

Best Amphibious Achiever

With the music-education nonprofit he founded, Ethos Inc. (27 NE Killingsworth St., 283-8467, ethos-inc.com), growing by leaps and bassoons, one might think University of Portland/Harvard/ Peace Corps alum Charles Lewis could walk on water. Not quite—but he can drive on it. Lewis plans to parlay a hobby that started when he bought an Amphicar on eBay (look for the high-finned, cherry-red number cruising down Willamette Boulevard and the Willamette River) into a land-and-sea tour service. Lewis saw Boston's Duck Tours in action during grad school, and he's adding an unsinkable 49-passenger Hydra-Terra to his fleet to start Portland Ducks (www.portlandducks. com). Tours will wind though downtown, to a boat launch off Southwest Macadam Avenue and up the river to Cathedral Park in St. Johns. In the meantime, driving straight into the river in his 1967 Amphicar is fun enough for Lewis—and a heck of a lot easier than messing with a boat trailer.



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