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Twinsters

Now showing, Kiggins Theatre (1011 Main St, Vancouver, Wash.). Watch Samantha Futerman's *Twinsters*, a film documenting the journey of twin sisters who were separated when they were babies. In February of 2013, Anaïs Bordier, a French fashion student living in London, stumbled upon a YouTube video featuring Samantha Futerman, an actress in Los Angeles. Anaïs was struck by their uncanny resemblance. After discovering they were born on the same day in Busan, Korea and both adopted, Anaïs reached out to Samantha via Facebook. *Twinsters* follows their journey into sisterhood, witnessing everything from their first meeting to their first trip back to Korea. (U.K./France/South Korea/USA, 2015, Samantha Futerman & Ryan Miyamoto, 90 mins.) For info, or to obtain showtimes, call (360) 816-0352 or visit <www.kiggins theatre.com>.

"Do You Know Bruce?"

Through Sep 6 (Tue-Sun), 10am-5pm, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). Learn about Bruce Lee — including his personal story and his connection to Seattle — at "Do You Know Bruce?" Part 1 of the display, which ends September 6, follows Lee's arrival in Seattle in 1959, where he attended the University of Washington, met and married his wife, opened his first martial arts studio, and was ultimately laid to rest. Part 2 of the exhibit opens October 3, 2015. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

"Never Again"

Through Sep 19, 7am-10pm (Mon-Fri), 7:30am-10pm (Sat), noon-8pm (Sun), Concordia University, George R. White Library (2811 NE Holman, Portland). View "Never Again," a travelling exhibit from the Ground Zero Museum in Hiroshima, Japan. The display includes posters and photographs of the damage, journals, and art (including replicas of the Fat Man and Little Boy atom bombs). For info, call (503) 493-6370 or visit <www.cu-portland.edu/academics/library/library-events>.

Sala Kryszek Art & Writing Competition exhibit

Through Sep 29, 7am-10pm (Mon-Fri), 7:30am-10pm (Sat), noon-8pm (Sun), Concordia University, George R. White Library (2811 NE Holman, Portland). View a free exhibit highlighting students who participated in the annual Sala Kryszek Art & Writing Competition. The competition, which is open to middle- and high-school students, encourages youth to think about art, history, civics, sociology, and literature. For info, call (503) 493-6370 or visit <www.cu-portland.edu/academics/library/library-events>.

"World War II: A World at War, A State Transformed"

Through Dec 7, 10am-5pm (Mon-Sat), noon-5pm (Sun), Oregon Historical Society Museum (1200 SW Park Ave, Portland). View "World War II: A World at War, A State Transformed," an exhibit of rare documents and artifacts from world and military leaders. The display also shares stories about the impact of the war on Oregonians. Admission to the museum is free for Multnomah County residents and Oregon school groups. For info, call (503) 222-1741 or visit <www.ohs.org>.

Slabtown Streetcars

Aug 17, 7:30pm, Powell's City of Books (1005 W Burnside St, Portland). Join historian Richard Thompson as he presents *Slabtown Streetcars*, a recounting of Portland's streetcar history. In 1872, Portland's first streetcars passed close to Slabtown while heading for a terminus in the north end. Slabtown was also home to the first streetcar manufacturing factory on the west coast. Until the 1910s, more than half of all streetcars in the United States were manufactured in shops located on N.W. 23rd Avenue. For info, call (503) 228-4651 or visit <www.powells.com>.

Task Force on Immigration Consultant Fraud (HB 3525)

Aug 18, 10-11:30am, Oregon State Capitol, Hearing Room C (900 Court St NE, Salem, Ore.). Attend a public meeting of the Task Force on Immigration Consultant Fraud (HB 3525). For info, call (503) 302-9725 or e-mail <nancy.kramer@oregon.gov>.

Free health screenings at AHSC

Aug 22, 11am-4pm, Asian Health & Service Center (3430 SE Powell Blvd, Portland). Receive free vision, blood-pressure, diabetes, cholesterol, dental, BMI (body mass index), lead-level, mental-health, and naturopathic-health screenings at the Asian Community Health Fair. Participants can receive general physical checkups, flu shots, and more at the event, which also includes free health information available in English, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese. For info, call (503) 872-8822 or visit <www.ahsepx.org>.

"Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters"

Aug 22, 2-3pm, Hillsdale Library (1525 SW Sunset Blvd, Portland). Learn the difference between age-related memory loss and Alzheimer's disease and what to do if someone you know is showing signs of the disease at "Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters." The workshop covers the 10 warning signs, an overview of Alzheimer's disease, risk factors, what is involved in getting a diagnosis, and the benefits of early detection, including where to access available treatment. For info, or to register (required), call (503) 988-5234 or visit <events.multco lib.org>.



