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Portland's Cheese and Meat Festival Is Coming!

Embark on an extraordinary journey of flavors

Prepare your taste buds for an unforgettable journey through the world of artisanal foods and beverages at the upcoming Portland Cheese and Meat Festival, set to take place on November 11th at the Leftbank Annex. The Portland Cheese and Meat Festival stands out as a celebration of craftsmanship and artistry in the realm of culinary delights. Attendees will have the chance to sample an array of artisanal cheeses, cured meats, and other complementary treats that are often paired with these gourmet selections.

One of the most daunting tasks faced by food enthusiasts is selecting the perfect artisanal products while grocery shopping. The Portland Cheese and Meat Festival brilliantly addresses this challenge by offering attendees the opportunity to taste the products they've always been curious about. No more uncertainty about the flavor profile or texture – festival-goers can savor and savor again until they find the perfect match for their

palate with the Festival's all-inclusive tickets.

Immerse yourself in a world of handcrafted cheeses, cured meats, and gourmet accompaniments presented by local and international artisans. Each offering is a testament to the dedication and expertise of the creators. Delve deeper into pairing as renowned experts share insights on combining flavors and textures to create harmonious taste experiences. Engage in live tastings that encourage interaction between producers and attendees, fostering a deeper appreciation for the craftsmanship behind every product.

Witness skilled chefs in action as they demonstrate creative ways to elevate your culinary presentations using these artisanal delights. Tickets for the Portland Cheese and Meat Festival are available now and can be purchased online through our official website. Various ticket tiers are designed to cater to different preferences, allowing attendees to curate their own gourmet adventure. Whether you're a passionate foodie, an aspiring home chef, or simply someone who enjoys indulging in the finer things in life, the Portland Cheese and Meat Festival is the event you've been waiting for. Join us on November 11th and embark on an extraordinary journey of flavors, textures, and culinary excellence.

New Ownership for Albina Arts Center



Albina Arts Center (Courtesy of Oregon Community)

Collaboration to Ensure Artistic Leadership

The Albina Arts Center Selection Committee and Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) announced the new owner and steward of the Albina Arts Center in Portland, Oregon. Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc. and Rosemary Anderson High School (POIC+RAHS) will assume ownership as of September 1, and form a partnership with PassinArt to serve as the lead artistic program partner. The unique collaboration will ensure artistic leadership and realize the community's vision for centering and growing Black artistic talent.

Together, these organizations share a deep understanding of the local community and its history – ensuring that decisions about the building, tenants, visitors and surrounding neighborhood are informed by the past, present, and potential future of the site.

POIC + RAHS is committed to the success of vulnerable youth and adults, providing education, mentoring, family outreach, employment training and placement in 13 sites across the Portland Metro area. They run more than 20 distinct

initiatives and have successfully overseen and managed several capital projects including the launch of a commercial kitchen training site.

For 55 years, POIC + RAHS has been rooted in Portland's Black and African American community. "I have spent 90% of my life living, working and playing within 1.2 miles of the Albina Arts Center site," said Joe McFerrin II, President and CEO, who has led the organization for nearly 30 years. "Ownership of the Albina Arts Center will further our charitable purpose by allowing us to provide a much-needed community service to support the sustainability and growth of Black-led arts organizations and Black artists and artist spaces in Portland," he noted.

PassinArt will work alongside POIC+RAHS as lead artistic program partner.

Founded in 1982 in the Albina neighborhood, PassinArt follows in the tradition of the Black Theatre Movement, which began in the United States in 1821 with roots in many African traditions of oral history and story to pass along knowledge and grow subsequent generations.

"As the oldest continuously producing Black company in Oregon, PassinArt remains dedicated to the founders' early commitment to pass on art, history and culture from one generation to the next," said Jerry Foster, PassinArt Board Presi-

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