

# Local Events

## THE SPOTLIGHTS

### BaseRoots Goes Choral in an Exploration of African Poetic Lineage

BaseRoots Theatre Company will be performing the next in the Africans in the Americas series with "My Soul Grown Deep: Spoken Word in Harmony."

The performances run from May 26 to 29 at Waterbrook Studio, 2109 N. Albina #108, and from June 2 to 4 at Celebration Tabernacle Church, 8131 N. Denver Ave. All shows start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$12 for students and seniors. They can be purchased at [www.baserootstheatre.org](http://www.baserootstheatre.org).

The performance follows Langston Hughes as he guides the audience through 300 years of African American poetry. BaseRoots has partnered with Eric Hull of VOX: a Spoken Word Chorus, with his unique brand of chorale exploration, to present the poems "alive, in the air, still changing, still growing, bumping into things and finding a soaring moment before they settle into who they are."

The cast includes Shuhe Hawkins as Langston Hughes, Anya Pearson, James J. Dixon, Tyler Andrew Jones, Ambrosia Montgomery, RaChelle Schmidt, Tracy Turner and Miss Brenda Phillips.

### Project Takes on Teen Cyber Bullies



Cast members of "My Soul Grown Deep: Spoken Word in Harmony"

The Happy Valley Youth Council is taking on the bullies. Their most recent community project is planned for Saturday, May 14th as they host a "Bully Block Day" in a group effort to rid social networking sites of as many cyber bullies as possible. The 2 to 4 pm, invitation-only event will be held at the LaSalle High School campus and include over sixty Clackamas and LaSalle student participants. Logging on to social networking sites, they will block bullies, respond to the authors of rude posts and promote anti-bully awareness with messages on their own sites.

Cyber bullying continues to target teen victims of social ostracism by mean spirited and antagonistic messages that spread like wildfire through the texts, tweets and posts of the teen culture.

The cyber bully blocking project was an end result of youth council member and Clackamas High School senior Ashley Davidson's Photo Voice presentation, the initial undertaking of the youth council in March. Presenting a photographic portrayal of a 'good' and 'bad' aspect of their community, Ashley chose the example of a Facebook bully.

### 'Blind Café' Comes to Portland

The Portland Blind Café 3 is a community awareness event, as well as a dinner and concert in the dark. There will be a delicious gluten-free vegetarian/vegan meal prepared to delight the senses by Portland's own Chef Ivy Entretien.

All the waiters will be blind and you will have the chance to participate in a Q & A with your blind waiters about issues related to visual impairment. There will be heartfelt and moving poetry by Rick Hammond, an exploration of spatial awareness and darkness with guest speaker Gerry Leary, and a concert to indulge in unencumbered music listening. Explore your other senses, free of visual distractions. Join us and build friendships and community in a completely extraordinary event.

The Portland Blind Café 3 will take place at 6 p.m. for check-in on June 2, 3 and 4 at Tabor Space in Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church, 5441 SE Belmont St., Portland. Tickets are available by calling 1-800-838-3006 and online at <http://www.brownpapeertickets.com/event/155763>

Cost is \$45 for general admission, \$35 students/seniors, and sliding scale fee; group rates available for parties of 8 + (call 720 495 7797 for rates).

### Do You Remember Negro League Baseball in Portland?

The Multnomah County Library will be hosting an exhibition titled "Pride and Passion: The African American Baseball Experience" in the fall of 2011. The exhibit will consist of traveling panels that we will augment with local baseball memorabilia.

But here's the problem: Portland's history with Negro League baseball is not extensive. So the library is calling out to the community for people who might remember going to a Portland Rosebuds game in 1946 or have artifacts from the league that could lend for the exhibit. Anyone with any knowledge of the league is encouraged to call.

Contact Cindy Strasfeld at the Multnomah County Library at [cynthias@multcolib.org](mailto:cynthias@multcolib.org).

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Thursday May 12

**SAY HEY HOSTED BY LEGACY HEALTH:** Partners in Diversity invites you to attend Say Hey. We are excited that Legacy Health-our event sponsor has invited us to use their beautiful and elegant atrium for this event. Parking is free and available in Parking lot PS2. 6 – 8 p.m. Legacy Emanuel Medical Center, Atrium, 501 N. Graham St.

**FIRST-EVER SUMMER READINESS FAIR:** A one-stop shop for summer resources debuts next week for

all Portland Public Schools families. The Summer Resource Fair will include information about summer programs, resources and activities. 4 – 7 p.m. Farragut Park, next to Northside Family Support Center, 7650 N. Commercial St.

Saturday May 14

**WOMEN IN TRADES CAREER FAIR!** Meet employers, attend hands-on workshops. Free admission, child care provided parking & ecoshuttle from Gateway. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. NECA/Electrical Training Center, 16021 NE Airport Way.

Saturday & Sunday May 14 & 15

**29TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION: VICTORIOUS WOMEN:** Walking by faith in the 21st century. Saturday Noon – 3 p.m. Luncheon & Fashion Show. \$10 per person. Sunday 11 a.m. worship service. 3:30 p.m. Celebration service. For more info and tickets call 360-693-4566. Community A.M.E. Zion Church, 3605 East 13th St. Vancouver, WA

Tuesday May 17

**BIKE TO WORK BREAKFAST TO BE HELD AT PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE!** All Portlanders are invited to join the breakfast on their bikes from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the square.

Wednesday May 18

**THE WESTSIDE LINK JOB AND CAREER FAIR!** A comprehensive job fair will be at the World Forestry Center in Portland. Dozens of employers will be on hand representing various industries. 1 – 4:30 p.m. 4033 SW Canyon Rd.

Saturday May 21

**GATEWAY FUN-O-RAMA!** The 2011 Fun-O-Rama opens with a flag ceremony. Many new things this year! Come see what all the fun is. NE 111th Ave. at NE Halsey St. from 1 – 4 p.m. Fun and Free for all.

**PORTLAND WALK FOR CHOICE:** Rally and march to support reproductive rights and federal funding for family planning. Services locally and nationally 2 p.m. at Pioneer Courthouse Square.

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