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## Event Details & Overview

- **Event Name:**
  - STYLE, STORY & LEGACY: A Night of Fashion, Comedy and Celebration
- **Date & Time:**
  - June 18, 2026 | 5:30 PM - 11:00 PM PST
- **Location:**
  - The Avenue Portland, 631 NE Grand St, Portland, OR
- **Event Overview:**
  - This intersectional Juneteenth and Pride kick-off celebration is a joint venture beautifully fusing the cultural foundations of Good in the Hood's beloved *Roots, Rhythm, and Power* weekend festival with the performance artistry and deep community dialogue of RACE TALKS' annual *History of Black Drag in Portland* event. All ages are welcome. This is a fundraiser to secure funding for next year's event and support Good In the Hood's collegiate scholarship fund!
- **Official Hashtags:**
  - #GITHxRT #StyleStoryLegacy #CommunityMashUp #JuneteenthPDX #BlackDragPDX #PortlandEvents #GoodInTheHood #RaceTalksPDX #Intersectionality
- **About the Organizers**
  - **Good in the Hood** is a premier Pacific Northwest non-profit organization celebrating community heritage, music, and commerce through its annual multicultural festivals and scholarship initiatives.
  - **RACE TALKS: Uniting to Break the Chains of Racism** is a Portland-based community forum and education series dedicated to facilitating dialogue on race, intersectionality, and social justice.
- **Media Contact:**
  - Maxey Pomerantz Consulting
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### **A Juneteenth and Pride Kick-Off Celebration**

*Featuring a night of fashion, comedy, drag, panel discussion, live singing, and more!*

**PORTLAND, OR — June 8th, 2026** – Two of Portland’s most enduring community institutions, **Good in the Hood (GITH)** and **RACE TALKS: Uniting to Break the Chains of Racism (RT)**, announce a historic merger of their flagship June programming, *Roots, Rhythm, and Power* and *5th Annual History of Black Drag in Portland*. In collaboration with **Maxey Pomerantz Consulting**, the organizations will co-produce "**Style, Story, and Legacy: A Night of Fashion, Comedy, and Celebration**," an intersectional Juneteenth and Pride kick-off celebration taking place on **Thursday, June 18, 2026**, at **The Avenue PDX**.

This spectacular joint venture beautifully fuses the cultural foundations of Good in the Hood’s beloved *Roots, Rhythm, and Power* weekend festival with the performance artistry and deep community dialogue of RACE TALKS’ annual *History of Black Drag in Portland* event. Proceeds go directly toward funding next year’s event and supporting Good In the Hood’s collegiate scholarship fund!

Co-hosted by iconic Portland legends **Poison Waters**, **Lawanda Jackson**, and **Eric Island** the evening serves as a powerful, multi-disciplinary showcase centering local Black designers, drag artists, musicians, comedians, and vendors, while reflecting on the shared struggles, triumphs, and intersectional histories of the Black and LGBTQ+ communities.

Tickets are currently on sale and will be sold at the door based on availability. There are also a limited number of Community Supported Tickets still available. Tickets details at [racetalkspdx.com/blackdragpdx](http://racetalkspdx.com/blackdragpdx)

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## WHAT

***Style, Story, and Legacy: A Night of Fashion, Comedy, and Celebration*** - A Juneteenth and Pride kick-off celebration. A high-energy, immersive evening featuring premium runway fashion, live comedy, dynamic drag and panel discussions, and unmatched entertainment. And a fundraiser to support next year’s programming and GITH’s collegiate scholarship.



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## WHO

- **Producers:** Good in the Hood and RACE TALKS: Uniting to Break the Chains of Racism, in collaboration with Maxey Pomerantz Consulting.
- **Co-Hosts:** Portland's Iconic Drag Queens **Poison Waters** and **Lawanda Jackson**, and actor/comedian, **Eric Island**.
- **Headlining Artists & Performers:** Vocalist **Donna Jones**, Event DJs - **DJ Ashé** and **DJ Aspen**, Fashion Show - **DJ Eddie**; alongside featured drag panelist-performers **Maria Peters Lake**, **Diva Simone Slaughter**, **Vivian Storm**, and **Kisses Major Ash**.
- **Featured Designers:** **David Jefferson – Stackin Kickz Clothing**; **Cyril Teal – Yea Dat Clothing**; **Shalonda Menefee – Shamen Clothing**; **LaTina McCord – LaTina's Style of Elegance Boutique**; **Patsy Andrews-Bain – Top Secret Part 2 Clothing**; **Bryan Walden – The Real Black Mannequin Clothing**; **Dora Darlington – Dora Darlington African Clothing LLC**