THE STORM MAKERS. The Storm Makers, a film about the underworld of human trafficking in Cambodia, airs Monday, August 24 on Oregon Public Broadcasting. The documentary weaves the story of Aya (top photo), a young peasant sold into slavery at age 16, with that of powerful traffickers (bottom photo) — known as "storm makers" for the havoc they wreak — who use deception to funnel a stream of poor and illiterate people across the country's borders. (Photos courtesy of Tipasa Production & Bophana Production)

"Nam Vanh / Mixed Fruits" workshop

Aug 22, 3-4:30pm, Kenton Library (8226 N Denver Ave, Portland). Teens in grades six through 12 are invited to learn how to mix chilled fruits (cantaloupe, jackfruit, and honeydew) with tapioca pearl in sweet coconut milk to create the perfect dessert for a hot summer day at a "Nam Vanh / Mixed Fruits" workshop. For info, call (503) 988-5370 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Orange Picnic & Fireworks Spectacular

Aug 22, 5-10pm, Zidell Yards (3030 SW Moody Ave, Portland). Attend the Orange Picnic & Fireworks Spectacular, an event held in honor of the new MAX Orange Line, which opens Saturday, September 12. Attendees are encouraged to wear orange and bring a basket filled with orange picnic goodies to the event, which includes live family-friendly music, food carts, the unveiling of Salt & Straw's special-edition, orange-themed Olive Oil & Burnt Orange Marmalade ice cream, a beer garden featuring BridgePort Brewing's new Tilikum Crossing Orange Line IPA, and the Fireworks Spectacular (starting at about 9:00pm) — with fireworks displayed off the deck of Tilikum Crossing, Bridge of the People. Picnic-goers are encouraged to bring chairs or padded blankets to sit on. For info, call (503) 238-RIDE (7433) or visit <www.trimet.org>.

"Yakisoba" cooking class

Aug 23, 10am-1:30pm, West Linn Adult Community Center (1180 Rosemont Rd, West Linn, Ore.). Learn the ins and outs of making yakisoba at a class taught by Indonesia-born chef Surja Tjahaja. For info, or to register, call (503) 557-4700 or visit <www.westlinnoregon.gov>.

Sunday Parkways: Southeast Portland

Aug 23, 11am-4pm, Laurelhurst, Colonel Summers, Sewallcrest, and Ivon Parks (Southeast Portland). Walk and bike through southeast Portland neighborhoods and parks without motor traffic during a Sunday Parkways event. Entertainment and activities take place in the parks and along the seven-mile, two-way route, which has no start or finish. For info, call (503) 823-7599 or visit <www.portlandsundayparkways.org>.

"The Zodiac Animals in the Garden of Perfect Brightness"

Aug 23, 2pm, Portland Art Museum (1219 SW Park Ave, Portland). Join Lillian M. Li, professor emerita at Swarthmore College, for "The Zodiac Animals in the Garden of Perfect Brightness: Orientalism, Occidentalism, and Cultural Patrimony." The talk explores the cultural and political symbolism of the original Yuanming Yuan complex, including its destruction

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that what counts is experience, such as being able to talk and keep straight all the orders and names of fish at the same time as well as preparing the sushi in front of the customer.

Establishments where Tsukada and other professionals work charge 10,000 yen (\$100) or more for dinner, about three times what Nadeshico charges. Their menus tend to be fancier, with exotic fish, such as marbled tuna or rare types of baby fish.

But the profession is gradually opening up. Tokyo Sushi Academy offers two-month crash courses in sushi-dom, with about a fifth of the Japanese students being female. A

third of the students from abroad are women.

"More women are accepted as sushi chefs at casual restaurants, and more so abroad than they are in Japan. The traditional sushi places are still male-dominated," said Sachiko Goto, the academy's principal.

Still, those enjoying their meal at Nadeshico said they liked what they were eating.

"This tastes so good," said Masataka Nakayama, 40, a physical therapist, guzzling down beer and sushi.

He came from Sendai, north-eastern Japan, on the bullet train with his friend to check out back-to-back concerts by AKB 48, a female singing-and-dance group.

at the hands of European troops and its recent reconstruction as a national icon. The event is held in conjunction with "Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads: Gold (2010)," an exhibit of a dozen gold-gilt bronze sculptures by Ai Weiwei currently on display at the Portland Art Museum. For info, call (503) 226-2811 or visit <www.portlandartmuseum.org>.

