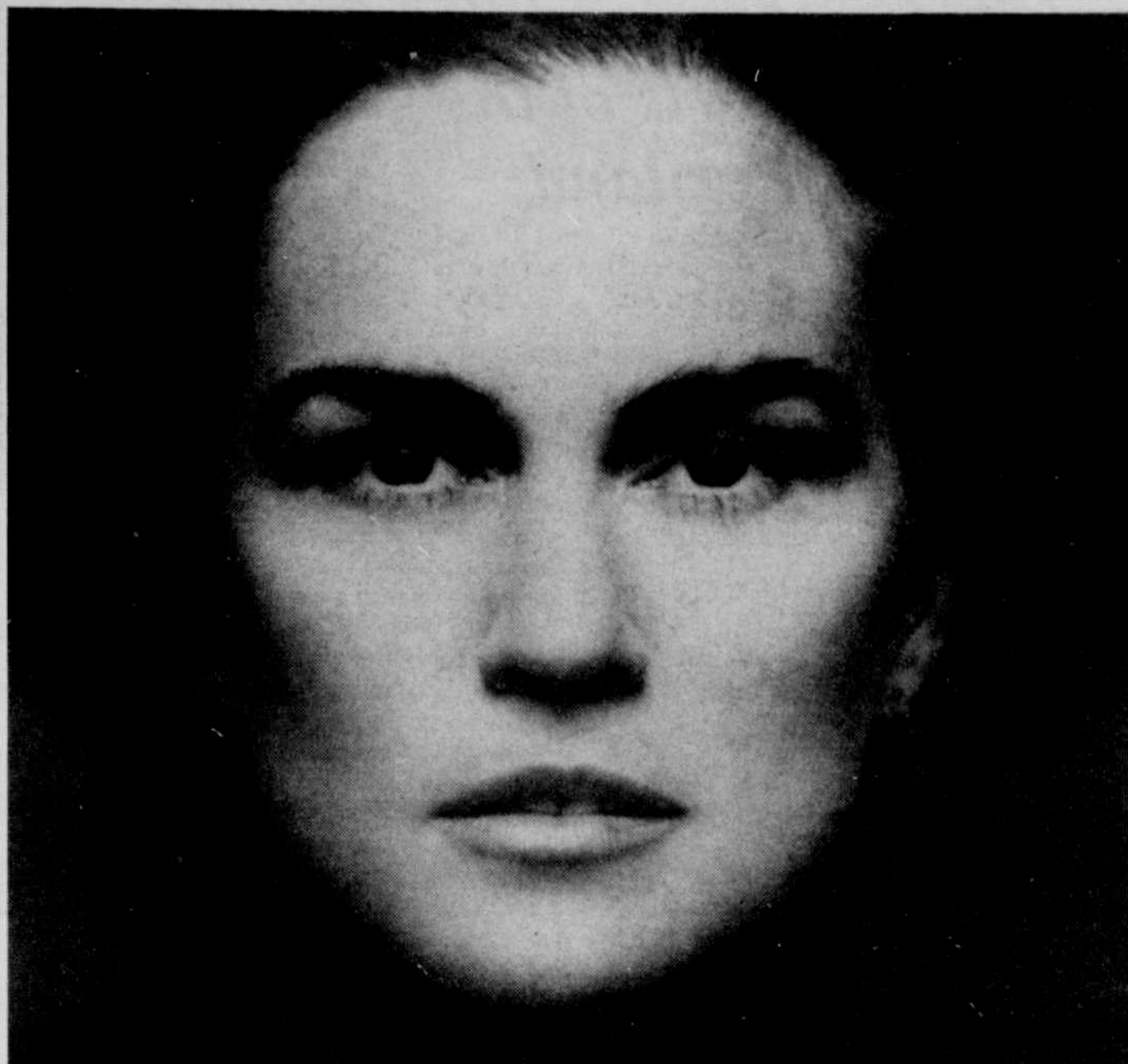


Rita Mae Brown to be at Lucille Hart Dinner

First public event at Convention Center after official opening



The keynote speaker for the Ninth Annual Lucille Hart Dinner is noted author Rita Mae Brown. The Right to Privacy Political Action Committee (PAC) has waited two years for Brown to be available for this major fundraising event for Oregon's lesbian and gay community.

"Writers will happen in the best of families," says Brown. She credits her own adoptive parents for encouraging her curiosity and creativity from an early age. They helped seal her fate as the future author of bestsellers such as *High Hearts*, *Southern Discomfort*, *Sudden Death*, and *Rubyfruit Jungle* a fictionalized version of her own life and growing up lesbian in America, which has sold over a million copies and been published in every major language in the world.

The prolific Brown grew up in rural Pennsylvania but began a lifelong love affair with the South when she moved to the Deep South at age eleven ("before they paved Florida over with concrete," she says). Brown also authored *Six of One*, a novel in which her real life mother becomes the fictionalized heroine.

Her flair for lively—and often riotously funny dialogue—has led to writing screenplays and teleplays for Walt Disney Productions, Twentieth Century Fox, and Norman Lear, among others. She received Emmy nominations for her work on Lear's *I Love Liberty* television special and her adaptation of Faulkner's *The Long Hot Summer* starring Don Johnson. Her original screenplay based on Southern Discomfort has been sold to Margot Kidder and Godmother Productions.

Brown's commitment to her writing is not her only passion. An early civil rights activist she is an outspoken champion of the rights of the disenfranchised, and often finds herself on the lecture circuit with the likes of Gloria Steinem and Tom Wolfe. Yet the writer, who counts among her numerous academic degrees a Ph.D. from the Institute of Policy Studies, doesn't describe herself as left-wing or even liberal, but rather as just plain old "bedrock American".

After living in New York City for ten years, she returned to the South she adores in 1976.

She now shares her home in Charlottesville, Virginia with several cats, dogs and horses.

Brown is philosophical about her ups and downs, considering them all part of her development as a writer and human being. "In my youth I was grape juice," she says. "Now I am fermenting."

Her latest novel *Bingo*, is a sequel to *Six of One*.

The gala Lucille Hart Dinner themed "Our Points of View" will be on Saturday, October 6, 1990 at the new Oregon Convention Center in Portland. The Convention Center is located at 777 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, near the Lloyd Center. The principal fundraiser of Right to Privacy the annual Lucille Hart Dinner honors the only Oregonian mentioned in *Gay American History*.

This will be the first public event held in the new Oregon Convention Center in Portland after its official opening. With Rita Mae Brown as the keynote speaker, a record crowd of more of 1,000 is expected to attend, including many elected officials and political candidates. People are encouraged to get their tickets early for this landmark event. Tickets for the evening are \$100 per person.

The festive evening won't be all speeches and awards. Formal attire is optional with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. giving everyone a chance to socialize prior to an all-Oregon dinner at 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Portland Lesbian Choir and the Portland Gay Men's Chorus. Following Rita Mae Brown's speech, the evening will conclude with music and dancing.

You can share the speakers table with Rita Mae Brown for an additional \$250 over the ticket price by contacting Sanford Director at 223-1679. Tickets are \$100 and are available at the Right to Privacy office. For reservation or more information call 228-5825. Those interested in becoming table sponsors should contact the RTP office early for best seating assignments. People are encouraged to take MAX to the dinner, getting off at the Holladay Street stop, to alleviate parking congestion. Parking will be available at the south end parking lot for \$4.

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