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BASEMENTIA GETS BUSY WITH INDEPENDENT PUBLISHING

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Portland, OR-- Small press creations offer unique personal perspectives, as fans of Portland's many "zines" are well aware. With the release of two new titles, local independent publisher Basementia Publications has melded the small press ethos with the format of full-length books.

"Principles for a Self-Directed Society" is a new work by Jesse S. Smith which proposes specific rational solutions for today's issues. Although the book was written before anyone dreamed of uttering the words "\$700 billion bailout" in public, Smith's economic analysis details the issues related to subprime mortgages, collateralized debt obligations, and the deregulation of the financial sector. In a wide-ranging, well-footnoted discussion, Smith does not shy away from controversial positions on hot-button issues including the war, global climate change, the problems posed by religious extremists, and the strangulation of democracy by the two-party system and its funding. Some readers may remember Smith from his introduction to the Basementia printing of President Eisenhower's speech, "The Military-Industrial Complex." Smith writes a blog at www.selfdirectedsociety.com and welcomes feedback from his readers.

"Calliope in Time" is the debut novel by Chehalis author Holly St. Clair. The book evolved out of the sense that true life is science fiction. The novel follows a timeline reminiscent of Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.'s "Slaughterhouse Five" as it tells the life story of central character Calliope Wolfe from childhood, through college in the late 1960's, and down the weaving paths of relationships and many road trips, into her career choices as an adult, always emphasizing her quirky perspective and spirituality. Calliope struggles through the death of a mentor, converses with a hyper-dimensional entity named Charles, and finds her role in the universe. The story is fun, original, and unpredictable. Holly St. Clair invites her readers to "run away with the convoluted thinking patterns evidenced in this tale, and blessed be."

Both books are now available online from Basementia Publications at www.basementiapublications.com/bookstore.php. Basementia is a Portland-based multimedia productions company. In addition to its publishing imprint, Basementia has its own record label, and offers website design services and short-run digital printing solutions.

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