



ONGOING EVENTS

“Roboyat”

Through Apr 29 (Tue-Sat), 11am-5pm, Blackfish Gallery (420 NW Ninth Ave, Portland). View “Roboyat Omar Khayyam’s ‘Rubaiyat’ Reimagined,” Merridawn and Geordie Duckler’s cacophonous installation which is informed by the structure of Khayyam’s famous 11th-century poem, “The Rubaiyat.” The display, which is a meditation on the art and artifacts in our world as envisioned by the imagined future, includes a collection of 500 robots ranging in size from tiny to looming. For info, call (503) 224-2634 or visit <www.blackfish.com>.

“Poetry Month” at Lan Su

Through Apr 30 (daily), 10am-7pm, Lan Su Chinese Garden (239 NW Everett St, Portland). Attend events held during “Poetry Month” at the Lan Su Chinese Garden. Special features include poetry workshops (Wednesdays at 3:00pm), poetry tours (Thursdays at 2:00pm), the Peach Blossom Poetry Series (Saturdays at 3:00pm), and a couplet poetry activity (Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2:00pm to 4:00pm). For info, or to obtain a complete schedule of activities, call (503) 228-8131 or visit <www.lansugarden.org>.

Nadeshiko

Through May 7, Seattle Center (305 Harrison St, Seattle). Watch *Nadeshiko*, a play by Keiko Green that tells the stories of two generations of Asian women who are reclaiming their power from idealized perceptions of beauty. The cast includes Maile Wong, Mi Kang, Ina Chang, Josh Kenji, and Greg Lyle-Newton. For info, showtimes, or to buy tickets, call (206) 856-5520 or visit <www.soundtheatrecompany.org>.

“Homeless Not Hopeless”

Through May 16, 10am-6pm (Sun), 9am-8pm (Mon-Thu), 10am-6pm (Fri-Sat), Vancouver Community Library (901 C St, Vancouver, Wash.). View “Homeless Not Hopeless,” an exhibit of works by artists who have experienced homelessness, yet continue to bring joy and hope to others through the visual arts. For info, call (360) 906-5106 or visit <www.fvrl.org>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jersey Boys

Apr 18-23, 7:30pm (Tue-Sat), 2pm (Sat), 1pm & 6:30pm (Sun), Keller Auditorium (222 SW Clay St, Portland). Watch *Jersey Boys*, a performance held as part of the Broadway in Portland series. The musical follows the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons and how the group of blue-collar boys from the wrong side of the tracks became one of the biggest American pop-music sensations of all time. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 248-4335 or visit <www.portland5.com>.

Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival

Apr 21-23, 10am-5:30pm (Fri), 10am-6pm (Sat-Sun), Seattle Center (305 Harrison St, Seattle). Celebrate the beauty of spring at the Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival presented by Seattle Center Festál. The event includes taiko drumming, Japanese food, artisan demonstrations, games, hands-on activities, live performances, visual arts, the creation of a 100-foot-long sushi roll, and more. For info, call (206) 684-7200 or visit <www.seattlecenter.com>.

“Ceramic Showcase”

Apr 21-23, 10am-7pm (Fri), 10am-5pm (Sat), 10am-4pm (Sun), Oregon Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A1 (777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland). Admire and buy handmade clay art from more than 150 ceramic artists from around the Pacific Northwest at the annual “Ceramic Showcase.” The event also features acoustic performances, drawings for gift certificates, a clay exploration area open to all ages, pottery demonstrations, a high school ceramic art gallery, and more. For info, call (503) 222-0533, e-mail <showcase@oregonpotters.org>, or visit <www.ceramicshowcase.com> or <www.oregonpotters.org>.

Inner City Blues Festival

Apr 22, 5pm-midnight, Eagle’s Lodge (7611 N Exeter Ave, Portland). Attend the sixth annual Inner City Blues Festival, a fundraising event benefitting Healthcare for All Oregon. Titled “Healing the Healthcare Blues,” the show features Bloco Alegria; the Norman Sylvester

“New Year in the Park”



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April 29, 9:30am to 6:00pm
Glenhaven Park, N.E. 82nd Avenue & Siskiyou Street, Portland

Attend the third annual “New Year in the Park,” a celebration of Cambodian, Thai, Lao, and Burmese cultures. The free daylong celebration features performances by the Cambodian-American Community of Oregon, Khana Luke Larn Lao, the Thai Association of Oregon, the Burmese Community of Oregon, and others, in addition to Asian cuisine, sports, arts and crafts, vendors, and more. For more information, or to sponsor the festival, call (503) 823-PLAY (7529) or visit <www.portlandoregon.gov/parks>. To volunteer, e-mail Vieng at <vbounnam@yahoo.com> or Kathy at <kathy@apano.org>.

