

ZooLights offers spectacular displays

The Oregon Zoo will come alive with lights when the 17th annual ZooLights festival begins on Friday, December 3 at 5:30 p.m.

This family tradition, presented by The Boeing Company, will feature more than 500,000 lights illuminating life-sized animal silhouettes, trees, buildings, walkways, and the zoo train.

"Every year, the zoo presents a stunning display of light and color," said Tony Vecchio, zoo director. "I know many people in our community eagerly anticipate ZooLights and look forward to seeing the many new touches that we add each year. It is so gratifying to know that the Oregon Zoo has become an important holiday tradition to so many families," he added.

As visitors approach the zoo entrance, they will be greeted by swinging siamangs and diving dolphins. A large, rotating mobile featuring aquarium animals will dominate the zoo's entry plaza. Trillium Creek Family Farm, the zoo's newest exhibit, will be home to three new silhouettes: flying pigs, a cow jumping over the moon and Charlotte's Web. Other displays in the farm include a caterpillar that turns into a chrysalis before emerging as a beautiful butterfly, inchworms, California condors, leaping frogs and forest creatures.

Deeper inside the zoo, an anaconda is re-created in lights at the Amazon Flooded Forest exhibit, and a gingerbread house, complete with candy cane fence, lights up the Crossroads. Three life-sized, three-dimensional hippos will graze near a river of lights on the zoo's concert lawn.

The zoo's popular costumed characters and elves will be on hand to greet zoo visitors and pose for pictures. Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer will be joined by Buddy Beaver, Honey Bear, Eliza Elephant, Lulu Lemur, Nate the Eagle, Rock E. Goat, Sandy Sea Otter and Titus Tiger. Visitors can also see some of the zoo's resident animals, including mountain goats, elephants, primates, and pettable sheep and goats.

Music lovers will enjoy the highly animated light silhouette featuring Mick Jaguar performing on the concert stage with

his all-star animal band. Mick is joined by Packy Pachyderm tickling the ivories, Richard Lion playing guitar, Gerri Giraffe on bass, Billy Bear on trumpet, Orville Orangutan on drums and Willy Wildebeest on sax. The Ostrich Sisters perform backing vocals.

The sounds of the season will fill the zoo as more than 100 schools, churches, and professional groups perform holiday musical selections.

Several local dance troupes will also be featured.

Favorite light displays from previous years will also return, including trumpeting elephants, tobogganing polar bears and swinging monkeys.

Lions can be seen chasing a herd of impalas, while a giraffe grazes nearby. An ostrich gets startled and runs away, hiding its head in the sand. Flying macaws fly from tree to tree. A 35-foot-long dragon mysteriously floats above the walkway. At Steller Cove, a sea lion and dancing sea star greet visitors.

In addition to the lights, characters and music, the Tualatin Valley Model Railroad Club will show off its enlarged NTRAK train display. And children of all ages are sure to enjoy family entertainment every evening in the zoo's elephant museum, including a conservation-themed puppet show Thursday through Sunday evenings.

The Artist Market will feature recycled, animal and earth-friendly art.

And, for last-minute shoppers, the zoo's gift shop, Cascade Outfitters, is bursting with animal-related gifts. The zoo's Cascade Grill will offer a nightly holiday buffet. This traditional feast will cost \$13.95 for adults and \$7.75 for kids. Holiday treats will be available at food locations throughout the zoo.



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ZooLights runs from December 3 through January 1. Hours are 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday through Thursdays, and 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Guests will have one hour past the closing times to make their way back to the front gate. During this time, lights and other activities will continue until gates close. The festival is closed December 24 and 25.

ZooLights package tickets, which include admission and a train ride, are \$9.50 (12-64), seniors \$8 (65+), children \$6.50 (3-11), and children under 3 are free. Additional information is available on the zoo's website at www.oregonzoo.org or by calling 503-226-1561.

The zoo is located five minutes from downtown Portland, just off Highway 26.

"Music from Art" Dec. 3 at Pacific Univ.

Music and art will combine for a special fall concert on Friday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m. in McCready Hall at the Taylor-Meade Performing Arts Center at Pacific University. The program, "Music from Art," will include the sounds of the Pacific University Symphonic Band to coincide with the opening of the "Tooned In" art exhibit in the Kathrin Cawein Gallery on campus.

Featured music includes selections based on and inspired by works of art in other media. For example, "The Ascension" is based on Dante's literary work *The Inferno* and "The Minstrel Boy" is taken from Thomas Moore's poem of the same name.

The "Tooned In" exhibit features works by Pacific alumnus

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That's where the Washington County Sheriff's Office Buddy Bear Program comes in. The Buddy Bear Program has been in existence for over 16 years. During that time thousands of little children have been comforted when a soft teddy bear has been placed in their arms.

The program relies completely on donations of the bears from people who want to help a child at a time when their little world seems to have been turned upside down and they feel helpless and scared. Recently a high school student

donated a teddy bear to the program because she had been given a Buddy Bear when she was five years old.

Presently, the Buddy Bear Program is running out of bears. With the holidays coming this would be an especially hard time for a young child in trauma, which is all the more reason why being given a teddy bear would mean so much.

If you would like to donate a "new" teddy bear to the Buddy Bear Program, contact Susan Gould at 503-516-4397 or email: sgouldbuddybears@aol.com

Your donation will ensure that a Washington County Sheriff's Deputy will be able to provide a comforting bear when a child experiences an unfortunate tragedy, and help in a way that a child can understand.

Ray Nelson, president and creative director of Flying Rhinoceros in Portland. The exhibit is open from Dec. 1-22, 2004 and then Jan. 3-20, 2005.

Nelson co-founded Flying Rhinoceros in 1993 after working as an animator at Will Vinton Studios. The company produces and distributes interactive programming, educational books, classroom materials, television cartoons, software, and Web sites. Today Nelson serves as Flying Rhinoceros' creative visionary. He is the main author and illustrator of the company's learning books

and he created the characters and concept for the CBS television show "Flying Rhino Junior High."

Concert admission is \$5 for adults, and \$3 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the box office at 503-352-2918 or at the door. The Cawein Gallery exhibit is open to the public at no charge. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by appointment. For more information on the Gallery, call 503-352-2216.



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