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The 2018 Chevrolet Volt has quick acceleration from its powertrain, which is composed of a four-cylinder engine and an electric motor.

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Portland playwright Kwik Jones' new work focuses on the rise of a rap group trio during the beginnings of hip-hop, in a time where popular music was dominated by metal and rock. Pictured (top, from left) are members of the production team, JR Wolf, Tejuan Andrew, Kadeem Thomas-Bey and Kwik Jones; and (bottom, from left) Lashonda Anderson, Janette Alonso, and Shareen Jacobs.

A Rap Group Rises

Portland playwright's 'The Price of Fame'

A new play with Portland roots focuses on the challenges faced by an up-and-coming rap group in the early years of the genre.

"The Price of Fame," by local playwright Kwik Jones is set in 1979 amid urban sprawl, "Southside of anywhere," plagued by poverty, delinquency, and decay, the setting of much of rap's earliest subject matter and the place of its origins.

It's an era where metal and rock music ruled the airwaves, and Jones' story has a trio of close friends forming a rap group to rebel against the establishment, a period before the fat gold chains and four finger rings of today's rappers.

But when the group seeks to bring the sound that was born from the streets to the mainstream by signing a record deal, the money, envy, and addiction that often accompany fame threatens to cause the friends to forget why they started making music in first place.

The piece is a follow-up to Jones' recent "Jupiter is Stormy," another musically-centered story which marked his return to the craft after a years-long hiatus because of health reasons. He's also known for his plays "The Code," "Voices," and "Black Like Me".

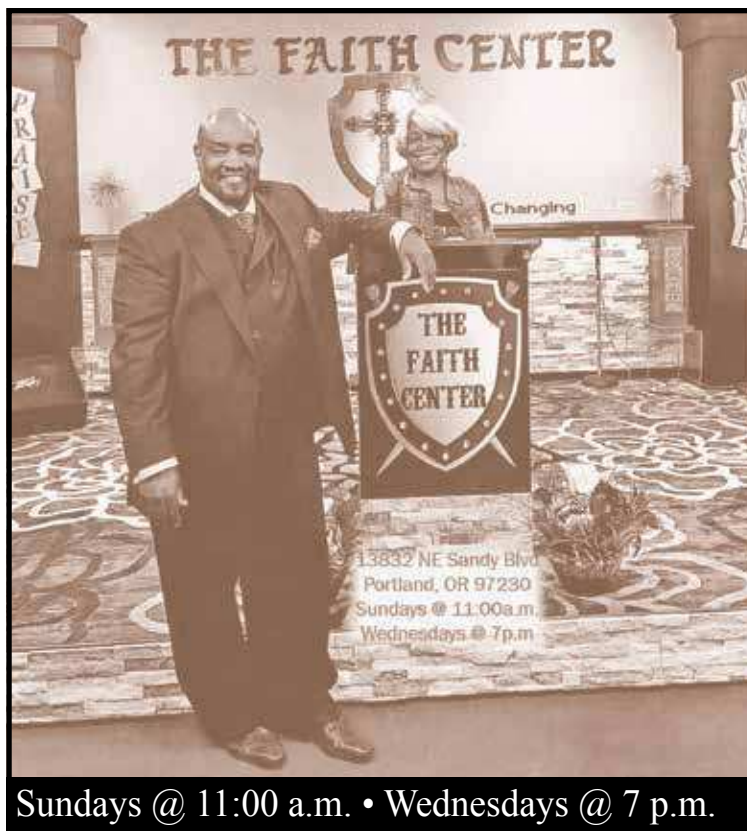
Jones stars in "The Price of Fame" as well as JR Wolf, Lashonda Anderson, Trejuan Andrew, Shareen Jacobs, and Kadeem Thomas-Bey. The show plays for free, one-day-only, at Kelly's Olympian, downtown on Saturday, Oct 27 at 3 p.m.



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