

Events & Announcements



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PAM Premieres ‘Inward’ by Portland Filmmaker

Portland-based environmental activist, documentarian, and non-profit founder, Chad Brown presents the Portland premiere of his gorgeous short film, 'Inward' about renowned painter and explorer Michi Meko, who will be in attendance. A self-described explorer, cartographer, and abstractionist, Michi's work seeks to capture the wild beauty of nature through the eyes of a "lone black man reporting back from the new world." Film and discussion to be held at Portland Art Museum (PAM) on November 21. For tickets, visit <https://tomorrowtheater.org/movies/inward-w-michi-meko>.

Portland & Seattle News Briefs

Metro, Central City Concern and partners to mark affordable housing complex grand opening with Halloween celebration

The opening of 85 new, affordable homes aimed at housing some of the region's most vulnerable people will be celebrated with a Halloween-themed ribbon cutting ceremony this Thursday., Oct. 31, 1 – 3 p.m., 11280 SE Division St.

Festivities will include a taco truck and music from Conjunto Alegre, as well as speeches and building tours, as elected officials from Metro and other agencies join Central City Concern at the grand opening of Meridian Gardens in Southeast Portland's Powell-hurst-Gilbert neighborhood.

The new community will offer housing, wrap-around services and stability for people who are in addiction recovery and who are either exiting homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness. The apartments will serve adults earning less than 30% to 50% of the area median income.

Oregon MESA Expands with Two New Regional Centers in Washington County and Lane County

Oregon MESA, a Portland State University-based after school STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) program that equips public school teachers to help underserved and underrepresented middle and high school students excel in STEM, has launched two new regional centers: Pacific University in Washington County and Connected Lane County in Lane County. These new centers will serve as local hubs for MESA's programs, extending the organization's reach and impact throughout the state.

In the past decade, Oregon MESA has expanded its efforts beyond the Multnomah County region, working in partnership with local communities to ensure that its invention education programs are tailored to meet the specific cultural needs of each region. With existing regional centers in partnerships with Oregon Institute of Technology in Marion and Klamath County, MESA continues to build on this regional model to bring STEM education to more students in diverse communities.

Pacific University will support the existing MESA chapters and help advance growth goals in the region through its role as the Washington County regional center. With campuses in Forest Grove and Hillsboro, Pacific University's long-standing commitment to educational access and community engagement makes

it a natural partner for MESA.

Six New Tax Increment Finance Districts approved for East Portland and Central City

Portland City Council voted today to approve the establishment of six new Tax Increment Finance (TIF) districts that will spur economic growth, create jobs, and invest in a range of affordable housing options in both the central city and East Portland over the next 30 years.

The newly approved Central City districts will ensure a vibrant, active downtown and economic hub for our state and include two TIF districts on the east bank of the Willamette River and one in Portland's downtown and Old Town. The three East Portland districts (82nd Avenue Area, East 205, and Sumner-Parkrose-Argay-Columbia Corridor) will address the urgent need to stabilize existing businesses and residents and to ensure inclusive economic growth for current and future generations.

The implementation of the new TIF districts will start in 2025 with the formation of advisory groups and the development of action plans for each district. Limited initial resources will start to become available in FY2025/26.

Historic Seattle Black Church Hosts “Bring Your Ballot to Church” Event to Mobilize Voters

Continuing the powerful tradition of Black churches leading social progress in America, First African Methodist Episcopal Church of Seattle/Auburn (FAME Church) invites all community members to be part of a historic “Bring Your Ballot to Church” event on Sunday, November 3. As Seattle's oldest African American-founded church, FAME carries forward the legacy of Black churches as centers of civic engagement and social transformation.

The event will unite fellow citizens at FAME's location at 1522 14th Ave. in Seattle, embodying the same spirit of community action that has driven social change throughout American history. Families are especially encouraged to participate, bringing the youth to witness and be part of this powerful moment of civic engagement.

The “Bring Your Ballot to Church” event begins after church service, and all eligible voters are welcome.

The Program will feature Inspiring message on civic engagement, family-friendly community solidarity walk to ballot drop box and a chance to be part of an historic moment in the community.

