Art fans will get a rare glimpse of work by Ruth Patterson Hart at Clark College’s Archer Gallery. Hart, who created several paintings, drawings and mural studies between 1929 and the 1940s, never unveiled her works during her life. Following her recent death, Hart’s children decided to exhibit the work.

It is on display Sept. 30-Oct. 25 at the Archer Gallery in the school’s Penguin Union Building, 1910 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver. The 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. Call 360-956-2701 or visit clark.edu.

Portland Opera opens its season with “La Traviata,” an opera that follows a beautiful, successful woman who lives in 19th century Paris. She follows her heart and finds herself in love with a man who loves her for herself and not her glamorous life. But her past comes back to haunt her and threatens to bring her world down. “La Traviata” is at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 26, Oct. 2 and Oct. 4, and 2 p.m. Sept. 28 at Keller Auditorium, 222 S.W. Clay St., Portland. Tickets $29-$362 through Ticketmaster, 360-572-7700. Call 866-729-6737 or visit portlandopera.org.

Christian rock trio BarlowGirl stops by Clark County to promote its latest album, “How Can We Be Silent.” BarlowGirl’s members are sisters who began their careers as the backup band for their father in his music ministry. The trio released its first album in 2004. Jeremy Needham and Brooke BarlowSmith open the show at 7 p.m. Oct. 2 at Crossroads Community Church, 7706 N.E. 7th St., Vancouver. Tickets $14-$20 through Ticketmaster at Ticketmaster.com.

Visit us for a challenge visit Mindbender Mansion, the latest exhibit at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, 4845 S.E. Water Ave., Portland. The exhibit, opening Sept. 23, features more than 40 brain teasers and five full-body activities for adults and children. OMRI is open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. Admission $6; $7 for seniors 65 and older and children 3-12; and $5 on the first Sunday of each month. Additional costs for some shows, submarine tour and planetarium shown. Call 503-955-6674 or visit omsi.edu.

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**beyond this week**

Oct. 16, Celine Dion, Rose Garden arena, 545-2925, 877-797-7673.
Oct. 22, ZZ Top, Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, $52.75-$632, 360-573-7700.
Oct. 25, Conor Oberst and the Mystic Valley Band, McMinnville Crystal Ballroom, $25, 360-573-7700.

Now. 1, Metallica, Rose Garden arena, $55-$75.50, 877-789-7673.
Now. 2, Alain’s Morissette, Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, $36.50-$582, 360-573-7700.
Now. 7, Experience Hendrix, Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, $37.50-$59.50, 360-573-7700.
Now. 9, Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Rose Garden arena, $36-$96, 877-789-7673.
Now. 17, Carrie Underwood, Rose Garden arena, $35-$95, 877-789-7673.
Now. 23, Joan Baez, Aladdin Theater, $45-$92, 360-573-7700.
Dec. 4, Robin Williams, Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, $55-$95, 360-573-7700.


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