

out about town



Sweet Honey in the Rock, a quintet of women singers and one signer, perform Jan. 12 at Neighbors of Woodcraft Hall.

ATHLETICS

How are your hoop skills doing? Want to take your basketball team to the **Chicago Hoops Classic**, the first ever gay basketball tournament in the Midwest (see Announcements)? The Windy City Athletic Association will be hosting the 10-12 team tournament the weekend of February 8-10. The organizers promise a fun-filled time of exciting basketball, an opening night party, Chicago nightlife, evening buffets to keep your meal expenses down, and downtown accommodations. Slots for the tournament are limited, so call soon.

Portland's Gay and Lesbian Community Bowling Association begins its 13th annual bowling season at 11 am on Jan. 6 (see Calendar and Groups). Portland's gay leagues are the largest in the state. The short season (15 weeks) includes an annual picnic at Oaks Park, an awards banquet, and Portland's only international sporting events, the Rosebowl Classic. There are also weekly monte carlo drawings for cash. The league not only provides a social outlet, it also donates to various community groups. So dust off those

bowling shoes and call 293-0428 for more information. Last year's opening day events saw an overflow crowd, so the League is starting a Tuesday evening session to accommodate the many bowlers in our community.

COMMUNITY

Dignity Portland, the organization for gay and lesbian Roman Catholics and their friends, invites all gay and lesbian community organizations to send two representatives to their annual community dinner (see Calendar). This is Dignity's gift to the community and is always a popular event. Invitations have been mailed out, but if your group is not on the mailing list, please call 295-4868.

MUSIC

I know, I know. You've always wanted to be a part of the fabulous **Portland Gay Men's Chorus!** Now's your chance. Auditions will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 2 and Thursday, Jan. 3, from 6:30-9:30 pm (see Calendar). You will be joining the Chorus for the second concert of its 11th

season with special guest star Marni Nixon. You should remember Marni as the singing voice behind Natalie Wood in *West Side Story*, Deborah Kerr in *The King and I*, and Audrey Hepburn in *My Fair Lady*. She also won a Tony for her performance in the Broadway version of *My Fair Lady*. Conducted by Jon Rollins, *Broadway on Broadway* will also feature works by Stephen Sondheim and other composers. The show is scheduled for Saturday April 6 at 8 pm. And all it takes is passing a 10-minute audition!

Celebrate **Motherlode's 10 year anniversary, album release concert, and pie social** Jan. 26 (see Calendar)! The concert recognizes the release of their third album *Heartline*. Following the concert there will be a memorabilia party and pie social. You can bake, buy, or bring a pie. This is a good chance to support this wonderful group whose roots are right here in the Pacific Northwest. Tickets are available at Artichoke Music, Ladd's Editions and Catbird Seat.

Sweet Honey in the Rock comes to Portland (see Calendar). A quintet of black women singers, they began performing in Washington, DC in

1973. Sweet Honey has gone on to international acclaim. The group's repertoire is rooted in the tradition of black American *a capella* choral singing. You won't want to miss this one.

THEATER

Check out **Carol Steinel's** own unique brand of humor and music at the Columbia Theater on Jan. 5. Deeply involved in political organizing, theater, social service, a six-year relationship, two kids, and her business, Steinel will make you laugh as she draws from her experiences (see Calendar).

For a special treat, head on down to Ashland and Corvallis. That's where **The Amazon All-Stars** are going to be wowing their audiences with one of the first lesbian musicals ever written (see Amazon Trail and Calendar). The girls with the spikes, the girls with the gloves are in town. If you missed the Bossy Femme, The Leatherwoman, the amazing Butchettes the first time around, it is well worth the trip.