

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Ben Wendell (left) and Wycliffe Gordon will be two of the headliners when the Mt. Hood Jazz Festival makes its return to Mt. Hood Community College, April 24-26, for the first time since 2004. The lineup will also include local jazz icons and more than 70 high school and middle school jazz ensembles.

Mt. Hood Jazz Festival Returning

Musicians sign up for April 2020 show

The popular Mt. Hood Jazz Festival will return to Mt. Hood Community College this spring after 15 years and has an amazing lineup of musicians ready to welcome it home.

Newly envisioned to take place April 24-26, the festival will focus on jazz education, bringing the next generation of artists and supporters into contact with the contemporaries and historical figures

of this important genre.

“The new Mt. Hood Jazz Festival will connect the jazz artists of today with the jazz artists of tomorrow by joining our educational festival with an impressive professional line-up,” said Dan Davey, director of jazz studies at MHCC. “Our jazz audience will experience a weekend jazz immersion into the culture and inspiration of this American-born style.”

Internationally-acclaimed jazz musicians Wycliffe Gordon and Ben Wendell will headline the festival, joined by local jazz icons like George Colligan, Tim Gilson, Renato Caranto, Charlie Porter,

Charlie Doggett and Tim Rap. Regional jazz artists will hold hourly masterclasses, the MHCC Jazz Ensemble will hold special performances and more than 70 high school and middle school jazz ensembles will compete throughout the weekend. Additional performances and events will be announced as they are added to the lineup.

Tickets are now on sale and sponsorship opportunities are available for those who wish to support the festival. Visit mhcc.edu/jazzfestival and follow the festival on Facebook @MtHoodJazzFestival.

Foot Bridge Joins Two Parks

Portlanders getting in touch with nature have a new safe crossing over a busy West Burnside Street thanks to a new footbridge on the Wildwood Trail, one of Portland Parks & Recreation’s crown jewels for outdoor activities.

Nearly 2,000 people showed up last month to celebrate the opening of the Barbara Walker Crossing, a dream in the works for decades and a structure that symbolizes the joining of Washington and Forest parks. The path also connects two of the Wildwood Trail’s most popular destinations: Hoyt Arboretum and Pittock Mansion.

Companies like KPFF, R&H Construction, Walker Macy and Shiels Oblatz Johnson donated hundreds of hours of work for the design, engineering, construction, and installation of the bridge.



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Nearly 2,000 people were on hand to celebrate a new foot bridge across West Burnside. The connection brings a safe crossing across a busy street for one of Portland Parks & Recreation’s crown Jewels, the Wildwood Trail and also symbolizes the joining of Washington and Forest parks.

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