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Shoot the Indian: Media, Misperception and Native Truth

August 1 – 31. Bonnie Kahn's Wild West Gallery, 1524 NW 23rd Avenue #2, Portland, Oregon. Paintings and crafts from Robert Robideau/Ojibway; paintings and illustrations from Frank Salcido/Navajo; paintings by political prisoner Leonard Peltier/Anishinabe-Lakota; music by Phillip John "Aarnaquq" Charette/Yup'ik Zapotec; weavings from the collection of Bob Meir; book signing for *Shoot the Indian* edited by Kara Briggs/Yakama-Snohomish; Ronald D. Smith and José Barreiro. Contact info: (503) 293-9414 for more information.

ZoomUganda

August 1 – 31. World Forestry Center, 4033 SW Canyon Road, Portland, Oregon. ZoomUganda is an extraordinary photo essay created by 12 orphaned girls in Uganda, Africa. These stunning and thought-provoking photos tell the journey of 12 girls who were each given a camera and asked to capture her own story in a 24-hour period. Most had never seen a camera before, let alone operate one. The girls, aged 14 through 18, are from the AIDS ravaged Rakai district of Southern Uganda and are all orphans of the AIDS epidemic. They are students at St. Andrew's Secondary School in the village of Kalisizo. Contact info: www.worldforestrycenter.org, 503/228-1367

IFCC Theater: The Code

August 10 -25. 5340 North Interstate Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Resident Company Studio 20 Entertainment kicks off IFCC's 25th Anniversary Season with an original play by Kwik Jones. A dramatic story about a white police officer who shoots a black suspect as seen through the eyes of the officer's partner. The trail that follows reveals truths he may not be ready to face. Fri/Sat 8 pm, and Sun 29 3pm. Tickets: \$15
Contact info: IFCC, www/ifcc-arts.org 503-823-4322 info@ifcc-arts.org, reservations: 503/901-4735

O-BON

August 11-15. A Japanese holiday also known as the Feast of Fortune or Feast of Lanterns, is a time for people to remember their ancestors. According to Buddhist beliefs, the dead revisit Earth during this period, so lanterns are lighted for their souls. The festival begins in mid-August (or July according to the lunar calendar).

S. KOREAN LIBERATION DAY

August 15. Korea was liberated from colonial rule on August 15, 1945, when Japan was defeated in WWII. The first Korean government was established on August 15, 1948. Liberation Day commemorates the two anniversaries.

INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

August 15. This day commemorates India's legal freedom from the British imperialist rule on August 15, 1947. The celebrations begin in the morning when the National Flag is unfurled at the Red Fort. The National flag is hoisted in the schools throughout the country. It is put up on the rooftops of most houses and can even be found on the vehicles of many people. It is a national holiday so the people attend the schools and their offices only for the flag hoisting ceremony.

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PHILIPPINE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF OREGON MONTHLY MEETINGS

August 15. The monthly networking meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Holladay Park Plaza Penthouse, 1300 NE 16th Avenue, Portland, Oregon from 6-8 pm. Complimentary food and refreshments are provided. Everyone is welcome. Contact info: www.pacco.org

INDONESIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

August 17. On this day in 1945, Indonesia gained independence after more than 300 years under the Dutch occupation and followed by the Japanese occupation. Formal ceremonies are carried out in government offices, schools, and public places. In order to celebrate independence day there are games, sports, competitions, etc. Many put the red and white flag (the Indonesian flag) in their homes, cars, and public places. Some decorate their houses with colorful flags.

HISPANIC SERVICES ROUNDTABLE

August 17. The Hispanic Services Roundtable is a community-based organization dedicated to heightening the awareness of services available to the Hispanic communities of Washington, Multnomah, and Clackamas Counties in Oregon. Identifying gaps in service provision and developing creative solutions to fill those gaps. Fostering cross-cultural education and sensitivity; involving political public and private leadership in addressing the lack of services available to Hispanic community members. Providing education and support toward creating a healthful life for the Hispanic community of Oregon and Washington. Meetings are held at the American Red Cross Building, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave. Portland, Oregon. They are usually scheduled for the third Friday of the month, with a few exceptions. 1-3pm. Contact info: Lily Cáceres 503/981-2556 lily.caceres@state.or.us

GRAND RONDE ANNUAL POW WOW

August 17-19. Grand Ronde, Oregon. Contact info: 503/879-5211

CareOregon Walkers- Email Suzette Holiday- holidays@careoregon.org We are in the process of forming a CareOregon Team.

