit pcs.org.



Lana Gordon (left) is Shug and Felicia Boswell plays Celie in ‘The Color Purple,’ adapted from Alice Walker’s classic novel about the sisterhood, resilience and self empowerment found in a community of black women living in rural Georgia.