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS & RUN OF SHOW

- **The High-Fashion Runway:** A striking fashion show featuring 7 local Black designers and approximately 30 runway models.
- **Black Drag Performance & Panel:** Showstopping performances followed by a curated, deeply insightful panel discussion exploring the history, resistance, and evolution of Black drag artistry.
- **Live Entertainment:** Stand-up sets by local Black comedians and a feature vocal performance by dynamic songstress Donna Jones.
- **Community Market Place:** A curated space highlighting and supporting local Black-owned businesses, independent makers, and artisans.
- **Premium Guest Experience:** A full buffet dinner and cash bar, with exclusive VIP ticket tiers offering premium table seating and a private Drag Queen Meet & Greet.

## WHEN

Thursday, June 18, 2026

- **Doors Open & Pre-Show Vendor Market:** 5:30 PM (Music by DJ Ashé & DJ Aspen)
- **Main Show & Buffet Dinner:** 7:00 PM - 10:15 PM
- **After Party:** 10:15PM - 11:00 PM (Music by DJ Ashé & DJ Aspen)

## WHERE



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**The Avenue** 631 NE Grand Ave, Portland, OR 97232

*Featuring state-of-the-art immersive media technology and dynamic graphic video walls.*

## TICKET & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Advance ticket purchase is encouraged; tickets will be available for purchase at the door based on availability. The digital box office officially launched on **May 25, 2026**:

- **Direct Ticket Link:** [Purchase Tickets Here:](#)
  - [racetalkspdx.com/blackdragpdx](https://racetalkspdx.com/blackdragpdx) or [goodnthehood.org](https://goodnthehood.org)
- **Pricing Tiers:**
  - Single VIP Ticket (Includes Meet & Greet): **\$150** | VIP Table of 10: **\$1,500**
  - Single Entry & Meal: **\$65** | Group Entry & Meal (10 Seats): **\$600**
  - Single Entry Only: **\$35** | Group Entry Only (10 Seats): **\$300**
- **Community-Supported Access:** Free single and group admission slots are available for community members via an application process at [racetalkspdx.com/community-supported-tickets](https://racetalkspdx.com/community-supported-tickets) and fulfilled at [racetalkspdx.com/blackdragpdx](https://racetalkspdx.com/blackdragpdx).

## MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

- High-resolution logos, historical event footage, and promotional photos are available via the media kit.
- On-site press credentials, camera placements
- Pre-event in-person and zoom interview requests with RACE TALKS Executive Director, Dr. Shaina Maxey Pomerantz, Good In The Hood President, Quisha Light, Poison Waters, Lawanda Jackson (zoom only) or Eric Island can be coordinated by contacting [shaina@maxeypomerantz.com](mailto:shaina@maxeypomerantz.com).

## ABOUT THE PRODUCERS

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#### **WHAT:**

- Premium runway fashion show, live comedy.
- Showstopping drag performances.
- Deeply insightful panel and live singing.
- Local Black vendor marketplace, dinner, and cash bar.

#### **WHO:**

- Good in the Hood and RACE TALKS collaboration.
- Co-hosted by iconic Portland drag legends Poison Waters and Lawanda Jackson.
- Music Headliners include vocalist Donna Jones, DJ Ashé, DJ Aspen, and DJ Eddie.
- Featuring local Black Drag panelist-performers, designers, and models.

#### **WHEN:**

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### EVENT SIZE:

- 250+ attendees, 15 marketplace vendors; 7 featured designers; 6 drag queens; 3 DJs; 2 comedians. ADA accessible. All are Welcome.

### TARGET AUDIENCE:

- Families; Creatives; Lovers of Juneteenth and Pride celebrations.

