

**Events & Announcements****Black Arts/West**

Some of the original dancers from Black Arts/West perform during the reunion program Aug. 5 at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute. Many of the original actors, dancers, writers and directors came back to Seattle to celebrate the theatre, which was formed in 1968 by Douglas Q. Barnett as part of the Central Area Motivation Program, an anti-poverty agency. Black Arts/West offered opportunities for young people to learn theatre and dance. Black Arts/West produced almost a hundred plays in its 11 years of existence. Many of the actors and dancers went onto careers in regional theatre, Broadway, television and professional dance companies. Kibibi Monie, an actress and instructor from Black Arts/West started Nu Black Arts West theatre in the mid-1990s.

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egon the first state in the nation to protect low wage workers from unpredictable scheduling. The law, SB-828 specifically protects workers in retail, hospitality, and foodservice at large employers from erratic scheduling that has left many parents and students unable to care for children or attend classes in any predictable way.

Fair scheduling has become a major focus of low-wage labor activists across the country in recent years, and Oregon's law will likely become a model for numerous other states mulling similar protections. Scheduling protections have been most important to working parents, most of whom need to plan child care far more than a day in advance, and to low-wage working families who work multiple jobs to make ends meet and can't accommodate last minute shift changes.

The legislation specifically covers large employers with more than 500 employees, but advocates hope it will have a positive effect on employees across Oregon whose employers will feel pressure to compete with the better scheduling now offered by larger chains.

**Oregon's Fair Work Week Law has the following key components:**

1. Provide a good faith estimate of hours and on-call shifts at time of hire, and revisit that as needed,
2. Provide written work schedules to employees two weeks in advance, after a phase in period with seven-day requirements,
3. Provide Predictability Pay, which establishes that unplanned schedule changes should include pay for half of hours not worked, when employees were scheduled, and an hour extra of pay when hours are added to shifts by employers, and
4. That any scheduled shifts, unless consented to or requested by employee, have 10 hours of rest between each.

**Seattle News Briefs****Beth Barrett Named SIFF's Artistic Director**

Beth Barrett, former Director of Programming, has been named SIFF's new Artistic Director. With her advancement, Barrett becomes SIFF's first female Artistic Director, one of only a select few women in the United States holding this position for a major film festival. Barrett assumed the mantle of Interim Artistic Director last October, leading the organization through a very successful 43rd Seattle International Film Festival.

Barrett began her career at SIFF in 2003, in the Publications department as a volunteer copy editor. By 2006 she had worked her way up to programming manager, eventually moving into the role of director

of programming in 2011.

Since then she has been responsible for managing all aspects of film programming, from overseeing the staff of film programmers, to securing films and guests for the Festival. Barrett has also been instrumental in the programming and management of SIFF Cinema and SIFF's other year-round programs. An aficionado of short films, she helped secure SIFF's status as an Academy Award®-qualifying festival in 2008.

**Human Services Department Awards 12 Innovation Fund Grants for Pilot Program**

The City of Seattle Human Services Department (HSD) will award twelve community organizations from the Innovation Fund to test new ideas in human service delivery. A total of \$225,000 was available to fund program ideas that address the department's priorities: (1) preparing youth for success, (2) addressing homelessness, (3) promoting public health, (4) supporting affordability and livability, (5) responding to gender-based violence, or (6) promoting healthy aging. More than 100 applications were received, from which twenty-two finalists were chosen to participate in interviews. All proposals focus on reducing disparities for people of color, and nine organizations are of color themselves. Half of the awardees have never been funded by HSD previously. At least one proposal per department priority has been awarded funding. As part of the City's Age-Friendly Seattle initiative, HSD designated \$125,000 of the total Innovation Fund to support up to six projects that addressed the "Promoting Health Aging" impact area. Each awardee will receive between \$10,000 and \$21,000 to execute their idea.