Band; Lloyd “Have Mercy” Jones; Shoehorn; Mad as Hell Doctors, Nurses & Interns; and others. For info, call (503) 206-6709 or visit <www.hcao.org>. To buy advance tickets, visit <www.tickettomato.com>.

Young Artists Competition concert

Apr 22-23, 3pm (Sat), 7pm (Sun), Skyview High School Concert Hall (1300 NW 139th St, Vancouver, Wash.). Attend a performance by the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra featuring the winners of the annual Young Artists Competition, including Ashley Teng on flute, Symphony Koss on violin, and Trevor Natiuk on piano. For info, or to buy tickets, call (360) 735-7278 or visit <www.vancouversymphony.org>.

Butoh performance

Apr 22 & 29, 8pm, The Headwaters (55 NE Farragut St, Suite 4, Portland). Attend the “Butoh College Performance Series,” a show presented by Water in the Desert that celebrates and exposes the enigmatic, ever-evolving dance-theatre *koan* that is *butoh*. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 404-2350 or visit <www.witd.org/headwaters>.

“Classical Up Close” blitz performances

Apr 22, 24-26 & 29, May 2-3; Apr 22, noon, Powell’s City of Books (1005 W Burnside St, Portland); Apr 24, 12:30pm, Oregon Symphony, Ticket Office (909 SW Washington St, Portland); Apr 25, noon, Terwilliger Plaza (2545 SW Terwilliger Blvd, Portland); Apr 26, 9am, Henry Higgins Boiled Bagels (6420 SE Foster Rd, Portland); Apr 29, 1pm, Hollywood Senior Center (1820 NE 40th Ave, Portland); May 2, 11:45am, Bob’s Red Mill Whole Grain Store & Restaurant (5000 SE International Way, Milwaukie, Ore.); May 3, 10am, Symposium Coffee (12345 SW Main St, Tigard, Ore.). Attend 30-minute “blitz” performances designed for children and families as part of the “Classical Up Close” series of free chamber music concerts organized and performed by Oregon Symphony musicians. The series, which centers around six informal, full-length concerts, begins April 22 and ends May 7. For info, or to obtain a full schedule of concerts, call (503) 228-1353 or visit <www.classicalupclose.org>.

Ikebana presentation

Apr 23, 1-3pm, Nagomi Tea House (519 Sixth Ave S, Seattle). Attend “Ikebana: A Contemporary Approach,” a presentation by ceramic artist Thomas Batty. The event includes demonstrations and images of Batty’s floral arrangements. For info, or to register, call (206) 522-5438 or visit <www.friendsofasianart.org>.

“Music in the Pearl”

Apr 23, 2pm, Wieden + Kennedy (224 NW 13th Ave, Portland). Attend “Music in the Pearl,” a concert by the chamber orchestra of the Portland Youth Philharmonic (PYP) — Camerata PYP — with special guests Hossein and Bobak Salehi of ArtMax Academy. The

performance is an adventurous program of contemporary chamber music featuring Czech composers and traditional Persian instruments. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 223-5939 or visit <www.portlandyouthphil.org>.

Free “Classical Up Close” concerts

Apr 25, 27-28, May 3-4 & 6, 7:30pm; Apr 25, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (147 NW 19th Ave, Portland); Apr 27, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church (5415 SE Powell Blvd, Portland); Apr 28, Oak Hills Church (2800 NW 153rd Ave, Beaverton, Ore.); May 3, Rose City Park Presbyterian Church (1907 NE 45th Ave, Portland); May 4, Nordia House (8800 SW Oleson Rd, Portland); May 6, Milwaukie Lutheran Church (3810 SE Lake Rd, Milwaukie, Ore.). Attend “Classical Up Close,” free chamber music performances produced and performed by Oregon Symphony musicians. The festival includes six informal, full-length concerts at which audiences are encouraged to enjoy the concert, use social media, ask questions, and applaud freely. For info, or to obtain a full schedule of concerts, call (503) 228-1353 or visit <www.classicalupclose.org>.

Kalakendra concert

Apr 28, 7:30pm, First Baptist Church (909 SW 11th Ave, Portland). Attend a concert featuring Pt. Vishwa Mohan Bhatt on guitar and Pt. Subhen Chatterjee on *tabla*. The performance is presented by Kalakendra. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 308-1050 or visit <www.kalakendra.org>.