August 18. Now more than ever we need your support for the African American Health Coalition's 5th Annual Wellness Within REACH Walk. The funding is ending in September for this program, but with your help, the Walk will help sustain free exercise and nutrition classes. To register: Visit us at www.aahc-portland.org or at 2800 N. Vancouver Ave, Suite 100, Portland, OR 97227. For more information call 503-413-1850

14th ANNUAL UPTOWN VILLAGE STREET FESTIVAL

August 18-19. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., on Main Street between McLoughlin Blvd. and Fourth Plain Blvd. The Uptown Village Street Festival has grown to be one of this region's most highly anticipated outdoor events over the past 13 years. Drawing upwards of 16,500 visitors and featuring the creative energy of more than 175 artists, musicians, vendors, and performers, the festival offers fun for the whole family, with a parade, classic car cruise in, whimsical sidewalk chalk art exhibition, arts, crafts, and food booths, live music, street entertainment, and so much more. Contact info: www.uptownvillage.com Info@VeronikaNoize.com 360/882-1298

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FESTA ITALIANA 2007.

August 18-26. Pioneer Square, Portland, Oregon. Festa Italiana celebrates Italian culture and heritage of Italian-Americans in the Portland metropolitan area. Local Italian-American organizations have united their efforts to produce this unique event with a special invitation to friends of Italy (wannabes) of the local community to share in this celebration. Nearly 300 volunteers along with several generous sponsors provide this "labor of love" and contribute to the success of this outstanding celebration.

Contact info: Remo Minato 503/665-4723 remom@earthlink.net www.festa-italiana.org

AFGHANISTAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

August 19. Afghanistan gained independence from Britain on August 18, 1919. Independence Day celebrations bring Afghans together from all walks of life, regardless of their socio/political backgrounds.

INDIA FESTIVAL 2007

August 19. Pioneer Courthouse Square, downtown Portland, Oregon. There will be live music, excellent dance performances, food and entertainment! Catch a glimpse of India and its subcontinent's culture, history and people.

Contact info: Jaisen Mody 503/645-7902 <http://icaportland.org>

INDIA INDEPENDENCE CUP 2007

August 19 & 26. 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Mountain View Middle School, 17500 SW Farmington Rd, Beaverton, Oregon. Play, watch and enjoy a day-long cricket tournament among Portland's exciting cricket teams! The event is organized by AID Portland and Beaverton Cricket Club as a fundraiser to support various development projects in India. Register at www.indogram.com by August 12. Contact info: www.aidportland.org , jagatha.vasanthi@intel.com, meena.rajs@gmail.com

PORTLAND TAIKO COMPOSER SPOTLIGHT

August 23. Lincoln Hall Room 75, Portland State University, 1620 SW Park Ave., Portland, Oregon. Contact info: www.portlandtaiko.org, info@portlandtaiko.org, 503/288-2456

SEAPORT CELEBRATION.

August 25. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Terminal 6, 7201 N. Marine Drive, Portland, Oregon. There will be plenty of fun activities for all ages – face painting, games, prizes, equipment demonstrations by the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, and tours of the dock with views of the large container cranes. Captain Bogg & Salty will perform at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., and the ILWU will grill food while supplies last. RSVP's requested for attendance. I.D. required for adults. Contact info: www.portofportland.com, 503.944.7010

OREGON STATE FAIR.

August 25- September 4. Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem, Oregon.
Contact info: 503/947-FAIR, www.fun-oregon.com

SALSA EN LA CALLE.

August 26. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. at the Eastbank Esplanade at Main Street, SE Main and Water Avenue, Portland, Oregon. A celebration of hispanic culture, Salsa En La Calle's main purpose is to unify people from all cultures through their love and appreciation of

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salsa music. The best salsa bands in the Pacific Northwest will be performing morning 'til night for dancing on the street. Dance lessons will be taught by Portland's premier salsa instructors. This family friendly event includes native crafts from Latin America for the kids. And great food from Portland's finest Latin American restaurants will be available for purchase. FREE event. Contact info: www.salsaenlacallepdx.com, 503.314.2639

OREGON ASSOCIATION FOR LIBERIA (OAL).

