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 David Schiff's '4 Sisters' | MYS Symphony Orchestra
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 March 8 @ 7:30 pm | Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall



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 -The Chicago Tribune

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Exploring Life at the Margins

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Theater in Portland turned especially and resourcefully rich this past weekend, with the opening of two terrific co-productions by important American women playwrights exploring questions

of identity and life at the margins. I recommend making time to see both.

Dominique Morisseau is a name to watch; a 2018 recipient of a MacArthur "Genius Grant," the Detroit native's plays (including a new musical about The Temptations, "Ain't Too Proud") draw from her background as a spoken-word poet to illuminate aspects of life in African American urban communities. Her 2017

play "Pipeline," co-produced by Portland Playhouse and Confrontation Theater, explores life inside the so-called school-to-prison pipeline as experienced by one black family.

Nya (Ramona Lisa Alexander) knows education; she teaches in an inner-city high school and dedicates herself to elevating the consciousness of her students inside

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The Week in Review

Kobe and Gianna Goodbye

Thousands of fans poured into the Staples Center Monday to remember the lives of late NBA star Kobe Bryant, his daughter Gianna and seven others killed in a helicopter crash last month in an emotional ceremony that spoke to the legendary Laker's outsize impact on Los Angeles, the basketball world and the culture at large.

NASA Pioneer Dies at 101

Katherine Johnson, a black mathematician who calculated rocket trajectories and earth orbits for NASA's early space missions and was later portrayed in the 2016 hit film "Hidden Figures," died Monday. She was 101.



Feds to Look at Fesser Case

The U.S. Department of Justice will conduct a civil rights investigation into the 2017 wrongful arrest of Michael Fesser, a black man who recently won a \$600,000 lawsuit against the city of West Linn

to settle a racial discrimination lawsuit involving the city's former police chief and a tow company employer.

Noose at Benson Investigated

Portland police responded to Benson High School Friday on a report that a noose was found by a maintenance employee in a secure area within the school that was not in view of students. Officers are continuing to investigate the incident.

Republicans Walk Out

Republicans in the Oregon Senate left the Capitol Monday to stop majority Democrats from passing a bill to cap greenhouse gas emissions. On Tuesday, Republicans in the House also walked out, preventing a quorum to pass any legislation.

Movie Mogal Found Guilty

Harvey Weinstein, the disgraced former Hollywood producer, was found guilty of criminal sexual assault and of rape in the third degree in a New York court Monday. The outcome was seen as a landmark moment in the #MeToo movement acknowledging sexual harassment in the workforce.



RoseQuarter

A TRUE TRAIL BLAZER

As we reflect on Black History Month, we are honored to celebrate someone who is creating history here at the Rose Quarter. Octavia Chambers, Director of Equity & Inclusion, joined us in 2017 and has been trail blazing ever since. Octavia led the development and implementation of our first three-year, cross-departmental Diversity, Equity and Inclusion strategic plan. Simultaneously, she has helped shape our long-term approach to build structures, competencies and tools to advance and sustain equity efforts throughout the organization. Her vision and commitment to DEI has been so powerful, it led to her being named into the Sports Business Journal's inaugural class of "New Voices Under 30" this year.

Thank you, Octavia, for your unwavering commitment to the goal that one day, EVERYONE will feel welcome at the Rose Quarter. After all - We Are All Part of Rip City. While our journey is only beginning, we are looking forward to the task ahead and inviting others to join us along the way.

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