Portland Thorns FC

Apr 29, 1pm, Providence Park (SW 18th Ave & SW Morrison St, Portland). Watch Portland Thorns FC take on the Chicago Red Stars as part of the National Women’s Soccer League’s fifth season. The Thorns FC squad features Mana Shim, Nadia Nadim, Kendall Johnson, and others. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 553-5555 or visit <www.portlandthorns.com>.

The White Balloon

Apr 29, 4:30pm, Portland Art Museum, Northwest Film Center, Whitsell Auditorium (1219 SW Park Ave, Portland). Watch Jafar Panahi’s *The White Balloon*, a film about the quest of two children to return home from the open markets of Tehran with the right fish with which to ring in the Iranian New Year. (Iran, 1995, Jafar Panahi, 85 mins.) For info, call (503) 221-1156 or visit <www.nwfilm.org>.

Carnatic vocal concert

Apr 30, 4pm, Rasika School of Music & Arts (2110 NW Alocleck Dr, Suite 615, Hillsboro, Ore.). Attend a free carnatic vocal concert featuring S. Aishwarya accompanied by Kaushik Sivaramakrishnan on violin and Sri. B.S. Anand on *mridangam*. For info, call (503) 531-7266 or visit <www.rasika.org>.

Tetsunori Tawaraya

May 2, 6-8pm, Floating World Comics (400 NW Couch St, Portland). Attend a book release event for punk musician and underground Japanese artist Tetsunori Tawaraya’s *Telescope*. The evening also features an exhibit of original artwork and other eclectic items. For info, call (503) 241-0227 or visit <www.floatingworldcomics.com>.

Yoonhee Choi & Roya Motamedi

May 2-27 (Tue-Sat), 11am-5pm; May 4, 6-9pm (reception); May 20, 2pm (artist talk); Blackfish Gallery (420 NW Ninth Ave, Portland). View Yoonhee Choi’s “Sift” and Roya Motamedi’s “Aptitude of Kindness” during the month of May. Choi’s installation explores the easily neglected and immediately abandoned detritus of a consumer society, while Motamedi’s collages of fabric and birch on paper are concerned with pattern, repetition, and interconnectivity to family. For info, call (503) 224-2634 or visit <www.blackfish.com>.

Kathy Liao

May 4-July 1 (Tue-Sat), 10am-5:30pm; May 4, 6-8pm (reception); Prographica/KDR Gallery (313 Occidental Ave S, Seattle). View “Lingering Presence,” an exhibit by narrative painter Kathy Liao featuring mixed-media works that form a record of an experience or a feeling made from observations, layered with sharp and hazy memories and recorded snapshot photos. For info, call (206) 999-0849 or visit <www.prographicgallery.com>.

Oregon Symphony

May 5, 7:30pm, Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall (1037 SW Broadway, Portland). Attend “Disney in Concert: A Dream is a Wish” to relive some favorite Disney moments from *The Little Mermaid*, *The Lion King*, *Frozen*, *Aladdin*, *Pocahontas*, and more, with original film footage, singers, and sweeping scores performed by the Oregon Symphony orchestra under the direction of Norman Huynh. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 228-1353 or visit <www.orsymphony.org>.

Filmed by Bike

May 5-7, Hollywood Theatre (4122 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland). Watch an array of international, bicycle-themed short films at the 15th annual Filmed by Bike festival. The event features 80 films from 18 countries by 74 filmmakers, including India, Japan, Russia, and elsewhere. Asian-interest short films include *Giro d’Italia — Ciao Bambino*, *On Your Mind*, *The World Naked Bike Ride*, *Teppei Nasty Iwabuchi Fukuoka*, *La Vuelta*, *Mr Right Bike*, *The Gaman Spirit: Why Cycling Works in Tokyo*, *The Bicycle Maker*, and others. For info, or to obtain a schedule of screenings, call (971) 221-7228 or visit <www.filmedbybike.org>.

Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration

May 7, 11:45am-5pm, Seattle Center (305 Harrison St, Seattle). Join the festivities at Seattle Center Festál’s Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration. The free event includes cultural dance groups, youth drill teams, art, hands-on activities, games, a lively marketplace, and more. Scheduled performers include the Filipino Youth Activities Drill Team (12:15pm), the OBG Band (2:30pm), Seattle Thai Dancers (3:15pm), Kaze Daiko (4:15pm), and many others. For info, call (206) 684-7200 or visit <www.seattlecenter.com>.

PYP concert

May 7, 4pm, Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall (1037 SW Broadway, Portland). Attend the Portland Youth Philharmonic’s (PYP) end-of-the-season concert. The program, which includes works by Elgar and Dvorak, also features a solo by 15-year-old cellist Annie Zhang, winner of the 2016-2017 PYP Concerto Competition. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 223-5939 or visit <www.portlandyouthphil.org>.

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