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World Beat Holiday Concert Becomes Annual Tradition

Salem Multicultural Institute hosted the second annual **World Beat Holiday Concert** as part of the Global Holiday Celebration at the Reed Opera House on December 6. Six musical groups made the day a festive celebration with international flair: McKay High School Senior Women's Chorus, World Beat Philippine Carolers, Tre Kronor Lodge # 713 Santa Lucia Court, Polynesian Christmas Dancers, St. Joseph's Hispanic Choir, and jazz artists Sierra Schmeltzer, Ann Pagett and Christen Pagett.

After a day of music and dance, the St. Joseph's Hispanic Choir led a "Posada" procession through the Reed and the day ended with a fiesta celebrating the Hispanic Celebrations exhibit.



Photo by Tom Schmeltzer

Stories from the Peculiar Paradise

SMI and Oregon Northwest Black Pioneers to Kick Off Black History Month

The Oregon Northwest Black Pioneers and the Salem Multicultural Institute will kick off *National Black History Month* on Friday, January 30, with the opening of a new exhibit at the World Beat Gallery and a historical presentation entitled *Stories from the Peculiar Paradise*. The exhibit will open with a reception beginning at 6 p.m. at the World Beat Gallery on the 2nd Floor of the Reed Opera House. The program and special awards presentation will begin at 7 p.m. in the Reed's Trinity Ballroom on the 3rd floor.

The exhibit, *Stories from the Peculiar Paradise*, features profiles of six African American men who contributed to Oregon's rich cultural history: a wagon train guide, a champion bronco rider, a successful businessman, a river ferryman, a farmer

and the first male African American graduate of Oregon State University. The historical program will feature storytelling about the lives of these six men, including a glimpse into their lives in their own words, the words of their contemporaries, and the words of some of their descendants.

Please join us for this community celebration of Oregon's Black History on Jan. 30, and visit the exhibit, which will be open from Jan. 30 until March 15, Tuesdays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays from 12-4 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars

January 15

- Applications for World Beat Festival Exhibits and World Beat Dragon Boat Race Registration posted online.
- Last Day to See Hispanic Holiday Celebrations Exhibit at the World Beat Gallery

January 19-24

- Martin Luther King Celebration including *Awele Makeba Performance* and *Stride Toward Freedom 5K Run/Walk* at Willamette University www.willamette.edu

January 30

- Black History Exhibit Opening and Celebration at the Reed Opera House

February 15

- K-12 World Beat Art Contest Deadline

February 24

- Cultural Community Potluck at the Reed Opera House

March 15

- Early Bird Exhibitor Applications Due



FELIZ DIAS DE FIESTAS

Through January 15 you can learn about three fiestas that take place during the winter holiday season showcased at the World Beat Gallery in the Reed Opera House: Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead; Las Posadas, commemorating Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and their search for lodging, and El Dia de los Reyes Magos, the Day of the Three Kings.



Photo: Antonio Casas

A couple of days before, the children write letters to all three reyes, or to their favorite rey mago: Melchior, Caspar, or Balthasar. In these letters, the children ask for what they would like. Before going to bed on the night

of January 5, children place their letters inside old shoes and place them under their beds, on their balconies, or in their living rooms,

any place where los tres reyes can find them. The tradition is that each king will leave one gift, and children eagerly wait for the light of the new day to see what the kings have left for them.

While the children are in bed, parents go shopping for toys. The streets are filled with vendors and parents choosing gifts for their children according to their means.



Photo: Gregorio Rodriguez Perez

In many Spanish towns, the highlight of the holiday season is the Cabalgata de Los Reyes, or the Three Kings Parade, which takes place on the evening of January 5th. The parades consist of various floats representing the kings and their entourage. As the procession winds through the streets, the kings and others in the parade throw sweets or "caramelos" into the crowd.

The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, before most performances of the Salem Repertory Theatre, or by appointment. For more information call (503) 581-2004.

Give a Gift of Culture to the Community

Please consider making a donation to SMI with a matching gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust. By doing so, you can help sustain a vital cultural tradition, and you will receive a 100 percent tax credit for your donation. All donors will be recognized in a future issue of World Beat News.

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Cultural Community Potluck

Salem Multicultural Institute board members and volunteers invite you to a potluck dinner and roundtable discussions on February 24, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Reed Opera House. If you are active in a cultural group, or if you would like to be, this dinner is for you. We are currently working on our 5-year strategic plan and want to be sure to reflect your ideas and how we can work collaboratively to raise cultural awareness and understanding. For more information, call (503) 581-2004.



Partnership with Schools Promotes Understanding

The Salem Multicultural Institute and Salem-Keizer Schools Foundation partnered for a second year to bring the Books Across Borders story tent and book sale to the World Beat Festival. Funds raised at the festival were dedicated to supporting multicultural

literacy grants including Peace Every Day for Morningside Elementary School and Crossing Borders: Promoting Globalism for Richmond Elementary School.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS



The 12th Annual World Beat Festival will take place June 27-28 and Salem Multicultural Institute is inviting Oregon students in grades K-12 or home school students to submit entries for the annual art contest. Artwork should center on the culture and art of any of the various countries in Africa in honor of the theme of this year's festival "Into Africa." Entry forms are available on line at www.worldbeatfestival.org, and the deadline is February 15.

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Volunteer Leaders Needed

SMI is currently recruiting volunteers to lead the World Beat Festival volunteer effort and to be World Beat Dragon Boat Race officials in training. We are also looking for volunteers to help with office duties, gallery openings and year-round planning committees. Please send resume and/or letter of interest to

info@salemmulticultural.org

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