

EVENTS

Portland nightclub singer has ‘Idol’ moment

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PORTLAND — Conor Tubbs of Portland has been a recurrent feature at Styxx Nightclub as drag singer Cherry Lemonade. This month, Cherry steps out in a big way. The lusty performer with ultralong lashes is part of Fox’s 14th season of “American Idol.”

“I would be lying if I said I wasn’t nervous,” Tubbs said of his audition in front of celebrity judges Jennifer Lopez, Keith Urban and Harry Connick Jr. last year, when the singer belted out Amy Winehouse’s “Rehab,” as Lopez shimmied in her seat.

“It’s a very eye-opening experience. Days upon days of different things you have to do, producers you have to impress,” the 27-year-old Tubbs said. “It’s something I’ve been wanting to do for years. So when you get the opportunity, it’s go time, and I was ready. I consid-

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Tubbs, a South Portland native, said he does not know how far he’ll go on the talent show yet, and an “American Idol” spokeswoman contacted Thursday remained vague, confirming only that the singer has advanced past early auditions.

“I cannot comment on his current standing in the competition,” “American Idol” spokeswoman Kristen Osborne said. “That does not mean we wouldn’t see him on TV this season.”

“He is a part of our Kansas City auditions, which



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Portland’s Conor Tubbs – aka Cherry Lemonade – sings a tune while waiting in line to audition for “American Idol” in July on the Maine State Pier in Portland.

will be shown in the episodes airing Thursday [Jan. 8] and next Wednesday,” Molly O’Gara, an “American Idol” spokeswoman, said in an email Thursday.

Tubbs, kept in the dark by “American Idol” handlers, did not appear on the show this week.

Still, his viewing party on Thursday at Styxx garnered fans according to the

Portland Press Herald.

Tubbs tried out for “American Idol” three times before making the initial cut this summer when the Fox audition bus pulled into the Maine State

Pier on a sticky July day. Amid the hundreds who waited in line to audition, Tubbs stood out. Fully made-up as his alter-ego Cherry Lemonade, he belted out Winehouse songs and Motown hits as he waited for his turn.

“Being able to incorporate drag gave me a bit of an edge,” he said.

The entertainer went on to further auditions in other cities. How many? We’ll have to wait to find out.

Since then, his trajectory has been a whirlwind.

“I got to do something really amazing that others don’t get to, and I got to do it on my terms,” said Tubbs, who is working on a record of original songs and is getting out-of-state gigs propelled by his brush with fame.

His advice for would-be contestants?

“A lot of people go on the show and try to be what they think the judges want,” said Tubbs. “I decided I was going to be me.”

Purple eyeshadow and all.

Things to Do

AUGUSTA — Maine State Library staff will be available Tuesday afternoons throughout January for drop-in visits from people who need technical support with their e-readers and tablets. Also, classes will be held: Kindle session, 2-4 p.m. Jan. 13; Android/Nook session, 2-4 p.m. Jan. 20. Classes are free but preregistration is necessary by calling 287-5600. For the Maine InfoNet library, visit <http://download.maineinfonet.org>. Online support is available by clicking on the help button at the top of any page on the site.

BANGOR — “Young and Black Today: Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration” with a panel, vegetarian potluck and music, 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine, 96 Harlow St. The panel will be four University of Maine students: Ronald Robbs of East Orange, New Jersey, who is an elementary education major and president of the Black Student Union; Muna Abdullahi of Portland, who is the director of Multicultural Student Life; Ogechi Ogoke of Nigeria, who is a chemical engineering major and president of the National Society of Black Engineers; and Izundu Ngwu of Nigeria, who is treasurer of the International Student Association. Free and open to the public. For information, call 942-9343 or email info@peacectr.org.

BANGOR — Penobscot Theatre Company will present “Guys on Ice,” Jan. 29-Feb. 15, at Bangor Opera House, 131 Main St. For showtimes, call the box office at 942-3333 or visit www.penobscottheatre.org.

BANGOR — A con-tradance with music by Bumbershoot and Danielle Boudreau calling, Friday, Jan. 16, at Unitarian-Universalist Church, 120 Park St. Beginners’ session, 7:30 p.m.; dance, 8 p.m. All ages welcome; all dances taught. \$8 per person; \$20 per fami-

ly. For information, email bangorcontra@gmail.com, call 941-9727 or visit bangorcontra.org.

BLUE HILL — Blue Hill’s New Surry Theatre will open its 43rd season with Anthony Shaffer’s “Sleuth,” 7 p.m. Jan. 16, 17, 23 and 24; 3 p.m. Jan. 18 and 25, at Blue Hill Town Hall Theater. Directed by Michael Reichgott and featuring Bryan Lescord and Jeff Brink. General admission tickets, \$15; \$12, students and seniors. For information, call 200-4720 or email info@newsurrytheatre.org.

BELFAST — The Peace and Justice Group of Waldo County will show the film “Plastic Planet” for its monthly film forum, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, in the Abbott Room in the Belfast Free Library. “Plastic Planet” is an award-winning documentary that examines consequences of the overabundance of plastic in everyday life. Free. For information, call 323-5160.

