

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Quincy Bryant in the documentary "Hale County This Morning, This Evening."

## Life in the Rural South

A gripping portrait of life among black people in the rural south is the subject of a new award-winning documentary "Hale County, This Morning, This Evening" which gets multiple screening this weekend thanks to the Northwest Film Center at the Portland Art Museum.

Portland Observer movie critic Darleen Ortega, in a review earlier this year, called the film an "uncommonly specific and compassionate" look at life in a mostly black, rural community in Alabama. The portrait of two young African-American men was shot

over the course of five crucial years in their lives and is credited for being void of the traditional struggle on which documentaries about the black experience often center.

Written, directed, shot, and edited by first-time feature filmmaker RaMell Ross, "Hale County" plays Friday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 13 at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. in Whitsell Auditorium at the Portland Art Museum, downtown. Admission is \$10 general, \$8 for students and seniors, and \$5 for children.



Participants in GirlStrength are empowered by self-defense classes and personal safety workshops.

## Holistic Self-Defense for Girls

WomenStrength is looking for volunteers who want the opportunity to teach women and girls holistic self-defense.

WomenStrength and its companion program GirlStrength have a 39 year history of success in the Portland area by providing free violence prevention programs offered through the Family Services Division of the Portland Police Bureau.

GirlStrength is designed to meet the developmental needs of youth ages 10-17. The programs, workshops and classes are inclusive and offered to any youth who identifies as a girl, or whose

gender expression is female, fluid or non conforming.

No experience is necessary and women from all backgrounds, abilities and ages (over 18) are encouraged to apply for the volunteer instructor training that is trauma-informed, engaging and comprehensive. Classes are taught by professionals across the field of violence prevention and upon completion, instructors have the skills and knowledge they need to help women and girls be leaders in non-violence.

For more information, call 503-823-0239 or email [girlstrength.pb@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:girlstrength.pb@portlandoregon.gov)

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The Brown Sisters of Portland will join a lineup of musicians to front a benefit concert for Joseph Smith, a local 13-year-old who is fighting cancer, on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at Maranatha Church.

## Brown Sisters Benefit Concert

The Brown Sisters of Portland and friends present a benefit concert for Joseph Smith, the 13-year-old son of Dorcas Brown-Smith, who is fighting a very rare and malignant bone and soft tissue cancer called Ewing's Sarcoma.

All four Brown Sisters will be joined by talented friends, like Michael Allen Harrison, Aaron



Joseph Smith

Meyer, Alonzo Chadwick, Derrick McDuffey with Kingdom Sound, and others to raise funds for his care.

The musical showcase will take place Saturday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at Maranatha Church, 4222 N.E. 12th Ave. You can visit [joy-offit.org](http://joy-offit.org) to RSVP and also to donate.



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