

ENTERTAINMENT & ARTS

live music concerts & gigs

Portland Jazz Singers Concert Series

Sat July 30
Ellen Vanderslice
John Gilmore
Sandy Dennison
Barbara Lauch
Miti Zilka
Mark Simon - Piano
John Waino - Bass

Sat August 20
Ellen Vanderslice
Cheryl Alex
Carolyn Joyce
Miti Zilka
Greg Carter - Piano
John Waino - Bass

All shows begin at 7pm
Ellen Vanderslice will perform some of her own original songs.

LV's Uptown at University Place
310 SW Lincoln (formerly the Bookstore area)

Live Jazz | Bar | 21+
Saturday • December 30

Portland plays host to 'Jazz for the Holidays'

Street Inn, at Beach 1000 Coast presents "Jazz for the Holidays" with a variety of jazz performances today on the stage of the Arts Center.

The second set of the evening will feature Miti Zilka, founder of the esteemed Portland Jazz Singers Showcase. This Portland native, who spent time studying and performing in L.A., Australia, and Holland, is quickly becoming a force on the Portland scene.

Daiber, Karla Harris, Barbara Lauch, Linda Micheletti and Miti Zilka. The second half of the Friday evening performance features Carolyn Joyce and Tobaj, a.k.a. Todd Gang. Musicians for the vocalists for the Friday and Saturday performance will be The Green Dolphin Street Band with Mark Simon on piano, Dennis Calizza on bass, Larry Bard on drums, and David Valdez on saxophone.

The concerts on Sunday and Monday will feature the Bobby Torres Ensemble with Nancy King, two outstanding performers who will join forces for one memorable concert event. From Woodstock with Joe Cocker, through 10 years of touring with Tom Jones, to forming his Latin jazz band, the Bobby Torres Ensemble, Torres has been on the music scene for more than 35 years. Driving Afro-Cuban rhythms boost this inspired blend of Latin jazz, rock-n-roll to create Bobby Torres' signature sound.

King's career spans that of 40 years. And he is treated to King's interpretations of and other popular performances that empty the best singing.

Reserved tickets for the concert are \$75 each with OCCA membership. Tickets for the concert are \$20 each with OCCA membership. Tickets for any of the performance are \$15. Tickets are by calling the New Performing Arts Center at 265-ARTS.

Information about the holidays and all the events can be found at www.pjsshowcase.com.

All area codes are 503 unless noted. Advance ticket prices are subject to additional service charges.

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Moots Davis: The icon of honky-tonk performs with guitar assistance from Pete Anderson. Area group Lisa & Her Kin open. 9:30 p.m. Fri, Duff's Garage, 1635 S.E. Seventh Ave., cover.

Portland Jazz Singers Concert Series: Ellen Vanderslice and Rebecca Kilgore bring original jazz compositions to a large musical buffet. 7-10 p.m. Sat, LV's Uptown at University Place.

Contra Dan: Newport High School Eugene band & music, and Melba's.

Holiday Jazz Party: Day Two
Newport Performing Arts Center
Tonight's concert features Mike Winkie and Miti Zilka, performing with the Green Dolphin Street Band. The group is gearing up for tomorrow's hot concert with the Bobby Torres Ensemble and Nancy King, a vocalist up for a Grammy this year. 7 p.m., 777 W. Olive St., Newport. \$75 for three concerts, \$25 for one night. 541-265-ARTS or www.jazzinnewport.com.

Friday • December 29
The Newport will be hosting a presentation (including mammal skulls and whale baleen) at 1:30 p.m., and whale storytelling at 2:30 p.m. Meanwhile the Whale Watching Center in Depoe Bay, chock full of exhibits and information about the southward migration of the gray whale will be open daily from 1 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a schedule and more, log on to www.whalepoles.org or call 541-765-3407 or see page 18.