BREWER — Magician Danny Baker, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Brewer Performing Arts Center, 92 Pendleton St. To benefit Brewer High School music program. Musicians in the school’s band, chorus and jazz ensemble plan to travel to New York in April to perform in a national competition. Free ice cream sundae available for every paid admission to the show. Tickets available online and at the door. Adults, \$8; students, \$5. If

postponement because of inclement weather, event held Jan. 22. For information, visit www.brewerperformingarts.com or call 200-5447.

BREWER — Blue Grass Jam (acoustic), 6-8 p.m. every Tuesday, Next Generation Theatre, 39 Center St. Food and beverages available. \$3 per person. For information, call Jim Leighton at 944-3128 or Tracy Marceron at 989-7100.

EDDINGTON — Join Patricia Hughes for “Lost Loot: Ghostly New England Treasure Tales book presentation,” 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Clewley Farm Restaurant, 99 Main Road. To discuss the hidden treasure that may exist in Maine, but beware what may be guarding that loot. Dessert and coffee served. Reserve a space by calling 843-7446 or visiting the restaurant.

FALMOUTH — Maine State Ballet will present “Tap, Tap, Jazz,” 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23; 1 and 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at Maine State Ballet Theater, 348 U.S. Route 1. \$15-20. Discounts available for seniors and children. For tickets, visit www.mainestateballet.org or call 781-3587. There is a \$5 processing fee for phone and box office orders, but no fee for online purchases. For information, visit www.mainestateballet.org.

ORONO — Orono High School Project Graduation 2015 will hold a dance with music by JUICEBOX and a

silent auction, 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Orono American Legion Hall, 156 Park St. \$25 per person; \$40 per couple. For information, call Allison at 944-6959 or email BethSypher@sypherfamily@hotmail.com.

WATERVILLE — Charlie Daniels Band, 7-9 p.m. Friday, June 26, at Waterville Opera House, 1 Common St. \$75 for orchestra, \$65 for first balcony, \$55 for second balcony. Tickets can be purchased 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday at the opera house, by calling 873-7000, or by visiting <http://www.operahouse.org>.

For a complete listing of calendar items or to submit your event, visit www.bangordailynews.com.

Katy Perry says Kravitz to join her halftime show

REUTERS

Pop singer Katy Perry announced on Saturday that Grammy-award winning singer-songwriter Lenny Kravitz will join her on stage for a guest appearance during the halftime entertainment at February’s Super Bowl.

“He’s the coolest!” Perry said of Kravitz during an excerpt of an interview set to air on NBC on Monday. The announcement was made during Saturday’s playoff game between the Baltimore Ravens and New England Patriots.

Perry did not give any hints about which songs the pair might perform during the game, the most-watched U.S. sporting and television event.

Shortly after the Super Bowl performance, Kravitz will kick off the second-leg of a world tour in support of his latest studio album “Strut.”

Perry, 30, joins the likes of Madonna, Beyonce and Prince to perform at the NFL’s Super Bowl halftime show, which regularly attracts more viewers than the average for the championship game itself.

The Super Bowl will be played Feb. 1 in Glendale, Arizona, and broadcast on Comcast-owned network NBC.

The 2014 Super Bowl on Fox averaged a record 112.2 million viewers, while the halftime performance by singer Bruno Mars and rock group Red Hot Chili Peppers drew 115.3 million viewers, according to Nielsen.

