



ONGOING EVENTS

The Wind Rises

Now showing at theaters in metropolitan Portland. Watch Hayao Miyazaki’s *The Wind Rises*, an animated adaptation of the legendary filmmaker’s own serialized *manga* that brings to life Jiro Horikoshi, one of the world’s most innovative and accomplished airplane designers. The film chronicles much of his life and depicts key historical events, including the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923, the Great Depression, the tuberculosis epidemic, and Japan’s plunge into war. For info and showtimes, call 1-800-326-3264 or visit <www.fandangocom>.

“Classics from Studio Ghibli”

Through Mar 29, Portland Art Museum, Northwest Film Center, Whitsell Auditorium (1219 SW Park Ave, Portland). Watch “Classics from Studio Ghibli,” a series featuring films created by the legendary Japanese animation company. Remaining films include *Porco Rosso* (Mar 22, 2pm), *Spirited Away* (Mar 22, 4:30pm), *Pom Poko* (Mar 23, 4:30pm), *Castle in the Sky* (Mar 27, 7pm), and *Houl’s Moving Castle* (Mar 29, 4:30pm). For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 221-1156 or visit <www.nwfilm.org>.

Michihiro Kosuge

Through Mar 29, 11am-5:30pm (Tue-Fri), 11am-5pm (Sat), Laura Russo Gallery (805 NW 21st Ave, Portland). View “New Work,” an exhibit by artist Michihiro Kosuge, who creates polished and rugged granite sculptures that complement and define the spaces they inhabit. Kosuge has been a prominent sculptor on the west coast since the 1970s. For info, call (503) 226-2754 or visit <www.laurarusso.com>.

Yuko Ishii

Through Mar 29 (Tue-Sat), 11am-5:30pm, ArtXchange (512 First Ave S, Seattle). View “Alchemy,” an exhibit by Yuko Ishii. The display features a series of mixed-media works containing secret doors, organic materials, found objects, and evocative photography. For info, call (206) 839-0377 or visit <www.artxchange.org>.

Li Tie

Through Apr 1, 9am-9pm (Mon-Fri), 9am-5pm (Sat), Multnomah Arts Center (7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland). View “In the Space of Memory,” an exhibit of paintings and drawings by Li Tie. The display is inspired by modern sensibilities tangled up in the study of ancient ideologies such as Taoism and Buddhism. For info, call (503) 823-2787 or visit <www.multnomahartscenter.org>.

“Qalam”

Through Apr 27 (Tue-Sun), noon-5pm; Apr 1, 7pm (lecture); Reed College, Douglas F. Cooley Memorial Art Gallery (3203 SE Woodstock Blvd, Portland). View “Qalam, Arabic Calligraphy from the Middle Ages to the Present,” a display of historical Arabic calligraphy and related material. At the center of the exhibit is a group of rare works on loan from the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco. An array of manuscript folios from the collection of Reed College alumnus Steven Herold is also featured. A lecture by visiting scholar Hamidreza Ghelichkhani takes place April 1 at 7:00pm at the school’s Eliot Hall. For info, call (503) 517-7851, e-mail <cooley@reed.edu>, or visit <www.reed.edu/gallery>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chahar Shanbeh Suri

Mar 18, 6-11pm, Oaks Park (7805 SE Oaks Park Way, near the east end of the Sellwood Bridge, Portland). Attend *Chahar Shanbeh Suri* (Eve of Red Wednesday), an annual celebration preceding *Nawruz*, the Persian New Year. Children jump over bonfires saying the phrase “Sorkhi-e to az man, zardi-e man az to,” which means “Your beautiful red color to me, my sickly yellowness to you,” which is a ritual symbolizing re-birth ahead of the New Year. The event also features Iranian food, dessert, music, and entertainment. For info, call (503) 862-8362 or visit <www.andisheh.org>.

“Live & Local”

Mar 18, 7:30pm, The Old Church (1422 SW 11th Ave, Portland). Attend a concert featuring musicians of 45th Parallel, including Oregon Symphony concertmaster Sarah Kwak, Kenji Bunch, Jennifer Arnold, and others. The performance is the final chamber concert of the “Live & Local” series. For info, call (503) 943-5828 or visit <www.allclassical.org>. To

SAKURA SUNDAY



March 30, noon to 3:00pm

Tom McCall Waterfront Park, Japanese American Historical Plaza
N.W. Naito Parkway near N.W. Couch Street, Portland

Celebrate the splendor of spring with food, music, and entertainment at the Japan-America Society of Oregon’s Sakura Sunday Cherry Blossom Festival. The event features performances by Portland Taiko, Dance Leo, the Tomodachi-kai Chorus, Obukan Kendo, and others. Food and beverages are available for purchase. For more information, call (503) 552-8811 or visit <www.jaso.org>.