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Aura Restaurant & Lounge hosts Portland singers on Wednesdays

The emergence of a new venue for jazz is always a heartening event. Aura Restaurant and Lounge, 1022 W. Burnside Street, has been holding vocal jazz sessions since October on Wednesdays following the Museum After Hours series. From 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Wells Fargo Impromptu Ballroom, the After Hours presents superb local and regional talent. At 7:30 pm every Wednesday, "aura" presents four jazz vocalists supported by some of the cream of Portland's instrumental crop.

In December, singers include Sandy Dennison, Miti Zilka (also event coordinator and veteran of the Portland jazz scene), Cheryl Alex and Robert Hicks among many others. Musicians will be Kevin Ditz and Dennis Calizza on bass, and Sid Bos and Vincent Frates on piano.

After December 15, there will be a three-week hiatus, with the return to performance scheduled for January 12. Valerie Day and Mary Kaddery will be performing in January and Rebecca Kilgore will join the sessions in February, along with many other talented artists.

The venue offers dancing as well as the concert and has no cover charge.

aura is spelled with a lower-case "a" is directly across the street from Powell's Book Store, with parking in the Brewery District.

A singers' showcase

Newport's Jazz Holiday opens with a hot vocal lineup

Four concerts, two bands and a whole lot of voices will make for a magical New Year's combination at next year's Jazz for the Holidays. Starting Friday, Dec. 28, the Alice Silverman stage of the Newport Performing Arts Center will host an impressive array of jazz artists over four days to herald the new year.

The Dec. 29 concert opens with an ensemble of five jazz singers, who will each perform a medley of three songs from one composer: Linda Daiber, with a mellow voice and diction comparable to Ella Fitzgerald, will sing Johnny Mercer, Karla Harris, known for soulful delivery and stellar chops, will perform a medley of Harold Arlen songs.

Barbara Lauch, a storm with a sexy sway, will sing Bobby Troup, while Linda Micheletti offers an effervescent tribute to Peggy Lee. Miti Zilka and her great jazz voice, layered in sultry warmth and peppered with sparkling highlights, will sing Cole Porter.

The second half of the Friday evening show features Carolyn Joyce. Her warm, pure vocal beauty has been likened to the late Irene Kral. The planned set will include such favorites as "Nice and Easy," "Is You Is Or Is You Ain't My Baby" and "I Just Found Out About Love." The evening will conclude with an instrumental quartet with drums, guitar,

Backing up the vocalists at Friday night's concert will be The Green Dolphin Street Band: Mark Simon (piano), Dennis Calizza (bass), Larry Bard (drums), and David Valdez (sax). The jazz holiday festival continues with concerts on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. For details, call the PAC at 541-265-ARTS. ★

Newport heats up with 'Jazz for the Holidays'

The Newport Jazz Singers Showcase is a series of jazz performances that will be held at the Newport Performing Arts Center from Friday, Dec. 28, through Monday, Jan. 1, 2006. The series will feature four vocalists performing with the Green Dolphin Street Band. The group is gearing up for tomorrow's hot concert with the Bobby Torres Ensemble and Nancy King, a vocalist up for a Grammy this year. 7 p.m., 777 W. Olive St., Newport. \$75 for three concerts, \$25 for one night. 541-265-ARTS or www.jazzinnewport.com.

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Train Display
Viquin Pacific Railroad Historical Society - Toledo
See different gauges of model and toy trains operated by the YPHS, or bring your old train to be tested. Shop for railroad gifts like calendars, starter sets, whistles and wind-up trains. Open from 4 to 7 p.m. today, 7 to 5 p.m. Saturday, 334 N. Main St., 541-336-5296.

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She's a chanteuse,
singing at the PAC
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Holiday Jazz Party
Dec 28 8 p.m. 11, 2006 and Jan 1, 2006 Newport Performing Arts Center
Friday, Dec. 29, 8 p.m.
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Mike Waino and Miti Zilka with the Green Dolphin Street Band.
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Bobby Torres Ensemble with Nancy King.

PJS Portland Jazz Singers

Full price \$25 city residents, \$30 non-residents, \$100 for OCCA members.
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