Monday prime time

MOVIES

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
BROADCAST	2 NBC 207 Inside Ed. The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (HD) [25]						State of Affairs (N) [25]		News
	4 CBC Murdoch Mysteries (N) Strange Empire (N) The National (N)						News at 11 Rick Mercer		22 Minutes
	5 CBS Big Bang Mike Big Bang Mike NCIS: Los Angeles [1]						(9:59) Scorpion (HD) [25]		News
	52 CW King of Hill Cleveland Jane the Virgin (HD) [1]						News Seinfeld [25]		Cougar
	6 NBC 207 Inside Ed. The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (HD) [25]						State of Affairs (N) [25]		News
	7 ABC Wheel Jeopardy! [25]						(10:01) Castle (N) (HD) [25]		News
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	MPBN PBS PBS NewsHour (N) (HD) Antiques Roadshow (N) [25]						Independent Lens (N) [25]		
	9 IND Castle (N) (HD) [25]						News-Lisa CTV News		Daily Show
KIDS	13 CBS Ent The Insider Big Bang Mike NCIS: Los Angeles [1]						(9:59) Scorpion (HD) [25]		News
	22 FOX Mod Fam Mod Fam Empire (HD) [1]						FOX 22 News at 10 (N)		Law-SVU
	33 IND M*A*S*H [25]						Newhart Newhart C. Burnett		
	38 IND Big Bang Big Bang Law & Order: SVU Law & Order: SVU						WBZ News (N) (HD)		Seinfeld [25]
	NICK Every Witch Max Full House [25]						Prince Prince		Friends [25]
	DISN Liv-Mad. Girl Meets Girl Meets Dog Jessie [1]						Austin Austin Jessie [25]		Dog
	FAM (6:00) ** Beauty Shop (2005)						** Shallow Hal (2001) Gwyneth Paltrow, Jack Black. (PG-13)		700 Club
	HIST Pawn Stars [25]						Pawn Stars [25]		Pawn Stars [25]
	DISC Street Outlaws (ESP) [1]						Fast N' Loud: Demolition Outlaws		
	TLC The Little Couple [25]						My 600-Lb. Life: Where New Body, New Style [25]		My 600-Lb.
LEARN	A&E (5:30) *** Twister						(3:31) Donnie Loves Jenny		
	ANPL Yukon Men [25]						Alaska: Battle on the Bay Yukon Men [25]		
	CSNE Celtics Pre. NBA Basketball						Celtics SportsNet		Sports
	ESPN (6:00) Championship Drive Pregame						2015 National Championship Ohio State vs. Oregon. (N) [1]		
	ESPN2 (6:00) SportsCenter (N) Pregame						2015 National Championship Ohio State vs. Oregon. (N) [1]		
	NBCSP Mecum Motorcycle (N) [25]						Premier Down Blazers Premier League Review [25]		
	NESN English Premier League Soccer						Liverpool Match Extra (N) Sports Sports Sports		
	CNBC Shark Tank [25]						Shark Tank [25]		Shark Tank
	CNN Erin Burnett OutFront (N) Anderson Cooper 360 (N) [25]						CNN Tonight Hannity (N) O'Reilly		
	FNC Greta Van Susteren The O'Reilly Factor (N) The Kelly File (N)						The Last Word All In With		
NEWS	MSNBC Hardball Chris Matthews						Rachel Maddow Show		
	AMC (4:00) *** Braveheart Breaking Bad (ESP) [25]						(10:08) Breaking Bad (ESP) [25]		Break-Bad
	BRV Vanderpump Rules [25]						(10:01) Friends to Lovers? [1]		Happens
	CMT Reba [25]						Redneck Island [25]		Cops Rel.
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	E! News (N) [25]						Fashion Police (N) [25]		E! News [25]
	FOOD Diners Diners Diners Diners						Best. Ever. (N) [25]		Diners
	FX ** Taken 2 (2012, Action) Liam Neeson. (PG-13)						Mike Mike Mike Mike		
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	HALL The Waltons [25]						The Middle The Middle The Middle Golden Girls		
VARIETY	HGTV Love It or List It [25]						Hunters Hunters Int'l Love-List		
	LIFE Hoarders Hoarders Hoarders Hoarders						Little Women: LA [1]		Little
	MTV Catfish: The TV Show Real World: Skeletons						Eye Candy (N) [25]		Eye Candy [25]
	OXY What a Girl [25]						(9:50) ** Baby Mama (2008) (PG-13)		
	SPIKE Cops [25]						Cops [25]		Cops [25]
	SYFY ** Resident Evil: Extinction (2007) Milla Jovovich.						(20:10) Milla Jovovich. (R) ** Captivity		
	TBN Rodriguez Potters Trinity Secrets Franklin J. Duplantis						The Lazarus Phenomenon [25]		
	TBS Seinfeld [25]						Big Bang Big Bang Conan (N) [25]		
	TCM Toy Wife Luise Rainer						(15) *** Light in the Piazza (1962)		
	TCM (6:15) Frequencies (2014) ** Barb Wire (1996, Action) (ESP) (R) [40]						National Lampoon's Barely Legal Scorned (R)		
PREMIUM	TNT Castle (Part 2 of 2) [25]						Major Crimes (N) [1]		Crimes
	TRAVEL Bizarre Foods America [25]						Bizarre Foods/Zimmer Boozie Traveler (N) [25]		Bizarre
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	TVL Walker, Texas Ranger [25]						Family Feud Raymond King King King		
	USA NCIS [25]						WWE Monday Night RAW (N) [14]		Chrisley
	VH1 Love & Hip Hop [1]						Love & Hip Hop [1]		Sortory Sis
	WGN-A Funniest Home Videos Funniest Home Videos Funniest Home Videos						** Austin Powers in Goldmember		
	ENC (5:40) **** Aliens (1986) Sigourney Weaver.						*** Rocky (1976) Sylvester Stallone. A heavyweight champ gives a club fighter a title shot. (PG)		** Demolition Man (1993, Science Fiction) (ESP) Sylvester Stallone. (R)
	HBO (6:30) His Way Movie producer Jerry Weintraub [25]						*** The Devil Wears Prada (2006, Comedy) (ESP) [25]		(9:50) Girls (20) Togetherness Talented-Ripley
	MAX (5:30) *** The Place Beyond the Pines (2012)						Banshee Carrie faces backlash about her past. [25]		** The Internship (2013) Vince Vaughn. Old-school salesmen fight internships at Google. (PG-13)
SHOW	(6:30) ** Dare (2009) (ESP) Emmy Rossum. (R)						Shameless Fiona balances her day job. [25]		Episodes (ESP) [25]
	(6:20) ** Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil (1997, Drama) (ESP) Kevin Spacey, John Cusack. (R)						*** American Hustle (2013, Comedy-Drama) (ESP) Christian Bale. A con artist and his partner are forced to work for the FBI. (R)		

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