**Preparing Youth for Success**

- East African Community Services-Saturday Math Academy

**Supporting Affordability and Livability**

- Multicultural Community Center Coalition-Shared Service Model

**Addressing Homelessness**

- Real Change Homeless Empowerment Project-Resource Guide

**Responding to Gender-Based Violence**

- Somali Family Safety Task Force-Breaking the Silence

**Promoting Public Health**

- Mercy Housing Northwest-Accessible Primary Care for the Somali Community

**Community Calendar 2017**

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**Seattle Metro****THURSDAY, AUGUST 10**

**PRESCHOOL FIREFIGHTER STORY TIME:** Firefighters read fire safety stories to Preschoolers, dress in full gear and help children explore a fire engine or ladder truck. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Seattle Public Library Highpoint Branch, 3411 SW Raymond St.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**

**AUBURNFEST:** This great day has it all: Including inflatable rides, live entertainment, beer garden, children's activities, a car show and much more. 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Les Grove Park, 910 9th St. SE., Auburn. This is a free family-oriented event.

**COMMUNITY DAY AT THE FRYE:** The Frye is hosting a museum wide celebration featuring gallery tours, art making activities for families and a special performance featuring Storme Webber and singer Valerie Rosa. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Frye Art Museum, 704 Terry Ave.

**PORT GAMBLE MARITIME MUSIC FESTIVAL:** Five hours of live music in a relaxed outdoor setting. Great music from local favorites. Refreshments and free coloring activities for children and adults will be available. Free. Noon - 5 p.m., Port Gamble Amphitheatre, #3 Rainier Ave. NE, Port Gamble.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**

**3RD ANNUAL ETHNIC POTLUCK PICNIC:** Bring an ethnic favorite dish or dessert to share. You'll have a chance to tell the history and tradition behind the food you brought. Also your dish may win a prize. Please RSVP by Aug. 9 with your name(s) [rsvp@ethnicheritagecouncil.org](mailto:rsvp@ethnicheritagecouncil.org) 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center, 5011 Bernie Whitebear Way, in Seattle's Discovery Park.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16**

**WESTLAKE IDOL:** This is a free fun evening event! Bring your friends or family and come belt a tune and sing-a-long to some karaoke. No judges. 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., Westlake Park, 401 Pine St.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19**

**WINDERMERE SUMMER SPLASH AT GREEN LAKE:** This free day-long event will celebrate summer fun and active lifestyles for young families. The event will offer live entertainment, kid friendly activities, food booths, free giveaways and much more! 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Near Small Craft Center in SW corner of Green Lake, 5900 W. Green Lake Way N.

**8TH ANNUAL TAILGATE ROCK SALE AND SWAP:** Shelton Rock and Mineral Society presents its annual Tailgate Rock Sale and Swap. Rocks, minerals, fossils, rock crafts and equipment, food concessions, raffle, door prizes and much more! Free admission. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mason County Recreation Area, 2100 E. Johns Prairie Rd., Shelton.

**Promoting Healthy Aging**

- Women United-Threads of Change
- Latino Community Fund of Washington State-Bailando Toward Healthy Aging
- Eritrean Association of Greater Seattle-Eritrean Elder Outreach Program
- Tilth Alliance-The Community Good Food Project
- API Chaya-Innovation in Action: Whose Streets? Our Streets!
- University of Washington-Promoting early awareness and support for cognitive health and impairment in underserved communities.
- National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA)-Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral (TCARE) Readiness for Korean and Vietnamese Communities

**Bellevue City Council Bans Safe Injection Sites**

During Monday night's meeting, the City Council approved a prohibition on safe injection sites in Bellevue. In a 6-0 vote, the council adopted an emergency ordinance that imposes a citywide ban on safe injection sites, also referred to as Community Health Engagement Centers (CHELs), and other uses or activities designed to provide a location for individuals to consume illicit drugs.

Councilmember Kevin Wallace was absent from the Aug. 7 meeting.