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buy tickets, visit <www.45thparallelpdx.org>.

“Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival — Portland Style”

Mar 20, 6:30pm, Alpenrose Dairy Opera House (6149 SW Shattuck Rd, Portland). Attend “Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival — Portland Style,” a slack key concert held in Portland for the first time. Featured slack key musicians include Stephen Inglis, Danny Carvalho, Chris Lau, and others. For info, call (360) 718-2100 or visit <www.kekukui-foundation.org>. To buy tickets, call (360) 921-8816, e-mail <hapamac@msn.com>, or visit <www.brownpapertickets.com>.

“Masters of Percussion”

Mar 21, 7:30pm, Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall (SW Broadway & SW Main St, Portland). Enjoy “Masters of Percussion,” a concert featuring master *tabla* player Zakir Hussain and others. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 228-1353 or visit <www.orsymphony.org>. To learn more, visit <www.zakirhussain.com>.

Sign Mudras

Mar 22-23, 4pm, Beaverton City Library Auditorium (12375 SW Fifth St, Beaverton, Ore.). Attend *Sign Mudras*, a performance of experimental dance theater using contemporary Indian dance and sign language for storytelling. The free event, which is suitable for all ages, is presented by the Jayanthi Raman Dance Company. For info, call (503) 526-2288 or (503) 690-5906, or visit <www.beavertonarts.org> or <www.jayanthiraman.com>.

Maz Jobrani

Mar 22-23, 7pm; Mar 22, Neptune Theatre (1303 NE 45th St, Seattle); Mar 23, Aladdin Theater (3017 SE Milwaukie Ave, Portland). Join Iranian comedian Maz Jobrani for his “My Lion Is Moist” tour. For info, call (206) 682-1414 or visit <www.stgpresents.org> (Seattle), or call (503) 234-9694 or visit <www.aladdin-theater.com> (Portland). To learn more, visit <www.mazjobrani.com>.

Wanting Qu

Mar 24-25; Mar 24, 7pm, Crystal Ballroom, Lola’s Room (1332 W Burnside St, Portland); Mar 25, 8pm, The Triple Door (216 Union St, Seattle). Attend a concert by Chinese superstar Wanting Qu. For info, or to verify showtimes, call (503) 225-0047 or visit <www.cascadetickets.com> (Portland), or call (206) 838-4333 or visit <www.tripledoor.net> (Seattle). To learn more, visit <www.mikethrasherpresents.com>.

Origami workshop

Mar 25, 3:30-5:30pm, Gregory Heights Library (7921 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland). Teens in grades six through 12 are invited to learn how to make origami flowers, butterflies, and other warm-weather-themed characters at an origami workshop. For info, call (503) 988-5386 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Manga/anime class

Mar 25-28 (Tue-Fri), 9:30am-noon, Leach Botanical Garden (6704 SE 122nd Ave,

Portland). Attend “Manga/Anime: The Art of Japanese Cartooning,” an art class open to all skill levels. Materials are provided, but participants may elect to bring their own. Attendees can attend one or all four of the classes. For info, or to register (required), call (503) 823-1671 or visit <www.leachgarden.org>.

Aziz Ansari

Mar 26 & 28, 7pm, Keller Auditorium (SW Third Ave & Clay St, Portland). Join comedian Aziz Ansari for his new “Modern Romance” comedy tour. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 248-4335 or visit <www.portland5.com>.

Totem

Opens Mar 27, Portland Expo Center, Grand Chapiteau, Lower Parking Lot (2060 N Marine Dr, Portland). Watch *Totem*, a Cirque du Soleil production that traces the journey of the human species from its original amphibian state to its ultimate desire to fly. For info, including showtimes, or to buy tickets, call 1-800-450-1480 or visit <www.cirquedusoleil.com>.

Rhinoceros

Mar 27-30, 8pm (nightly), plus 5:30pm (Mar 29) & 2pm (Mar 30), The Headwaters (55 NE Farragut St, Suite 9, Portland). Attend *Rhinoceros*, a *butoh* performance created by acclaimed local choreographer Meshi Chavez. The show offers an amalgamation of ancient Zen riddles, *butoh* dance, and the profound notion of the ordinary. For info, call (971) 258-0748 or visit <www.theheadwaters.net>. To buy tickets, visit <www.brownpapertickets.com/event/566280>.

