

Calendar

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Take a road trip to see "Women Who Rock," attend a Zombie Opera show, try Bulgarian soup and eat breakfast with dinosaurs.

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"WOMEN WHO ROCK: VISION, PASSION, POWER": MAY 13-FEB. 2012

On May 13, a 10-month exhibit, "Women Who Rock: Vision, Passion, Power," will open at Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. The exhibit, which includes artifacts, videos and photographs, spans two floors of the museum and represents 60-some artists—from the bluesy Ma Rainey of the 1920s to Madonna and beyond. Visitors can visit a booth to offer input regarding their opinion of the show or to share how the women's music affected their lives.

Throughout the exhibit, female performers and song writers will make appearances, with Wanda Jackson and Cyndi Lauper coming Sat., May 14 for the It's Only Rock and Roll Spring Benefit Concert at Cleveland's Public Hall at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Reservations required. (1100 Rock and Roll Blvd., Cleveland. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., daily; until 9 p.m., Wed. \$22, adults; \$17, seniors 65 and older; \$13, youths 9-12; children under 8, free. Info: 216/781-7625, rockhall.com)

EVENINGS IN QUARANTINE: THE ZOMBIE OPERA: MAY 6-7

Night of the Living Dead director George Romero joined artistic directors and composers Elizabeth Rishel and Bonnie Bogovich, of the cult-pleasing *Evenings in Quarantine: The Zombie Opera*. The directors, both of whom are Duquesne University music school alumni, premiered their multimedia work last fall at the Grey Box Theater.

It's not exactly ghoulish season, but Rishel and Bogovich are bringing the opera back at the Chatham University's Eddy Theater. Set in Pittsburgh, *Evenings in Quarantine* follows three roommates who struggle against zombies in "the infected streets of Pittsburgh" as they move toward a safe zone. Reservations required. (104 Woodland Road, Shadyside. Fri.-Sat., 8 p.m. \$25. Info, tickets: 412/513-9066, thezombieopera.com)



Unicyclists from Cirque Du Soleil's *Tamar*.

"THE AMERICAN FRONTIER RIFLEMAN: TALL TALES & TRUTH": THROUGH OCTOBER

You know him from the movies, TV shows, radio and books: the rugged, ragged loner out there on the prairie with nothing but his rifle, guts and wits to keep him alive. The rifleman, part of the American cultural scene since its birth, returns to Point State Park. The show, "The American Frontier Rifleman: Tall Tales & Truth," opened April 30 at the Fort Pitt Museum and will continue through October. The exhibit will look at the men's lifestyles in addition to their importance in the nation's history. Figures of Michael Cresap, a frontiersman who worked in the Ohio River area, and Native American Buffalo James Smith, who worked as a trader at Fort Pitt, will be on display. (101 Commonwealth Place, downtown. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., daily. \$5, adults; \$4, seniors; \$3, students with ID, children, 4-17; free, under 3. Info: 412/281-9284, heinzhistorycenter.org)

STEPPING INTO SPRING FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON: MAY 1

The Duquesne University Women's Guild will stage its yearly fundraiser, Stepping Into Spring Fashion at the Union Ballroom on the Bluff. The show will feature fashions by Macy's, hair styling by Zarelli and Co. and music by Rick Wirth. There will be a silent auction, basket raffles, treasure chests and lottery tree—not to mention a chocolate fountain. WTAE anchor Sally Wiggin will emcee the event.

Proceeds will enable Duquesne campus

ministry students to continue their service to aid those still recovering from Hurricane Katrina, the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history, and to help fund the Women's Guild Endowed Scholarship for needy students. (600 Forbes Ave., Uptown. Sun., noon. \$30. Reservations required. Info: 412/279-2666, wgofduq.com)

GREEN MARKETPLACE: MAY 15

The Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium hosts a Green Marketplace May 15 in the PNC Pavilion. Local companies that carry eco-friendly products will sell clothing, jewelry and home and garden products. At the event, you can learn to "green-up" the planet while also reducing energy consumption and utility bills. (One Wild Place, Highland Park. Sun., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. \$14, adults; \$13, seniors 60 and older; \$12, children 2-13; free, under 2. Info: 412/665-3640, pittsburghzoo.org)

SOUP SEGA! SOUP NOW!: MAY 7, 14, 21

For the past 12 years, the Bulgarian Macedonian National Educational Cultural Center in West Homestead has become Soup Central on certain Saturday mornings.

Soup choices (\$7, quart; \$3.50, half-quart) range from Spicy African Yam to Meatball Noodle. You can also pick up stew (\$6), stuffed hot peppers (\$6) and cheese and apple strudels (\$6-12). Soup sales help support the group's cultural and educational activities. (449 W. Eighth Ave., West Homestead. Sat. May 7, 14 and 21, 9 a.m.-noon. Info: 412/461-6188, bmnecc.org)