#### All Things Being Equal

 A thought-provoking look at how art can sh how modern culture per discrimination, titled "An mings Being Equal" by African American artist Hank Willis Thomas, runs through Jan. 12 at the Portland Art Museum. Features more than 90 works, including sculptures based on archival photographs, quilts constructed from sports jerseys and prison uniforms, video installations, and more.

Holiday Entertainment - Portland Center Stage's 'Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley, 'a light and funny holiday play now playing at the Armory through Dec. 29. The relatively new play builds on the old and familiar notes of a Regency romantic comedy, picking up where Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" leaves off.

Viennese New Year - Oregon Symphony Music Director Carlos Kalmer will be joined by guest dancers from the Oregon Ballet Theatre and symphony violinist Searmi Park to ring in the New Year one night early with a Monday, Dec. 30 concert featuring delightful Viennese waltzes and polkas.

ZooLights - The Oregon Zoo's walk-through winter wonderland of more than 1.5 million colored lights is open for the holiday season and it's bigger than ever. Enjoy the forests of lighted trees, life-size

illuminated animal silhouettes and take rides on the light-bedecked zoo trains. For online tickets and more information, visit oregonzoo.org/ zoolights.

Black Experience on Canvas -Portland artist Arvie Smith, a renowned painter of the black experience, will showcase some of his new work in a solo exhibit '2 Up and 2 Back,' now showing through Feb. 2 at the Disjecta Contemporary Arts Center, 8371 N. Interstate

Fighting for the Right to Fight: African American Experiences in World War II – On loan from the National WWII Museum through Jan. 12, The Oregon Historical Society, downtown, presents exhibit on the African American experience in World War II and in the Civil Rights era following the war.

### **Shopping and Cultural Exchange**

- Beaverton Night Market Bazaar, 4500 S.W. Watson Ave., a unique shopping destination held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 20-22, offers one-of-a-kind arts and craft merchandise from nearly 30 emerging small business owners representing cultures across the world are featured.

Norman Band - "Boogie Cat" Norman Sylvester and his Band plays Saturday, Dec. 21 at 9 a.m. for the AFL-CIO holiday party at the Elsinore Theatre in Salem; Friday, Dec. 27 at Clyde's; Saturday, Dec. 28 at the Vinyl Tap; and Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 7 p.m. for the New Year's Eve party at Catfish

**Zoo for All** – The Oregon Zoo has launched "Zoo for All," a discount program that provides \$5 admission for low income individuals and families. Visitors may purchase up to six of the \$5 tickets by brining a photo ID and documentation showing they participate in low income service, like the Oregon Trial Card, Medicaid, Section 8, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Head Start.

Discount Tickets - Low income families and individuals can purchase \$5 tickets to classical musical performances in Portland as part of a unique program called Music for All. Participating organizations include the Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera, Oregon Ballet Theater, Chamber Music Northwest, Portland Youth Philharmonic, Portland Baroque Orchestra. Friends of Chamber Music, Portland Chamber Orchestra, Portland Piano International, Portland Symphonic Choir, Cappella Romana and Portland Vocal Consort.

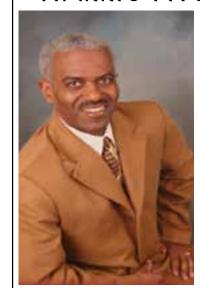


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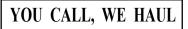
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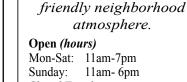
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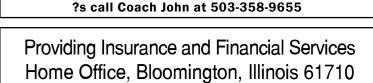
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