The Storm Makers

Aug 24, 11pm-12:30am; repeats Aug 26, 4-5:30am; Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB). Watch *The Storm Makers*, a film about the underworld of human trafficking in Cambodia. More than half a million Cambodians work abroad, of which a third become slaves. Many are young women, held prisoner and forced to work in horrific conditions, sometimes as prostitutes. The documentary weaves the story of Aya, a young peasant sold into slavery at age 16, with that of two powerful traffickers (known as "storm makers" for the havoc they wreak), who use deception to funnel a stream of poor and illiterate people across the country's borders. *The Storm Makers* looks at the cycle of poverty, despair, and greed that fuels the modern slave trade. To verify showtimes, call (503) 293-1982 or visit <www.opb.org>.

"Spring rolls & Asian salads"

Aug 28, 4:30-5:30pm, Rockwood Library (17917 SE Stark St, Portland). Learn how to make a shrimp salad roll and Lao chicken salad at a "Spring rolls & Asian salads" class. For info, call (503) 988-5396 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

"Summer Picnic in the Park"

Aug 30, noon-5pm, Oaks Park, near Area 7 (7805 SE Oaks Park Way, near the east end of the Sellwood Bridge, Portland). Attend the "Summer Picnic in the Park" event of Persia House, a nonprofit, nonpolitical organization for the public benefit. The gathering features food, activities, and more. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share at the free event. Persia House provides beverages and cookies. For info, call (503) 725-5214 or visit <www.persia.pdx.edu>.

Web Junkie

Aug 30, 2-3:30pm, Multnomah County Central Library (801 SW 10th Ave, Portland). Attend a screening of *Web Junkie*, a documentary about Chinese teenagers who prefer the virtual world to the real world and are being treated for internet addiction. China is the first country in the world to classify internet addiction as a clinical disorder, the cure for which is the subject of *Web Junkie*. The film goes deep inside a military-style Beijing treatment facility, where young patients are forced to face their virtual demons. A discussion follows the film. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

"Spirit of Portland" awards

Sep 11, 5pm (nominations due). The City of Portland is seeking nominations for its annual "Spirit of Portland" awards. The awards — given to individuals, neighborhoods, businesses, and volunteers to recognize the importance of citizen involvement — are presented at a ceremony on November 17, 2015. Awards are given for: Outstanding Community Leader, Outstanding Young Leader, Individual Making a Difference, Business Community Partner of the Year, Sandy Diedrich Award for Environmental Stewardship, and more. For info, or to obtain a nomination form, call (503) 823-3093, e-mail <spiritofportland@portlandoregon.gov>, or visit <www.portlandonline.com/oni/spiritofportland>.

AIDS Walk Portland

Sep 12, 11am (activities), 1pm (walk), The Fields Park (1099 NW Overton St, Portland). Take part in a 2.4-mile walk to raise funds for HIV/AIDS public education, outreach, and service efforts to youth and adults. The day starts at 11:00am with entertainment and activities, followed by a program at 12:30pm and the walk at 1:00pm. The finish-line beer garden opens at 2:30pm and festivities end at 5:00pm. For info, or to register, call (503) 223-WALK (9255) or visit <www.aidswalkportland.org>.

International Literacy Day 2015

Sep 12, 1-4pm, Midland Library (805 SE 122nd Ave, Portland). Attend International Literacy Day 2015, an event at which members of the community can obtain help with reading, GED preparation, learning English, and citizenship information. For info, call (503) 988-5392 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Fighting for America: Nisei Soldiers

Sep 12, 1-4pm, Nisei Veterans Committee Hall (1212 S King St, Seattle). Join author Lawrence Matsuda and artist Matt Sasaki as they release *Fighting for America: Nisei Soldiers*, a book based on actual events that tells the story of courageous *Nisei* (second-generation Japanese Americans) soldiers from the Pacific Northwest. The event includes a book signing and also celebrates the surviving veterans and their families, some of whom are attending. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

Sushi showdown: Women challenge one of Japan's male bastions

Sushi at Nadeshico, served by women who didn't seem that different from AKB 48 members, seemed the perfect way to end the visit, he said.

Chidui laments how some Japanese are forgetting the delights of sushi, a dish that's deceptively simple but requires a lot of preparation ahead of time to deliver a fine but varied taste. Instead, people are choosing to eat pizza and *gyudon*, or sliced beef over rice. The only sushi they might have had rolled off a robotic conveyor belt, known as *kaiten zushi*.

But she feels she is finally getting good at it, and hopes more women will follow.

"This is really fun," she said.