August 26. Meets the last Saturday of each month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Mt. Tabor Community Church Fellowship Hall, 7412 N. Mississippi Ave, Portland, Oregon. OAL mission: To serve Liberian Community in Oregon and Southwest Washington maintain better life. Contact info: Joseph Yeane, Joseph.L.Yeane@state.or.us

NIGERIAN COMMUNITY IN OREGON & SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON (NCOSWA)

August 26. Meets the last Saturday of each month from 6-8 p.m. Usually meets at the State Farm Insurance Bldg, 6527 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Suite C, Portland, Oregon. NCOSWA works to build bridges with other Nigerians, Nigerian and African Organizations, and the community. Contact info: Efosa Odighizuwa, President 503/731-4646 x2318 efosa1@aol.com or www.geocities.com/ncoswa

VIETNAM INDEPENDENCE DAY

September 2. Marks the day in 1945 of the surrender of Japan, ending World War II, and the creation of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

2007 ASIAN COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

September 8. 11a.m.-6 p.m. at Asian Health and Service Center, 3633 SE 35th Place, Portland, Oregon. Asian Health & Service Center (AHSC) is committed to providing health education and early intervention in the Asian community. Come and promote health awareness. Specialists will be on hand to screen and answer questions. Receive information in your native language and learn about to living a healthier life. Contact info : 503/872-8822 x200, www.ahscpdx.org

ART + SOUL

September 8. 5:30-midnight at SEI, 3920 N. Kerby Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Raising over \$2.6 million in 2005, art + soul is Self Enhancement, Inc.'s annual dinner and auction. This year marks SEI's 25th year and the 13th art + soul. It takes place at the Center for Self Enhancement and runs from approximately 5:30 p.m. to midnight. Sponsored by: Self Enhancement, Inc. Contact info: Claire Sands Baker, claireb@selfenhancement.org, 503-249-1721 x244

ROSH HASHANAH: JEWISH NEW YEAR

September 13-14. Like most Jewish holidays, Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on the evening before the first (full) day of the holiday. This begins the Jewish New Year 5763 and the Jewish month of Tishri. Rosh Hashanah signifies the beginning of the days Awe, a period of serious reflection about the past year and year to come. This period, which continues until Yom Kippur, is a time for asking forgiveness from both God and people and for committing oneself to living a better life in the year to come. Traditionally, this is the time that God decides the fate of each Jew in the new year.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY FOR CENTRAL AMERICAN NATIONS

September 15. This commemorates the declaration of independence from Spain of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua in 1821.

MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY.

September 15-16. Settlemeir Park, Woodburn, Oregon. Contact info: Javier Meza-Perfecto, 503/980-2485

UNDER THE AUTUMN MOON FESTIVAL

September 15-16. Old Town, Portland, Oregon.

Contact info: www.oregonnikkei.org, onlc@oregonnikkei.org, 503/224-1458

CHILE INDEPENDENCE DAY

September 18. This holiday commemorates Chile's gaining independence from Spain in 1818.

KOREAN CHUSOK FESTIVAL 2007

September 22. 5-8:30 p.m. at Clackamas High School, 14486 SE 122nd Ave Clackamas, Oregon. Northwest Korean Culture Society presents this community festival to celebrate Chusok, Korean Fall Harvest. Gyeonggi Traditional Youth Orchestra from South Korea will be the main performance. This 31 member orchestra will dazzle the audience with their musical talents. Drumming demonstrations, Tae kwon do demonstrations, traditional Korean dinner, arts and crafts for children, and a Korean Store will be available for all to enjoy. Cost: Members – \$12 adults, \$8 children. Non-members: \$14 adults, \$10 children. Pay online via paypal at www.nkcs.org. Contact info: www.nkcs.org, 503/699-3342, treas@nkcs.org

PORTLAND PIRATE FESTIVAL 2007

September 22-23. Explore tall ships, witness cannon firing and sword fighting demonstrations, and browse the wares of pirate merchants for unique gifts. This year's two-day festival will feature even more music, dance, cannon firings, piratical re-enactments, and other performance. Fine grub & grog from some of the region's best restaurants, too! Portland's family-oriented celebration of NW pirate culture offers two days of history, music and adventure for the whole family under the St. Johns Bridge in historic Cathedral Park in St. Johns, Oregon. Contact info: www.portlandpiratefestival.com, shuhe@portlandpiratefestival.com, 503/453-7107

WALK FOR UNITY

September 30. 2 p.m. at Beaverton City Park, 4950 SW Watson, Beaverton, Oregon. Join the Vision Action Network of Washington County and area residents, activists, students, and community leaders for the second annual Walk For Unity. The Walk For Unity is a 3.5 mile walk that celebrates the wonderful diversity of the Washington County community. Last year's event drew over 200 people. Contact info: Vision Action Network, www.vision-west.org, 503/846-5792

56TH ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL

October 5-7. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church, 3131 NE Glisan, Portland, Oregon. Food booths, tavern, live entertainment, folk dancing, a gourmet bake shop, and church tours. Authentic Greek Dinners: Adult - \$12; Seniors (65+) - \$10; Children - \$6. Contact info: www.goholytrinity.org 503/234-0468.