former soundgarden and audioslave lead singer chris cornell headlines a solo concert in portland. cornell has released three solo albums, the most recent of which is "screen," which was released in march. the album eschewed cornell's rock roots for a dance-infused sound, thanks to help from hip-hop producer timbaland. cornell will perform at 8 p.m. april 29 at mcmenamins crystal ballroom, 1332 w. burns st., portland. tickets $37 through ticketmaster, 360-573-7700 or ticketmaster.com.

works by 12 local artists are on display through may 30 in the recently-opened alcove art gallery, 326 pioneer st., ridgefield. work on display includes watercolor paintings, jewelry, wood sculptures and pottery. the gallery is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. tuesdays through saturdays. call 360-727-3088 or visit alcoveartgallery.com.

the latest exhibit at clark college's archer gallery features photography by seven artists. the exhibit, on display through may 2, enhances the storytelling opportunities of photography through the placement of the photograph within a constructed object. the archer gallery is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. tuesdays through thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. fridays and 1-5 p.m. saturdays in clark college's penguin union building, 1933 fort vancouver way, vancouver. call 360-992-2246 or visit clark.edu/archergallery.

the 2008-09 portland arts & lectures series wraps up with a discussion with filmmaker mira nair. nair has directed several films, including "morson wedding," "the namesake" and the upcoming film, "amelia." nair's lecture is at 7:30 p.m. april 29 at the arlene schnitzer concert hall, 1107 s.w. broadway, portland. tickets $10, and $7 for high school students 17 and younger with i.d.

the outspoken, wise-cracking trudy dispenses shampoo and free advice in her louisiana beauty salon in magenta theater's production of "steel magnolias." the curtains rise at 7 p.m. april 30-may 2, may 8-9 and may 14-16, as well as 2 p.m. may 16, at the magenta theater, 606 main st., vancouver. tickets $10-$14 in advance and $11-$15 at the door. call 360-635-4358 or visit magentatheater.com.

magenta theater's production of "steel magnolias" runs april 30 through may 16 at the magenta theater in vancouver.

may 8, ron white, arlene schnitzer concert hall, $42.75, 360-573-7700.

may 15, allman brothers band, doobie brothers, rose garden arena, $40-$75, 877-789-7673.

may 16, taylor swift, rose garden arena, $20-$49.50, 877-789-7673.

may 20, scott weiland, roseland theater, $25, 800-992-8499.

may 22, jerry seinfeld, arlene schnitzer concert hall, $48-$79.50, 360-573-7700.

may 29, anthony bourdain, keller auditorium, $39-$125, 360-573-7700.

may 30, george lopez, keller auditorium, $49.50-$59.50, 360-573-7700.

june 5, dane cook, rose garden arena, $30-$100, 877-789-7673.

june 21, third eye blind, mcmenamins crystal ballroom, $29.50, 360-573-7700, on sale 10 a.m. april 25.

june 27, jonas brothers, rose garden arena, $27.50-$37.50, 877-789-7673.

july 10, coldplay, the amphitheater at clark county, $35-$97.50, 360-573-7700.

july 24, indigo girls, oregon zoo, $19, 360-573-7700, on sale 10 a.m. april 24.

july 28, mötley crüe, the amphitheater at clark county, $25-$95, 360-573-7700.