

out about town

ART

In Her Image, A Gallery of Women's Art presents a new exhibit: *Images of the Goddess*. Goddesses are surrounded by mystery and the unknown and provide an exciting and affirming concept for many women seeking a feminine archetype with which to identify. Opening reception is Nov. 1 and runs through Dec. 31 (see Calendar).

ATHLETICS

Team Portland, which organized lesbian and gay athletes for this summer's recent Gay Games in Vancouver, has grown into the **Pride of Portland Athletic Association** and meets on a monthly basis (see Groups). Whatever your sport is, they welcome your input in promoting gay athletics in Portland.

While we're on the subject of healthy activities, check out the **Forest Group** under Groups. They offer a wide variety of events every month for hiking, biking, fishing, and other outdoor activities. Sorry guys, women only!

COMMUNITY

Events are planned around the display of the **Names Project Quilt** on Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2 at the Convention Center. The Metropolitan Community Church will be holding their annual Vigil throughout for the weekend. The church will be open 24 hours a day. All are invited to attend to remember those whom HIV/AIDS have touched at any time. Opening ceremony is Nov. 30. On Dec. 1 there will be a concert with local musicians, and on Sunday, Dec. 2, a worship service at 10:30 am with special musical guests. Closing ceremony held at 7 pm. Dec. 1 is also World AIDS Day. The Portland appearance of the Quilt will be the largest such event in the world on that day. Interested in making a panel for the Quilt? Talk to the Portland Names Chapter (243-1224) (see Calendar).

The **Portland Area Lesbian and Gay 12 Step Meeting program** is available to anyone in the community (see Groups). Meetings are usually held at the Live and Let Live Club and offer support, counseling, and fellowship for people in recovery.

Planning begins for Portland's **1991 lesbian and gay pride celebration**. Committees are now forming to plan the parade, rally, program, entertainment, security, publicity, and speakers' bureau (see Announcements). You have a talent the celebration committee can use! Call 232-8233.

The **Lesbian Community Project** is seeking volunteers to help with its Dykes for Tykes program (see Announcements). Lesbians will actually create a new space for infants and toddlers at the Native American Rehabilitation Association. All levels of carpentry expertise are welcome, including those who



Jeanette Russell Brown stars as Billie Holiday in *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill* playing at Storefront Theater Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through Nov. 17 (see Announcements). She performs a series of Holiday's songs in a way that chronicles the life and decline of one of America's truly great jazz talents. Brown's superb voice comes close to matching that of the singer she portrays.

want to learn. Money, building materials, paint, games, etc. are also needed. NARA has agreed to place a plaque at the center that clearly states that the center was built by lesbians!

DANCE

Echo Theatre presents the Seattle-based **Unidentified Moving Objects Ensemble** for two nights only (Nov. 9, 10—see Calendar). UMOE combines the media of movement, sculpture, masks, music and text. Founded in 1987, the group has appeared throughout the US and Europe.

If you want to perform yourself, then check out the **Sunday at Seven** listing under Announcements. Performers in this "open mike" event have ranged from professional modern dancers to amateur poets to bizarre performance artists. This is a rare opportunity for performing artists to show their work and try experiments.

MUSIC

Two big headliners perform this month: Holly Near and Cris Williamson will be appearing. **Cris Williamson** is celebrating the 15th anniversary of the *Changer and the Changed* album on Friday, Nov. 13 at the Majestic Theatre in Corvallis. This is your chance to hear this giant of women's music (see Calendar and Music).

Holly Near appears at the Northwest Service Center on Nov. 17. Partial proceeds will go to benefit the Native American Rehabilitation Association Children's Center. Holly has established herself not only for the quality of her singing but for the timeliness of her message (see Calendar).

Teresa Trull and Jennifer Berezan appear on Nov. 30 at the Northwest Service Center. Trull is one of the founding members of Olivia Records. She has released four solo albums and her last album also featured Cris Williamson. Berezan is well-known in her native Canada. A singer and song-writer, she is

emerging as an important new voice on the progressive folk music scene. She released her first album in 1989 (see Calendar).

Don't forget to buy your tickets early for the **Portland Gay Men's Chorus concert "Home for the Holidays"** on Dec. 2. The Chorus' holiday concert is always one of their most popular and is sure to sell out. The music ranges from classical to contemporary to popular, and from the sacred to the irreverent. New director Jon Rollins will be conducting (see Calendar). Two performances at 4 and 7:30 pm.

POLITICS

Vote on Nov. 6! (See Editorial). This is your chance to let the political clout of the gay and lesbian community be felt. The political figures who support us in the legislature need our support. Your vote makes a difference!

TELEVISION

NightScene is Portland's response to the fact that national networks and local television have steered clear of presenting regularly scheduled gay programming (see Groups). The public is invited to attend free of charge the live videotaping on the second Sunday of each month. The next taping will be on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 4:30 pm. For additional information, call 224-2489. (See Groups.)

THEATER

A new lesbian musical premieres in Ashland. **The Amazon All-Stars** chronicles the sexual adventures of a rowdy women's softball team. The musical opens Nov. 2 at Positively Fourth Street in Ashland and plays Nov. 4, 9-11, and 16-18. Written by award-winning playwright Carolyn Gage with a score by Susan Carney, a musician with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, this promises to be a delightful performance. Thrill to the far left-field fantasies of the 1990 Miss Butch Universe pageant, voyage into the future with the crew of the Starship *Intercourse*, and enjoy the catering provided by 4 & 20 Blackbirds Bakery (see Calendar).

Don't miss **Echo Theatre's Seventh Anniversary Gala**, a multi-media extravaganza on Nov. 7 featuring a cast of tens, including Do Jump Movement Theatre, singer/actress Robin Chilstrom, dancer Keith Goodman, the Children's Trapeze Troupe, the Pop Tarts, juggler extraordinaire David Lichtenstein and the African rhythms of Boka Marimba (see Calendar). The performers have donated their talent to benefit Echo. Last year's gala sold out and played to a wildly enthusiastic audience. The *Oregonian* said: "All that was missing were lions and tigers . . . predictably wonderful!"

Another benefit for Echo Theatre takes place on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 (see Calendar). **Acting Out**, Portland's own lesbian improvisational theater troupe, invites the inner child within you to hang out for an evening of unabashed comedy. Acting Out consists of four zany women who find it hard to be serious about anything. Audience members throw out suggestions and Acting Out plays out your favorite fantasies.