

Events & Announcements



Seattle Choir Celebrates 50 Years

Friends, family and fans gathered at Mount Zion Baptist church on Saturday October 29th to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Total Experience Gospel Choir and "Seattle's First Lady of Gospel" founder Patrinell Wright. The event featured videos of the history of the choir and the life of its founder and leader Pat Wright; short speeches by former choir members, the community and family and readings of proclamations recognizing the choir and Pastor Wright's contributions to Seattle and the World.

Most of the speakers talked about how important the choir had been in shaping their lives.

CEO and President of the Tacoma Urban League Janice Davis Lee read a proclamation that said in part that the Total Experience Gospel Choir had an invaluable impact in nurturing hope, inspiring dreams and fostering unity through the universal language of Gospel music.

The final hour of the anniversary celebration featured a performance by a choir made up almost entirely of Total Experience Gospel Choir Alumni.

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Applications Open for Community Budget Advisory Committee

Multnomah County is looking for volunteers to provide feedback on the 2024/25 County Budget. Multnomah County's Community Budget Advisory Committees (CBAC) are group of community members that review and make recommendations on county department budgets and operations – they are one of the key ways that the county receives community input on its budget priorities.

CBAC volunteers hear directly from department directors and other staff about the county's programs and services. Together, they make recommendations to the board of commissioners about how Multnomah County can best use its resources to serve the community.

You could advise on the following departments during this year's budgeting process:

- Department of Community Justice
- Department of Community Services
- Department of County Human Services
- Departments of County Assets & Management
- Health Department
- Joint Office of Homeless Services
- Multnomah County District Attorney
- Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
- Non-Departmental (includes 16 small County offices)

More information here: <https://www.multco.us/oci/community-budget-advisory-committees-cbacs>
Applications due by Tuesday, Nov 21, 2023.

Historic Church in Seattle Hosts Renowned Former Smithsonian Curator

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, located in Seattle's historic Central District, will host renowned curator Eric Lewis Williams, Ph.D., as guest speaker for its 74th annual Founders Day commemoration on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 10:45 a.m. and at 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Williams is the former curator of religion at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. He is an internationally renowned theologian who now

serves as director of the Black Church Studies Program and assistant professor of theology at Duke University Divinity School.

At the Smithsonian, Williams curated the museum's first exhibition devoted solely to religion entitled "Spirit in the Dark: Religion in Black Music, Activism, and Popular Culture." He is the co-author of the book Movements, Motions, Moments: Photographs of Religion and Spirituality from the National Museum of African American History and Culture. He formerly taught African American Studies at Harvard University.

"It is important to bring Dr. Eric Williams to the community because he brings with him resources and expertise that will help in our need for supplementary education for our people and our understanding of Black art and its origins" noted the Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jeffrey Sr., pastor of New Hope.

Free Webinar: Small Business Loans and Grants

Join Portland Small Business Hub's business advisor on Monday, Nov 20 at 1 pm and learn about the loans and grants available to help Portland small businesses grow. Loans and grants discussed will be geared toward established businesses. This monthly webinar is free and will take place over Zoom. Sign up at <https://pdxsmallbizhub.com/funding-webinar>.

Credit of Up to \$250,000 Over Four Years on Business License Taxes

The City of Portland wants to bring companies and their employees back to core business districts to revitalize the Central City and increase foot traffic that benefits large and small businesses alike. To encourage businesses to lease downtown office and retail space, the City of Portland is offering a credit of up to \$250,000 over four years to reduce business license taxes. To be eligible to apply for the Downtown Business Incentive tax credit, businesses must:

- Be in one of the following four sub-districts : Lower Albina, Lloyd, Downtown, Old Town/Chinatown
- In one of the eligible sub-districts: Sign a new lease or a lease renewal in 2023 or 2024 for at least 4 years, or, own and occupy the building space
- Maintain 15 employees or more working at least half their time in the leased or owned building space within the eligible subdistrict boundaries over the four-year period.
- Provide an attestation for each tax year that they claim the credit.

Community Calendar 2023

Portland Metro

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 12 – 12:30 PM

NOON CONCERT SERIES: a weekly opportunity to experience the sounds of the PSU School of Music & Theater. The general public is welcome in Lincoln Hall to watch the series live. You'll also be able to watch each concert on PSU's YouTube channel. Lincoln Recital Hall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 6:15 – 7:15 PM

PLACE MATTERS: A special evening of film and conversation that highlights the ways Native peoples throughout the Pacific Northwest maintain their relationship to place as well as the plant and animal life that is critical for cultural continuity. 831 Salmon St

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 10- 11 AM

PORTLAND VETERANS DAY PARADE: The parade begins at 10 am at NE Beech St. and NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., travels north to NE Emerson St., turns left onto Emerson, then takes first right into parking lot. The Closing Ceremony location is in the parking lot behind 5305 NE MLK. Enter and exit through NE Emerson St. We invite you to enjoy the Vendor Fair and Resource Fair in this area. NE Beech St. and NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 10 AM – 5 PM

AFRICA FASHION: From the Victoria and Albert Museum (V&A) in London that will celebrate the richness and diversity of African creativity, cultures, and histories, using fashion as a catalyst. Spanning mid-twentieth century to contemporary designs, Africa Fashion explores the vitality of a fashion scene as dynamic and varied as the continent itself. 1219 SW Park Ave

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1 – 3 PM

DNA Q&A: Lisa McCullough leads a discussion on various DNA related subjects, with each meeting focused on a particular subject. General questions are welcome at the end of each planned discussion. 2505 Southeast 11th Avenue, Suite B-18

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

GIRLS EMPOWERMENT CLASS: Our class is designed to empower and uplift middle school and high school girls. Through interactive activities and discussions, we aim to boost self-confidence. Don't miss out on this empowering experience! 1321 NE 76th St suite b

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

EDO AVANT GARDE: Satoshi Takeishi and Shoko Nagai present a remarkable, immersive experience of the Edo era's byobu, folding screens. Simultaneously dynamic and mesmerizing, at its heart, Edo Avant Garde offers a unique opportunity to look closely and see how radically different Japanese art emerged in the 17th century. 1620 SW Park Ave

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 4 – 5:30 PM

HEKATE: GODDESS OF WITCHES: Frequently known as a Goddess of ghosts, Hekate is also a patroness of fertility, healing, the cosmos, but most of all, Witchcraft. this class will explore the various attributes of Hekate, her history and mythology, and also how she can help Witches, today!

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION: Celebrate the rich traditions of Day of the Dead while expanding your professional network at this unique event hosted by Prospanica Seattle, Microsoft HOLA, the Global Business Association at UW MBA, and Corporate pero Latinos! PACCAR Hall, 4273 E Stevens Way NE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2 – 4 PM

FINDING YOUR STORY: HOW TO WRITE A LIFE: You've got a life story to tell, but how can you turn "history" into a "story"? Come spend a couple of hours digging into your life and finding out! Writer and professor Susan V. Meyers will provide samples and exercises to help you launch your own storytelling project. Central Library, Level 4, Room 1

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 6:30 – 8 PM

POETRY POTLUCK: Ballard Branch meeting room. Join our informal gathering to read aloud and listen to poems by writers throughout the world and across time. 1000 4th Ave

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 3 – 5 PM

FREE INTRODUCTORY IMPROV CLASS: You can test the waters with a FREE introductory class and see if it's the right fit for you. No prior experience is necessary, and our beginner-friendly class caters to individuals with little to no improv background. 1428 Post Alley