

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Black Santa to Visit Portland



Dee Sinclair portraying Santa Claus reads a story to children in Atlanta in this archive photo from the Associated Press. A Black Santa event in Portland will be held on Sunday, Dec. 9 at the Matt Dishman Community Center.

As the holidays are upon us, the Portland Willamette Valley Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, is pleased to announce that Black Santa will visit the Portland area once again!

Since 2014, the organization has planned and hosted a Black Santa event as means to provide a local, more diverse Santa Claus option for families with black children, and for all communities seeking to enjoy a festive meet and greet Santa Claus

Last year, over 400 attendees from all over the Portland metropolitan area enjoyed having their photo taken with Black Santa. Proceeds from the event raised money for Albina Head Start, the intended beneficiary again this year.

Black Santa will be at the Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 N.E. Knott St., on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The cost for a framed color photo with Black Santa is \$20 (cash only). Free treats, prizes and games will also be distributed.



Happy Holidays

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Architects and bakers team up to create tasty Gingerbread masterpieces at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI).

Gingerbread Adventures at OMSI

This holiday season, jingle all the way to the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) to see towering sculptures, sweet science demonstrations and build-it-yourself workshops for Gingerbread Adventures, on view through Jan. 1.

Local architecture firms and bakeries have teamed up to design and build gingerbread sculptures focused on the theme

“Egypt,” highlighting the innovation and food science that goes into assembling the elaborate sculptures.

“The last two years of Gingerbread Adventures have been so much fun, and I’m always impressed by the creativity of the teams,” said Melony Beard, OMSI events manager. “The architect firms really push the boundaries of what the bakers can

accomplish with edible materials, and you will see new and innovative ways to use gingerbread and sugar.”

Evening workshops will be held Dec. 13, 18 and 20. Tickets are \$20 per gingerbread house (up to 2 people per house). Gingerbread Adventures is included with general admission to the museum and will be on view through Jan. 1.




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