

'Oh Freedom' Drama at WSU-Vancouver

The Washington State University Vancouver campus is celebrating Black History Month in February by creating space to honor the achievements, contributions and lived experiences of peoples of the African and Black diaspora.

The public is invited to join the campus community for a dramatic performance of "Oh Freedom: Commemorating the Spiritual and the Underground Railroad" on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 4 p.m. in the Firstenburg Student Commons, Room 105. This event is free. RSVP at vancouver.wsu.edu/

the powerful connection of the spiritual and the Underground Railroad



Wesley Williams II

"Oh Freedom" commemorates from historical scholars, poems and song to describe the evil, ugfrom specific time periods and spirituals that align with the text will through five dramatic movements. give you the opportunity to com-Carefully selected prose narratives memorate the fusion of narrative



H. L. Wright II

liness and authentic beauty of this significant time in U.S. and world

Wesley Williams II is the creator and producer of "Oh Freedom." He performs with H.L.

WSU Vancouver is located at 14204 N.E. Salmon Creek Ave.. east of the 134th Street exit from either I-5 or I-205.



New York-based rapper Homeboy Sandman will perform Sunday, Feb. 2 at Mississippi Studios.

Homeboy Sandman on Tour

and other cultural activities.

New York-based rapper Home- soul-assessing Portland on Sunday, Feb. 2.

"Dusty," a collection of 15 and more.

boy Sandman has embarked on that shows his lyrical worda West Coast tour supported by smith is as strong as ever. His Quelle Chris and will be perform- work has been featured at nuing at Mississippi Studios in north merous media outlets including The Guardian, Pitchfork, NPR, Sandman recently released Rolling Stone, Stereogum, XXL

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brates Chinese New Year with

special events through Feb. 9, in-

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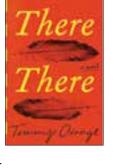


Bye Studio at The Armory. For tickets, visit pcs.org, by phone at 503-445-3700 or in-person from the box office.

Sweat - Profile Theater presents the Portland premiere of African American playwright Lynn Nottage's Pulitzer Prize winning play Sweat, a story that captures global capitalism's impacts on the lives of a diverse group of workers through a wincing story of people losing their livelihood, becoming desperate and lashing out at themselves and each other. Now playing through Feb. 2 at Imago Theater, 17 S.E. Eighth Ave.

Everybody Reads - Multnomah County Li-

brary invites the community to participate in Everybody Reads 2020, featuring Tommy Orange's debut novel about the urban Native experience, "There There." Free copies are available at library locations or download the e-book or audiobook from the library catalog.



Reel Music Festival – The 37th edition of Portland's beloved Reel Music Festival features a line-up of cutting-edge films focused on some of today's-and yesteryear's-most thrilling musicians. Runs through Feb. 16 at the Whitsell Auditorium at the Portland Art Museum. Admission is \$10 and \$8 for students and seniors. Visit nwfilm.org.

cluding lion dances, lighted lantern parades

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 Sunday, Feb. 2 at the Disjecta Contemporary Arts Center, 8371 N. Interstate Ave.

Norman Sylvester Band – "Boogie Cat" Norman Sylvester and his band plays Saturday, Feb. 1 at Catfish Lou's in Beaverton; Friday, Feb. 7 at Wilf's at Union Station; and Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Spare Room.

Film Screens with Call to Action - See the injustice and consider the solutions behind a new trend making African American girls the fastest-growing population in the criminal justice system when Warner Pacific University, HOL-LA and Bars to Bridges host a public screening of the documentary "Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School," on Monday, Feb. 3 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



We specialize in a variety of cuts for men and women, hot towel razor shaves, braiding, hair extension, Shampoo, blow dryer and Platinum fade.

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