

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Rare Flower at WSU Vancouver



A rare corpse flower at Washington State University began to reach full bloom on Monday. The flower is among the world's largest and rarest. It has grown in a stairwell in WSU Vancouver's Science and Engineering Building. On display outside the greenhouse at the east end of the WSU-Vancouver Science and Engineering Building, the flower's progress was also on view via a webcam at youtube.com/wsuvancouver. The corpse flower is infamous for its odor—comparable to that of a decomposing animal. The bloom will last only 24 to 48 hours. The species (Latin name *Amorphophallus titanum*, also known as *titan arum*) is native to Sumatra, Indonesia's rainforests, the only place in the world where it naturally grows.



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The Portland Observer



Portland's African American producing theater company PassinArt is recruiting singers for its annual 'Black Nativity' performances this December.

Singers Wanted for 'Black Nativity'

Portland's African-American producing theater company PassinArt is seeking a maximum of 12 singers for its upcoming holiday production of "Black Nativity" by Langston Hughes, directed by Jerry Foster and Elder Onnie Allen. All singers are required to audition and are asked to prepare and sing "Total Praise" by Richard Smallwood. Auditions will be held Saturday, July 20 and Saturday, July 27 from noon to 4 p.m. at Bethel AME Church in northeast Portland. (There will be a pianist available to accompany you. You may also be paired up to sing with other artist after your initial audition.)

To schedule a date and time slot, submit your head shot and resume or bio to kendembo65@gmail.com no later than July 18 and 25. Performance dates are Dec. 1-15. Rehearsals will be Thursday - Saturday's beginning on Sept. 19 leading up to the opening. Performers must be available for all or most rehearsals and show dates.

The mission of PassinArt is to entertain, educate and inspire artists and audiences while addressing critical issues facing the African American community; and to celebrate our history and culture.