

Bravo! Vancouver opens season with Handel's Messiah December 5

George Fredric Handel's *Messiah: An Oratorio*, as it has for the past 11 years, opens Bravo! Vancouver's 2004-2005 musical season at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, in St. Joseph Catholic Church, 400 S Andresen Boulevard.

Michael Kissinger will conduct the 70-voice Bravo! Chorale and Chamber Orchestra during the presentation of what has become a traditional pre-Christmas work. The Bravo! Season continues with a Baroque program Sunday, Feb. 6, Beethoven's *Missa Solennis*, Sunday, March 20, American music with African roots, Sunday, May 15, and a jazz program featuring the **New Washingtonians** Saturday, June 18.

Reserved seating is \$15, general admission, \$12. Tickets are available at all Safeway TicketsWest Outlets. For further information, call **906-0441** or go to the Bravo website, www.bravoconcerts.com.

The first 10 *Daily Insider* readers who correctly answer the following question will each win a pair of tickets to the concert:

George Frederic Handel wrote the Messiah in London in 1741. How long did it take him to write this epic work?

Send answers, accompanied by mailing addresses, to tony@dailyinsider.info.

SWMC one of three trauma centers serving Vancouver-Portland region

Southwest Washington Medical Center, one of three trauma centers serving Oregon and southern Washington, has been recertified as a level II trauma center and trauma rehabilitation server. The continued designation followed a routine inspection by the state Health Department.

SWMC is the only level II trauma center in the region. Also serving the region are level I trauma centers, Oregon Health Science University and Legacy Emanuel Hospital.

The three trauma centers participate in joint disaster planning and regional triage management and serve as backup for each other when one of the centers is unable to care for patients for any reason.

SWMC accepts all levels of trauma and transfers a small percentage of cases that require level I care to one of the other of the Portland facilities.

The difference between level I and level II trauma centers is defined by the length of time it takes a surgeon to respond to a trauma call. Southwest Washington Medical Center surgeons respond within 20 minutes of a trauma call. Surgeons at Level I centers are on site 24 hours a day.

Mayor says federal budget gives big lift to Vancouver

Vancouver mayor **Royce Pollard** says, "We are absolutely thrilled with the latest round of Congressional appropriations included in the Omnibus Appropriations bill approved by Congress this week.

In particular the mayor pointed to the \$1.5 million in federal funds for the Highway 14 pedestrian bridge, part of the Confluence Project, \$1 million for the Fruit Valley 26th Street rail bypass extension, and \$9 million toward the Columbia River channel deepening project, as all being very smart and very strategic steps toward helping the local economy.

Pollard also said he was pleased with the \$2 million appropriation for Vancouver-Portland I-5 projects and for \$1.5 million federal dollars to continue analysis of a light-rail look connecting Vancouver to the Portland MAX system.

The bill also provides \$1 million for grade crossing improvements across the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad tracks in Ridgefield..

French conductor will lead Clark College Orchestra in fall concert

Peter Vizard, director of the Conservatoire Frederic Chopin, Paris, is the guest conductor for the Clark College Orchestra's fall concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, in the Royal Durst Theatre,

Guest pianist is Clark College student **Nathan Weiss**, 19, winner of the 2003 Joanna Hodges Honor Achievement Award, and the Clark County Music Teacher's Association Russian Festival in 2002. He performs Saint-Saens *Piano Concerto No. 2*.

The concert is free, but donations to the Clark College Music Scholarship Fund will be accepted at the door.

Festival of Trees begins Friday

The annual Festival of Trees opens a three-day run in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 26. Thirty-eight decorated trees are on view. Entertainment in nearly continuous, general admission is \$5. The annual \$100, black-tie gala and tree auction is at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at the Quay.

News briefs

Port of Ridgefield commissioners meet in regular session at 6 p.m. this evening and will hold a public hearing on the district's 2005 budget. ☞ The *Daily Insider* will not be published Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, nor will it be published on recovery day, Nov. 26, but will resume its regular schedule Monday, Nov. 29. ☞ City, county and state offices are closed Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26. State offices open Friday, Nov. 26, after having been closed Thursday. Parking at meters on Vancouver streets is free both days.

Wednesday headlines at home and from around the world:

[Rossi leads by 42 votes after first recount. Second recount \(by hand\) expected to be requested, could take until Christmas--KATU](#)

[County Comprehensive Growth Management Plan update rocked by ten appeals--Columbian, **Erin Middlewood** Ben Gassaway, Jeanne Harris, Jeanne Lipton and Steve Stuart in running for Pridemore's chair on board of county commissioners--so far--Columbian, **Erin Middlewood**](#)

[Port of Vancouver commissioners approve \\$58.1 million budget, including local tax--Columbian, **Jonathan Nelson**](#)

[Ukraine election fails to get U.S. approval, unrest building in Kiev--New York Times, **C. J. Chivers**](#)

Wednesday on the air

Portland Blazers at Orlando (live)—4 p.m. KXL, KRMZ

Clark County Land Use Hearings (11/23)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

2004 Veterans Day Parade—9:30 p.m. CVTV

George C. Marshall Leadership Award Ceremony—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Cami Joner going to home away from home for turkey with onion and apple stuffing. 🍗 **Bob Knight** reciting precision perhapses. 🍗 **Jessica Swanson** planning a year's worth of editorial excitement. 🍗 **Ed Vidinghoff** scoring twice. 🍗 **Al Bauer** telling hunting stories. 🍗 **Wednesday**, gray, light precipitation expected, 58. **Thursday**, should be rainy and gray, but toasty warm inside, 53. **Friday**, cooler, showers, 48. **Saturday**, showers, 47. **Sunday**, partly cloudy, 46.