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## SEATTLE JAZZED JAMBOREE



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Cora Jackson directs the Nina Simone Vocal Ensemble during the Seattle Jazzed Jamboree May 20 at Langston Performing Arts Institute. The New Works Ensemble was one of 10 Jazz Ensembles from the Seattle JazzeED program which provides a high quality music education to kids regardless of where they go to school or their ability to play. The ensembles represented students from the program who are just beginning to learn an instrument or vocal performance to the most advanced high school students.

### Young Artist Raises Funds for Dance Program

#### Dancer, visual artist Hobbs Waters is selling T-shirts of his own designs

*The Skanner News*

**H**obbs Waters is no ordinary boy. As a little kid, he used to play with his mom's ballerina tutus.

"There was a more feminine part of me when I was a lot younger," Hobbs told *The Skanner*.

He admits he didn't care much for sports either. He tried his hand at baseball, but in the middle of a game would find himself day-dreaming of another, more glamorous path.

At the age of seven, his mother enrolled him in ballet classes in New Or-

leans, where they were living before relocating to their native Portland, just two years ago.

Now 11-years-old, Hobbs is dancing at the Classical Ballet Academy, located in Sellwood, where he studies modern dance, jazz and hip-hop styles, alongside his first love – ballet.

His drive and talent is paying off, too. In January, Hobbs participated in the Youth America Grand Prix – the world's largest ballet competition – as well as another major competition called the New York City Dance Alliance. He'll be competing in both again

next year.

This memorial weekend, Hobbs will be dancing in the Classical Ballet Academy's spring performance of *Sleeping Beauty*, as well as a contemporary show called *Visions* at Lincoln Hall at Portland State University.

As both a soloist and a competitive dancer, Hobbs has laid out a clear path for his ambitions, and he's now looking to the community to help him stay on track.

This summer he'll be attending two summer intensive dance workshops. The first is at the Nutmeg

Ballet Conservatory in Torrington, Connecticut, where he'll be dancing 11 hours per day for two weeks in June. From there, he'll travel to Tennessee in July to attend the Nashville Ballet for an additional two weeks.

While Hobbs was awarded full merit scholarships for both programs, he needs funds to cover both travel and lodging expenses. But he's employed another talent to help him met his financial goals.

"I've been drawing since I can remember," said Hobbs, who names the late

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### Government, Community Organizations Host Free Events include summer reading, tutoring, free meals and entertainment

*The Skanner News Staff*

**S**ummer is nearly here, though most Portland kids will have to wait a little longer before they're done with school.

June 8 is the last day of school for Portland Public Schools students – and local community groups and government agencies have a variety of free and low-cost events available to fill kids' schedules.

*The Skanner News* staff has com-

plied the following list of free summer programs for children in the Portland area.

**Summer Reading at the Library**  
Free fun and prizes at the library this summer!

Babies, kids and teens can win prizes for making a daily reading habit and participate free live performances, arts and crafts and more this summer.

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Portland Parks & Recreation will host free family events throughout the summer.



Ilyasah Shabazz, author and daughter of Malcolm X, will speak in Portland Saturday.

### NAACP Celebrates Malcolm X

Ilyasah Shabazz to speak at brunch May 26

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**O**n May 19, Malcolm X's birthday, the NAACP Portland branch kicked off a series of events to honor the life and legacy of the civil rights icon – culminating in a fundraising brunch featuring Ilyasah Shabazz as the keynote speaker.

E.D. Mondaine, who stepped into his role as president of the Portland branch earlier this year, said the time is ripe to remember and continue the work of Malcolm X.

"[Malcolm X] reframed the work of empowering marginalized communities not just as a dream, but as an imminent reality that must be lived into in the here and now," Mondaine wrote in a short statement about Malcolm X week

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Prince Harry and Meghan Markle leave after their wedding ceremony at St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle in Windsor, near London, England, Saturday, May 19, 2018.

### Royal Wedding Breaks Old Molds

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