

Get Sneak Peek at 'Ma Rainey'

Portland Playhouse invites public for rehearsal

Mark your calendars. The public is invited to a sneak peek at the new Portland Playhouse production of August Wilson's "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 7 at the Playhouse, 602 NE Prescott St.

In addition to viewing the first rehearsal for the critically acclaimed play, attendees to the free event will be meeting with the cast and production team. Director Kevin Jones, who was nominated for a Drammy Award for last season's

Playhouse production of August Wilson's "Radio Golf," will speak with the audience about his vision for the project. Refreshments will be provided.

The cast for "Black Bottom" includes Julianne Johnson as Ma Rainey, Victor Mack as Levee, Wrick Jones as Toledo, Jerry Foster as Slow Drag, Wendell Wright as Cutler, Duffy Epstein as Irvin, Bruce Burthartsmeier as Sturdyvant, Andrea White as Dussie Mae and Gavin Hoffman as the cop.



PassinArt's 'Tough Titty' Starts March 11

PassinArt: A Theater Company will be celebrating Women's History Month with performances of "Tough Titty."

The play by African American playwright and actress Oni Faida Lampley, is the story of a family surviving the rigors of a marriage that is upended by the unexpected diagnosis of breast cancer.

Performances will be Fridays and Saturdays at 3 p.m. (matinee) and at 8 p.m. from March 11 to 26th

at Ethos at IFCC, 5340 N. Interstate Ave. in Portland.

After the matinees on March 12 and 19, there will be a special panel discussion with artists, survivors and health care professionals.

In the play, Angela, a mother of two, begins to question her faith, her marriage, family and friends after she is diagnosed with breast cancer. She learns to accept that not everything should be taken for granted in life and that even the love of family and friends

have limitations.

The play is directed by A. Nannette Taylor and will feature Portland artists RaChelle Schmidt as Angela and Drammy Award Winner Kenneth Dembo as Shaka, as well as the supporting cast of Shelley Johnson, Sharon Mann, Harold Phillips, Laura Li, and Isha Tell.

Tickets are available at Reflections Coffee House, 446 NE Killingsworth Ave. in advance as well as at the door. The production was made possible in part by

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Oscar Predictions

by Kam Williams, Special to *The Skanner*

The 83rd Academy Awards will air live on ABC on Sunday, February 27th at 8 PM ET/5 PM PT, and will be co-hosted at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood by James Franco and Anne Hathaway.

Best Picture
Will Win: The King's Speech

Deserves to Win: The Social Network
Overlooked: Kick-Ass

Best Director
Will Win: David Fincher (The Social Network)

Deserves to Win: David Fincher
Overlooked: Matthew Vaughn (Kick-Ass)

Best Actor
Will Win: Colin Firth (The King's Speech)

Deserves to Win: Jesse

Eisenberg (The Social Network)

Overlooked: Michael Douglas (Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps)

Best Actress
Will Win: Natalie Portman (Black Swan)

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Overlooked: Chloe Moretz (Kick-Ass) and Katie Jarvis (Fish Tank)

Best Supporting Actor
Will Win: Christian Bale (The Fighter)

Deserves to Win: Geoffrey Rush (The King's Speech)

Overlooked: Jerry O'Connell (Piranha 3D)

Best Supporting Actress
Will Win: Melissa Leo (The Fighter)

Deserves to Win: Amy Adams (The Fighter)

Overlooked: Rebecca Hall (The Town)

PassinArt presents

Tough Titty

By Oni Faida Lampley
March 11-26, 2011

Friday 8pm
2 Shows Saturday
3pm & 8pm • Sunday 3pm
Ethos at the IFCC 5340 N Interstate

General Admission \$20.00
Advance Admission \$15.00

A moving story of a family surviving the rigors of marriage and an unexpected life changing diagnosis of breast cancer that causes a mother of two to question her faith, marriage, family and friends. She eventually learns to relinquish her ideas of how it is supposed to go, ask for what she needs and accept the love and limitations of family, friends and herself.

Advance tickets available online at www.passinart.org, Reflections Coffee House and Talking Drum Books 446 NE Killingsworth or call 503.235.8079 for more information.

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