As featured on Eddie Rye Jr.'s KKNW radio show (airing Thursdays 2-3 p.m., replaying Saturdays 7-8 a.m.), this non-partisan event represents the community's commitment to civic engagement and positive change.

Community Calendar 2024

Portland Metro

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 3 6PM

TRICK OR TREAT ALBERTA STREET: An annual Alberta Street tradition! Every Halloween kids and their families dress up in costumes, walk Alberta Street from NE 12th - NE 31st, from 3-6 pm and get treats from participating businesses. Thank you to our 2024 title sponsor this year Collage for all your arts and crafts needs, and to our champion sponsor Frock Boutique where you can find fun clothing, accessories and more for Halloween or any time of the year! Alberta Arts District, Portland

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 4 5PM

ARTIST'S CONVERSATION WITH DERRICK ADAMS: Known for his bright palette and playful themes, Derrick Adams presents joyful depictions of contemporary Black culture. His paintings, prints, sculpture, and installations attract viewers with elements of nostalgia, humor, and leisure. PSU, Smith Memorial Student Union, 1825 Southwest Broadway

NOVEMBER 5, 5 7PM

ELECTION WATCH PARTY + OPENING RECEPTION AT THE BLACK GALLERY: In anticipation of the upcoming election night coupled with the subsequent Inauguration Day, The BLACK Gallery presents a new exhibit, Room for Conversation, opening November 5th through January 20, 2025. The interactive exhibit kicks off with an election night watch party that includes an oral history recording booth that will allow visitors to document their feelings and reactions during this complicated yet monumental event. 916 NW Flanders St

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 10AM 7PM

FREE FIRST THURSDAY AT PAM: Come enjoy Psychedelic Rock Posters and Fashion of the 1960s, Paul McCartney Photographs 1963-64: Eyes of the Storm and Throughlines: Connections in the Collection on Free First Thursday, offering free Portland Art Museum admission for the community all day. Thanks to generous support provided by the Art Bridges Foundation's Access for All Program, Museum admission is free on the first Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and programs at the PAM CUT Tomorrow Theater in Southeast Portland are also free. Portland Art Museum, 1219 SW Park Ave

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 6 8PM

ALBINA MUSIC TRUST PRESENTS WALL TO WALL SOUL: Join us for an opening reception for the Wall To Wall Soul exhibit featuring photography, vinyl records, and poster art from Albina Music Trust's community archive. With an emphasis on the soul, jazz, and gospel music legacy of Portland's Black community, the exhibit aims to inform and transport visitors to a time when Paul Knauls' Cotton Club - a pillar in Albina's Black community - was the "the only place on the West Coast with Wall To Wall Soul." Portland Center Stage, 128 NW 11th Ave

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 6 7:30PM

FREDERICK DOUGLASS AND THE POLITICS AND CULTURE OF TODAY: Sidney Morrison has created a mesmerizing historical novel that richly details the life of one of the most prominent Americans of the nineteenth century. In this talk, Morrison explores why Frederick Douglass remains at the center of contemporary politics and culture. Free and open to the public. Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 7 8:30PM

OTF PRESENTS REEL AMBITIONS: "OTF is thrilled to showcase this inspiring all-ages program with films made by marginalized youth in our community," said Nili Yosha, executive director, OTF. "The filmmakers use their voices to tell important, compelling stories brought to life from their own unique perspective." Tickets are available on a sliding-scale. Hollywood Theatre, 4122 NE Sandy Blvd

Seattle

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 5:30 9PM

SEATTLE HIP HOP FILM FESTIVAL: Tickets for the fifth annual Seattle Hip Hop Film Festival are now available! November 2nd, 2024 at Washington Hall, Doors at 5:30pm, Program at 6:00pm. SHHFF is presented by 206 Zulu & Propadata Films. We have an incredible program for our 5th annual Film Festival and will be screening 13 films from around the Pacific Northwest and around the globe! Washington Hall, 153 14th Ave, Seattle

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 6 9PM

SOULFUL MONDAYS AT WASHINGTON HALL: Established in 2016, Soulful Mondays, a program of 206 Zulu, offers a free safe and supportive space for bboys, bgirls and street dancers of all backgrounds to come together, connect as a community and hone their skills. Free for all ages and all styles. Washington Hall, 153 14th Ave, Seattle