

Portland Waterfront Blues Festival Wows this Weekend

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The Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival opens this week with Northwest native Curtis Salgado taking the place Sunday of headliner Gregg Allman, who cancelled for health reasons. The 27th annual Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival runs July 3 - 6, at Tom McCall Waterfront Park. The biggest annual benefit for the Oregon Food Bank, and the biggest blues festival West of the Mississippi River, Portland's event is second only to the Chicago Blues Festival.

That's a good thing because the Oregon Food Bank serves an estimated 20 percent of families throughout Oregon with emergency food boxes, nutrition programs and gardening help. Headliners this year include Los Lobos, Los Lonely Boys, Maceo Parker, Lee Fields & the Expressions and John Nemeth & the Bo-Keys. Find the entire schedule of shows - there are 120 acts - at www.waterfront-bluesfest.com.

Music lovers should note that new measures this year include: no hard-sided coolers, no large blankets or tarps, no high-backed chairs and limited outside beverages.

Blues fans are allowed a soft backpack smaller than 16x16x8 inches, a blanket no larger than 6x8 feet, a chair with seat up to 12 inches off the ground and two factory-sealed water bottles.

Salgado has toured with The Steve Miller Band and sang with Santana in 2006 before being sidelined by Hepatitis C and liver cancer. After recovering,

he returned to recording and performing in 2008.

A special service this year is the Lions Club Testing Unit, which will be providing free screenings for glaucoma, hearing,

unable to get to the HealthNet Pavilion. As in past years, entry to the festival for the first three days, July 3, 4 and 5, is a suggested donation of \$10 per person per day, but Sunday requires a special pass.

A four-day Blues Basic pass is only \$60, which includes Spectacular Sunday on July 6 plus July 3, 4 and 5. You get four days of music, 120 acts, and save \$20. A one-day pass for Spectacular Sunday only is available for \$50.

Tickets for the Sunday shows are not available at the dock, they must be purchased in advance at www.tickettomato.com.



Saturday headliners are funk genius Maceo Parker and soul-singing North Carolina native Lee Fields & The Expressions

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blood pressure, and diabetes at the HealthNet Pavilion. On-site testing for Hep C near the stages will also be available for musicians who are performing and who are

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The Oregon Black Pioneers are currently planning their next exhibit, **A Community On The Move**, opening at the Oregon Historical Society in February 2015. The exhibit will focus on the experiences of African Americans from WWII until the early 1960s.

- Did you work at the Kaiser shipyards?
- Do you remember the Albina community of the 1940s and 50s?
- Did you live in Vanport?
- Did you experience the flood?
- Were you or your family displaced by urban renewal plans during this period?
- Were you involved in city planning efforts?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

If you have photographs, artifacts or memories to share, please contact us before July 31. Gwen Carr, gwecar@comcast.net or 503-949-5142.

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There will be no service on Friday, July 4th due to the 4th of July Holiday.
We will be having service Wednesday, July 2nd at 7:pm

Have a Safe and Fun 4th of July!
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