



The 9th Annual Vanport Mosaic Festival May 18- June 1, 2024

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The Vanport Mosaic's annual exploration of little-known local histories and celebration of our communities' resilience returns in Spring 2024 with a rich program of performances, exhibits, tours, screenings, dialogues and gatherings. The events, hosted in various venues in N/NE Portland, are offered to the public free/sliding-scale, thanks to the generous support of our funders and sponsors. *(Confirmed events listed on page 2)*

Please consider supporting our memory activism, and join us in our commitment to **Remember, Repair, Reclaim, and Re-imagining our collecting story.**

the Oregon Heritage Excellence Award, the Spirit of Portland Award by City Commissioner Nick Fish, the American Association for Local and State's Leadership in History Award of Excellence, and the Columbia Slough Watershed Council's Achievement Award.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation recognized the Vanport Mosaic as one of 80 organizations nationwide using historical places as catalysts for a more just and equitable society, showcasing the multi-layered intersections of underrepresented communities.

FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - Please choose YOUR level of support

	Friend: \$500	Memory Keeper: \$1,500	Community Champion: \$3,500	Steward of History: \$5,000 <small>Check desired items</small>	Legacy Maker: \$7,500 and above <small>Check desired items</small>
Shout out to email list <i>(4,500 subscribers)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Shout out on social media <i>(reach 20,000 people avg monthly)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo/name on digital and printed program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Verbal recognition at all events <i>(estimated 3,000 attendees)</i>			✓	✓	✓
Logo inclusion in print, digital, and social advertising campaign			✓	✓	✓
Comp tickets at events		2	4	6	8
Tabling opportunities				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Logo on Festival banner				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunity for brief opening comments at events of choice					<input type="checkbox"/>

Multi-year Sponsorships

Let's build a stronger partnership and achieve greater impact together. Please consider committing to a multi-year sponsorship at any level. You will not only be supporting our organization in the short term, but also helping us to plan and grow our programs and impact over the long term.

Contact us: laura@vanportmosaic.org or call 510.717.2441

Ready to Sponsor?

Shoot us an email at info@vanportmosaic.org. Be sure to indicate your level of support and include your logo (as an .eps, or .jpg file at least 300 dpi resolution), and your website URL.

DEADLINE to be included in print material: 4/1/2024

Don't See the Exact Fit?

We can build a package that meets your needs and would love to talk to you about alternate levels of sponsorship and creative ideas for you to engage with us. Just contact us at info@vanportmosaic.org, and we'll be in touch with you soon.

The Vanport Mosaic is a registered 501.c.3 non-profit organization co-founded and co-directed by Laura Lo Forti and Damaris Webb.

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For a taste of the Vanport Mosaic Festival and its impact, we invite you to watch the short documentaries:

History from the Bottom Up: [The Making of The Vanport Mosaic Festival 2016](#)

Legacy of A Forgotten City - [The Vanport Mosaic Festival 2017](#)

And **A Call For Memory Activism:** [The Vanport Mosaic Festival 2018](#)

PROGRAM (in progress)

ARTISTIC PERFORMANCES

The Assembly

EXPO Center Hall A/Former “Assembly Center”

brings together communities whose stories intersect in the city of Vanport.

A new play by artist and community weaver Chisao Hata, exploring the history and memories in the place where 3800 persons of Japanese and Japanese American ancestry were held as prisoners in Portland, Oregon, while incarceration camps were being built.

Precipice: re-mem-bering, forgetting and claiming home as a Black woman in this white utopia

a new solo play conceived and performed by Damaris Webb; directed by Olivia Mathews; written by Chris Gonzales

Combining direct experience through overnight camping in different parts of the state, with the relative safety in a NE Portland multigenerational home, **Precipice** pushes against the boundaries of memory, media reports, geological truths, legacy, DNA reports, and the value of listening to the land. *Who owns your idea of belonging? What is the legacy of the place you call home? As far as you can tell, is everyone free?*

SCREENINGS, PRESENTATIONS

Lost City, Living Memories: Vanport Through The Voices of Its Residents

Screening of short oral history documentaries from the Vanport Mosaic collection: *Lost City, Living Memory: Vanport Through the Voices of Its Residents*, followed by a facilitated dialogue connecting. With Vanport survivor Ed Washington and special guests.

