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LITERARY ARTS PRESENTS
TA-NEHISI COATES
IN CONVERSATION WITH RENEE WATSON
Monday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m.
Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall
Tickets start at \$15, PortlandS.com
Join Literary Arts for an evening with acclaimed author and Journalist Ta-Nehisi Coates in celebration of his first novel. The Water Dancer (publication date September 24). In this boldly imagined work of magic and adventure, Coates offers a bracingly original vision of the world of slavery.



## Gresham Arts Festival Weekend

It's fun for all ages when the Gresham Arts Festival draws people from all around to historical downtown Gresham. The annual event returns Friday and Saturday, July 19-20, with more than 100 artists, live music, Guinness World Record attempts and more. "We worked hard this year to create a community event that has plenty of free entertainment for the whole family to enjoy. Whether you're an art lover or looking for family fun, you'll find it at the Gresham Arts Festival," said Gresham Mayor Shane Bemis.


A celebration and show of support for and with Portlanders from around the globe returns Sunday, July 21 with a one mile walk from the East Portland Community Office to Knott Park at 117th and Knott St.

## Celebrating People of All Backgrounds

You can show support for Portlanders from around the globe when Portland Parks \& Recreation holds its third annual Walk with Refugees and Immigrants on Sunday, July 21.

A walk from the East Portland Community Office, 1017 NE 117th Ave., will begin at $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and proceed along 117th to Knott Park, one mile away where a community celebration will take place that recognizes the unique experiences of new Portlanders of all ages and backgrounds.

Refuge and immigrant stories will be shared and there will be diverse music, food and other family activities to enjoy. An esti-
mated 5,000 people took part last year.
"This event is a highlight of our Parks for New Portlanders program," says Portland Parks Commissioner Nick Fish. "We're proud to welcome people of all backgrounds to Portland.'

All neighbors, faith-based organizations, local businesses, neighborhood associations, and nonprofits are invited to join to inspire a more compassionate, generous, and welcoming Portland!
With one in five Portlanders now for-eign-born, addressing the needs of this new and diverse population is crucial as they transition to Portland's community.