### TICKET PRICES:

- Starting at \$35. Community Supported, Group, and Sponsor tickets available. [racetalkspdx.com/blackdragpdx](http://racetalkspdx.com/blackdragpdx) or [goodnthehood.org](http://goodnthehood.org)

### MEDIA ACCREDITATION:

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## SPOKESPERSON BIOS

- RACE TALKS – Spokesperson: Dr. Shaina Maxey Pomerantz, Executive Director (in-person and zoom)

RACE TALKS: Uniting to Break the Chains of Racism is a Portland-based community forum facilitating vital dialogues on race, intersectionality, and social justice. Known as the “Gateway Drug to Anti-Racism,” it bridges racial divides through compassion and education. Since 2011, the series has engaged over 50,000 participants in 2,500+ facilitated conversations and amplified over 500 BIPOC panelists highlighting their impactful work. RACE TALKS connects attendees directly with the individuals and organizations dismantling systemic racism, providing a powerful call to action to get involved and drive meaningful change.

- Good In The Hood – Spokesperson: Quisha Light, President (in-person and zoom)

Good In The Hood is Portland’s longest-running multicultural music and food festival, deeply rooted in the historic Albina community. For over 30 years, this vibrant annual event has created an essential space for Black and Brown artists, small businesses, families, and community organizations to unite, celebrate culture, and strengthen local economic opportunities. What began as a localized gathering has grown into one of Portland’s most beloved cultural celebrations, welcoming over 10,000 attendees each year. Throughout its incredible growth, Good In The Hood remains passionately dedicated to its core values of equity, connection, and community.

- Poison Waters (in-person and zoom)

Meet Dr. Poison Waters – she is not just a personality, she is an experience and “the smile on the face of Portland!” For nearly four decades, Poison (and alter ego Kevin Cook) has captivated audiences, blending world-class entertainment with deep community activism. As the co-hostess at the legendary Darcelle XV Showplace and Queen Mother II of Oregon, her historic career includes breaking a Guinness World Record with Drag-a-Thon, performing with Oregon Ballet Theater, and teaching Portland’s drag history. Recently honored as a Portland Trailblazers Game Changer and awarded an Honorary Doctorate from PSU, Dr. Poison continues to build an unforgettable bond with her audience. [www.poisonwaters.com](http://www.poisonwaters.com)

- Lawanda Jackson (zoom only)

Meet LaWanda Jackson—a true living legend, icon, and world-class performer with an incredible 42-year career in the art of female impersonation! LaWanda has captivated audiences globally, performing from Tokyo and Brazil to New York City’s famous Apollo Theater, and even appearing alongside Sandra Bullock in Miss Congeniality 2. A fierce advocate for the LGBTQ+ community since 1977, her esteemed titles include former Miss Texas, Miss Gay USofA, and Miss Gay USofA Classic. A proud five-year stroke survivor, national pageant coach, and recipient of two recent Lifetime Achievement awards, LaWanda continuously inspires the world!

- Eric Island (in-person and zoom)

Eric “The Deakin of Sneakin” Island is excited to host Style, Story, & Legacy. He is an actor, comedian, and freelance electrician with Southern roots and a passion for helping others. Eric has been blessed to play several roles for various theatres in the Portland area. His most recent notable roles include “Pericles” with Speculative Drama Theatre in partnership with Portland Center Stage; as “Egua” in Afrolitical with Portland Playhouse; and “Cassius Clay, Sr” in And in this Corner - Cassius Clay with Oregon Children’s Theater, to name a few. Eric recently contributed to a short film with First Flock Films which should hit streaming services in March 2026 and the independent film, DEEP, which debuted in 2018.



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Quisha Light, President  
Good in the Hood



Dr. Shaina Maxey Pomerantz  
Executive Director  
RACE TALKS: Uniting to Break the  
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HOSTED BY:  
**POISON WATERS**



HOSTED BY:  
**LAWANDA JACKSON**

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**STYLE  
STORY  
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**18 JUNE 2026**

**FASHION • COMEDY • DRAG**





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POISON WATERS, LAWANDA JACKSON & ERIC ISLAND

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026**  
**@THE AVENUE**  
**5:30 PM**

**A NIGHT OF FASHION**  
**COMEDY, DRAG, PANEL**  
**DISCUSSION, SINGING**  
**& MORE!**

FOR TICKETS:

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