Carnatic flute concert

Mar 29, 7:30pm, First Baptist Church (SW Taylor St & SW 11th Ave, Portland). Attend a concert featuring Shantala Subramanyam on carnatic flute accompanied by Akkarai Sornalatha on violin and Melakkaveri Balaji on *mridangam*. The performance is presented by Kalakendra. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 308-1050 or visit <www.kalakendra.org>.

Nawruz celebration

Mar 29, 7:30-11:30pm, Portland State University, Smith Center, Ballroom (1825 SW Broadway, Portland). Join members of Persia House in celebration of *Nawruz*, the traditional Persian New Year. The event features New Year gifts for kids, disco and rhythmic music, a raffle, a Persian-American dance contest, refreshments, and more. For info, call (503) 725-5214 or visit <www.persia.pdx.edu>.

Andaz

Mar 29, 9pm-2am, Star Theater (13 NW Sixth Ave, Portland). Join the party at Andaz and enjoy the latest electronic dance music of the South Asian diaspora. Hosts DJ Anjali and The Incredible Kid provide the bhangra, Bollywood, Punjabi, and Desi beats. A bhangra dance lesson taught by DJ Anjali begins at 10:00pm. Andaz is for persons age 21 and older. For info, call (503) 281-3918 or visit <www.anjaliandthekid.com>.

Hari Kondabolu comedy show

Mar 30, 7:30pm, Helium Comedy Club (1510 SE Ninth Ave, Portland). Enjoy a night of edgy stand-up comedy by Indian-American comedian Hari Kondabolu. The show is a CD release party for Kondabolu’s debut standup album, *Waiting for 2042*. For info, or to buy tickets, call 1-888-643-8669 or visit <www.heliumcomedy.com>. To learn more, visit <www.harikondabolu.com>.

Trio con Brio Copenhagen

Mar 31-Apr 1, 7:30pm, Portland State University, Lincoln Performance Hall (1620 SW Park Ave, Portland). Enjoy a performance of chamber music by the renowned Trio con Brio Copenhagen — Korean sisters Soo-Jin and Soo-Kyung Hong and Danish pianist Jens Elvekjaer. Monday’s concert features works by Per Norgard, Smetana, and Beethoven and Tuesday’s program includes pieces by Mozart, Cassadó, and Brahms. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 224-9842 or visit <www.focm.org>. To learn more, visit <www.trioconbrio.dk>.

Shen Yun Performing Arts

Apr 3-6, Seattle Center, McCaw Hall (305 Harrison St, Seattle). Attend a performance by Shen Yun Performing Arts, a Chinese dance and music company. The show features a cast of nearly 100 dancers, singers, and musicians presenting stories that bring to life 5,000 years of Chinese civilization through classical Chinese dance and music. For info, showtimes, or to buy tickets, call (206) 441-2424 or visit <www.mccawhall.com>. To learn more, visit <www.shenyunperformingarts.org>.

Blue Sky Viewing Drawers

Apr 3-Mar 29 (Tue-Sun), noon-5pm; Apr 3, 6-9pm (First Thursday); Blue Sky Gallery (122 NW Eighth Ave, Portland). View work by 65 artists selected for the Blue Sky Gallery’s 2014 Pacific Northwest Photography Viewing Drawers. Featured photographers include Minh Carrico, Tina Tran, and many others. For info, call (503) 225-0210 or visit <www.blueskygallery.org>.

Sakura Matsuri

Apr 5, noon-5pm, Willamette University, Putnam University Center (900 State St, Salem, Ore.). Celebrate *Sakura Matsuri* (the Japanese cherry blossom festival) at an event organized by Japan Studies Student Leaders at Willamette University. The celebration features traditional Japanese *hanami* (cherry blossom viewing), entertainment, Japanese food, and more. For info, call (503) 370-6300, e-mail <mtom@willamette.edu>, or visit <www.willamette.edu>.

Hana Matsuri

Apr 5-6, 10am-4pm, Portland Japanese Garden, Pavilion Gallery (611 SW Kingston Ave, Portland). Celebrate *Hana Matsuri*, the traditional flower festival, while viewing an *ikebana* exhibit presented by the Saga Goryu School of Ikebana. A prayer ceremony takes place at 10:30am in addition to tea demonstrations at noon and 2:00pm on both days. For info, call (503) 223-1321 or visit <www.japanesegarden.com>.

Museums on Us® at the Portland Japanese Garden

Apr 5-6, 10am-7pm, Portland Japanese Garden (611 SW Kingston Ave, Portland). Take advantage of free admission at the Portland Japanese Garden through the Bank of America Museums on Us® program. Anyone who presents their active Bank of America or Merrill Lynch debit or credit card and a valid photo ID receives one free general admission during the first full weekend of the month. For info, call (503) 223-1321 or visit <www.japanesegarden.com>.

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