Buffalo Soldiers: Fighting On Two Fronts, a new documentary film directed by Dru Holley, combines a multitude of diverse perspectives to examine the profound and often-contradictory roles played in American history by the often forgotten black regiments who served in some of America's earliest wars and how they fought on two very different sets of front lines -- military conflicts abroad and civil rights struggles at home. Followed by a Q&A with director Dru Holley

The Music of Miracle City

Public historian and ethnomusicologist Kelly Bosworth shared her findings from years of archival exploration on the music of Vanport and the nearby Kaiser shipyards. With music performance by Marilyn Keller

Vanport Podcast Series Launch

Listening party and presentation about the new three-part series co-produced by the Vanport Mosaic and Urbanist Media, as part of their Urban Roots award-winning narrative documentary podcast that preserves places through story.

EXHIBITS

Vanport: A Surge of Social Change

A display of selected archival photos and material part of the larger exhibit co-curated by Kim Moreland, Laura Lo Forti, Greta Smith, and Tim Hecox.

Historic Alberta House

Vanport: A Story Lived. A Story Told

Vanport Mosaic pop-up exhibit

Artwork by Henk Pander: "The Climate Refugees of Vanport" and "The Artist as Eyewitness to History"

Historic Alberta House

This "art giant" passed away on April 7th, 2023, but his legacy continues through his artwork. The Vanport Mosaic had the honor to collaborate with Henk Pander in the past few years and to present some of his history paintings as part of our memory activism. We are grateful to Henk and his family for entrusting us with the watercolors from the Vanport series and the large-scale paintings Henk created in response to 2020's racial justice protests.

Remember Us

a temporary memorial to Japanese Americans held at the Portland Assembly Center

in 1943 honoring their history, loss, erasure, and continuing ReClaiming of Culture, History, and Stories. Created by Chisao Hata

TOURS

Presence and Preservation: Force Lake Birdwatching and Historical Walking Tour Join Marti Clemmons (Portland State University archivist/historian) and Han Lyons (BIRDBERS) as they contextualize a space where history and nature meet.

Vanport Guided Walking Tours visiting a portion of the original Vanport site

Soft Earth & Hard Ground, an art-infused walk in former Vanport led by environmental artist Linda Wysong

Bike the Levees: A tour of hidden flood safety landscapes & Vanport Stories
Delta Park/PIR

Join the Multnomah County Drainage District and community partners on a free bike tour of historic Vanport, and the flood safety system that still exists today.

All Power to The People: Black Panther Party Legacy Tour of Albina

Join Mr. Kent Ford, co-founder of Portland's chapter of the '60s-era black empowerment organization, for a walking tour in NE Portland. Listen to his personal memories of revolutionary activism and community service, and be inspired for today's fight for change.

CELEBRATIONS/COMMEMORATIONS/ACTIVATIONS

Annual Reunion for Vanport Residents and Flood Survivors

Private event by invitation only

City of Portland's Proclamation for a Vanport Day of Remembrance

City Hall

Join Vanport survivors and descendants, and Vanport Mosaic memory activists, as we commemorate the anniversary of the Memorial Day flood that destroyed Vanport in 1948, and Mayor Ted Wheeler declares May 30 Vanport Day of Remembrance.

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE - JUNE 1, 2024

Delta Park, Expo Center/ Assembly Center

Ceremonies, tours, performances, pop-up exhibits, story circles, screenings, singing and land art on the Indigenous land where Vanport once stood and nearly 4,000 Japanese Americans were unjustly incarcerated. We gather and experience together throughout the afternoon activities and cultural offerings led by Indigenous, African American, Japanese American and Latinex artists and community weavers.