

Vanport the Musical



PHOTO BY KATE SZROM

Isaiah Sims plays the role of Joe in Vanport the Musical

Vanport the Musical is presented by World Stage Theatre in collaboration with Northwest Children's Theater as part of the 2020 Vanport Mosaic Festival, May 20 through June 5.

Written and directed by Shalanda Sims and co-directed by Sarah Jane Hardy, the play introduces audiences of all ages to Vanport, the former unincorporated city between Portland and Vancouver that was destroyed by floodwaters in 1948.

Vanport thrived during World

War II and was one of the few locations where Black workers were allowed to reside freely. It was on the heels of the Great Depression, and people were eager to find work and make money.

When Henry Kaiser put out a call for workers in his shipyard, people came from far and wide. But what was it really like? Audiences of all ages will discover just that in Vanport the Musical.

For tickets, contact the NWCT Box Office at info@nwcts.org or call 503-222-2190.

Harlem Dancers are Back



Dance Theatre of Harlem, a legendary company of 18 brilliant dancers, returns to Portland to perform works by three exceptional choreographers on Wednesday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, downtown. Sponsored by White Bird, the performance was originally scheduled as the closer of its 2019-20 season but rescheduled due to the pandemic.

Plan an Outing in the Gorge



A new Gateway to the Columbia Gorge visitor center in Troutdale, a former railroad depot turned into a museum, will provide self guided tours to learn about the Mt. Hood and Columbia River Gorge region, one of the seven Travel Oregon destinations across the state.

New visitor center opening

A new visitor center in Troutdale will be a great way to plan an outing in the Columbia Gorge this summer.

The new Gateway to the Gorge Visitor Center and the Troutdale Historical Society's Depot Rail Museum was introduced during a ribbon cut-

ting ceremony on April 30. The center will officially open for business on Thursday, May 19, operating Mondays through Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The city has been working on creating its own official tourism brand - Explore Troutdale. One of the first major projects of that effort has been the renovation of the rail depot. The site is located at 475 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy.

The center will provide tourists and residents self guided tours to learn more about Troutdale and the Mt. Hood and Columbia River Gorge region, one of the seven Travel Oregon regions across the state.

The Troutdale Rail Depot was built in 1907 after a fire destroyed the first depot. You can learn more about the Depot Rail Museum by visiting Troutdale-History.org.

Letter to the Editor

Loretta Smith for Congress

Much has been written about the crowded Democratic primary for Oregon's new Sixth Congressional District, especially as big-money outside groups spend significant resources trying to mysteriously buy the election. That said, there is one Democrat who truly stands out for her experience, principles, and integrity: Loretta Smith.

For over 20 years, Loretta served on U.S. Senator Ron Wyden's team here in Oregon after graduating from Oregon State. She managed constituency services in the Senator's office, working on a wide range of issues in every corner of the state. Beyond her deep knowledge of the federal government, Loretta was elected for eight years as a two-term county commissioner in Multnomah County.

Loretta is exceptionally qualified – not only does she know the state and district well, she understands the challenges facing families, small business owners, and seniors.

Among her top priorities if elected to Congress, Loretta is focused on expanding access to



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affordable healthcare to ensure Oregonians do not go bankrupt due to an illness;

taking on Big Pharma to reduce drug costs by allowing Medicare to negotiate prices and passing stricter caps on critical medications, including insulin for diabetics like Loretta; providing relief from high gas prices by passing a bill to send \$500 rebate checks directly to individual taxpayers; and fixing our supply chain and producing more goods here in the U.S. and here locally in Oregon.

To learn more about Loretta and her campaign, visit LorettaForCongress.com.

~Charly Norton