

Events & Announcements

Portland & Seattle News Briefs

The Red Door Project Presents the World Premiere of the 'Evolve Experience'

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For the past two years, The August Wilson Red Door Project has been building a relationship with members of the Portland Police Bureau — stemming from a police captain seeing "Hands Up" and recommending it to a colleague.

Red Door Founders, Kevin Jones and Lesli Mones, met with Portland law enforcement professionals, and a relationship began to take shape. The Red Door creative team and staff were invited to a day at the Bureau to go through a publicly offered training on the day in the life of an officer.

A number of stories about the lived experience of police revealed themselves as an important part in the complex relationship between police and civilians in communities of color. The Red Door hired playwrights from across the country to interview officers, which resulted in the presentation of Cop Out: Beyond Black, White & Blue.

"Hands Up: 7 Playwrights, 7 Testaments" premiered in 2016 commissioned by The New Black Fest in the wake of police shootings of Mike Brown in Ferguson



Fosters Honored at Ageless Awards

Bernie Foster, publisher of The Skanner, and Bobbie Dore Foster, executive editor of The Skanner, will be honored at the Jessie F. Richardson Foundation's 2019 Ageless Award Luncheon and Fundraiser April 25 at the Multnomah Athletic Club, along with former first lady of Oregon Antoinette Hatfield and Bob's Red Mill founder Bob Moore. JFRF, created by gerontologist Dr. Keren Brown Wilson in honor of her mother, is a nonprofit that works to improve conditions for vulnerable older adults in developing areas and the communities in which they live.

and John Crawford III in Beavercreek among others. "Cop Out: Beyond Black, White & Blue" premiered in 2018 and reflects the personal and professional experiences of police officers. "The Evolve Experience" includes monologues from both "Hands Up" and "Cop Out."

Coalition of Washington State Organizations Call for State Legislators to Refuse to Speak at Extremist Rally at State Capital

A broad coalition has formed to speak out against extremism. Twenty-nine organizations from across Washington State have signed a statement asking that state legislators - Jim Walsh, Robert Sutherland, Matt Shea, Brian Blake, Tom Dent, and Phil Fortunato — cancel their scheduled appearances at the April 27 "March for Our Rights." The event page on Facebook listed these officials as speakers on the event schedule along with organizations known in the Northwest for their violent rhetoric and actions.

Nina Martinez, Board Chair of Latino Civic Alliance said, "When our state legislators agree to speak at public events that divide communities and promote

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Community Calendar 2019

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FRIDAY, APRIL 26

ART OF LOVING OREGON - ANTHROPOCENE UNVEILING: Unveiling of the Anthropocene, a PSU art project in celebration of Oregon's 1971 Bike Bill. Speakers include Congressman Earl Blumenauer and former Metro Council President and bicycle activist, Rex Burkholder. Free (RSVP online), 2 p.m., PSU Campus: Millar Library Bike Garage, 979 SW Harrison Street.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

FRIENDS OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY SPRING USED BOOK SALE: Thousands of donated books and other material including comics, sheet music, pamphlets, maps and audiovisual material will be available for purchase. Educators receive 50 percent off with a teacher's ID. A trivia contest and cash bar will open at 6:00 p.m. Free, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel Exhibit Hall, 1000 NE Multnomah St.

ATTRACTING POLLINATORS TO THE URBAN GARDEN WORKSHOP: East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District is hosting this event to help urban gardeners this spring. The discussion will explain how to design a "plant palette" to attract a diverse group of pollinators including bees, flies, beetles, moths, butterflies and other creatures. Free (register online) 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Troutdale Police Station, 234 SW Kendall Ct, Troutdale.

MONDAY, APRIL 29

"CRASH COURSE" - THE PORTLAND AIR DISASTER THAT MADE HISTORY: In the winter of 1978, a DC8 passenger jet carrying 189 passengers ran out of fuel during flight and crashed in suburban Portland. Julie Whipple will discuss her book detailing the events leading up to the crash and the aftermath. Free, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., McMenamins Kennedy School, 5736 NE 33rd Avenue.

POLICE PEACE PDX FORUM & WORKSHOP: The forum, organized by Youth Educating Police, will feature a discussion with Chief Outlaw, Officer Rashida Saunders, and three local young entrepreneurs. The focus will be youth-police relations. RSVP at policepeacepdx.com. 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at First Unitarian Church, 1211 SW Main St.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

ZERO WASTE PDX MEET-UP: This community workshop will explain ways individuals can reduce their food waste and minimize their use of single-use kitchen items and packaging. This event will feature guest speaker Hawnuh Lee, Founder of Closed-Loop Cooking. Free, (register online), 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Cookshop, 2627 Southeast Clinton Street.

SATURDAY, MAY 4 - SUNDAY, MAY 5

PORTLAND AUDUBON'S NATIVE PLANT SALE: The event will feature dozens of native Oregon plant species including trees, shrubs, and wildflowers. Plant experts will be available to answer gardening and habitat questions. Proceeds benefit Portland Audubon programs. Free, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Portland Audubon, 5151 NW Cornell Road.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

CONVERSATION PROJECT - CREATING EQUITABLE SPACES: Educator Gabe Sheoships will discuss will lead this community discussion and focus on the crucial relationship between human beings and nature, and ways we can create inclusive, equitable spaces within Oregon's natural areas. Free, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., 3117 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 25

PARIS TO PITTSBURGH FILM SCREENING: This documentary showcases how communities are tackling climate change locally. Join the discussion and learn more about what you can do to help. Co-director Sidney Beaumont will participate in a Q&A following the screening. Free (Register online), 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m., Peddler Brewing Company, 1514 Northwest Leary Way.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

BICYCLE MAINTENANCE 101: Local cycle shop Edge & Spoke is hosting a free, introduction to bicycle maintenance explaining everything from how to change a flat to proper chain upkeep. Free (register online), 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m., Edge & Spoke, 7875 Leary Way, Redmond.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

THE DETENTION LOTTERY: AN IMMERSIVE THEATER EXPERIENCE: 'The Detention Lottery' is a play based on the actual experiences of immigration lawyers in Seattle. Organizers will randomly select audience members to take part in the performance and role play as detainees and their loved ones. A discussion and Q&A will follow the play. Free (register online), 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Temple Beth Am, 2632 Northeast 80th Street.

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A SPIDER
AND A FLY**

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