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FRIDAY

The Lesbian Community Project's **Over 35 group** goes to bingo. (*Joan 252-0762.*)

The Portland Gay Men's Chorus opens its 16th season with a holiday concert, "Christmas Comes Anew," at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Concert will be interpreted for the hearing impaired. (7:30 pm Friday; 7 pm Saturday, 1624 NE Hancock, \$9-\$17 [tickets: at the door or call 699-8586], information and to arrange special needs: 699-8586.)

The Fallen Angel Choir rings in its 20th anniversary season. In addition to such classics as "I'll Be Homeless for Christmas," the choir will perform new songs such as Bob Dole's rendition of "I Just Can't Wait to Be King." (8 pm Friday-Saturday, Scottish Rite Temple, 709 SW 15th Ave., \$13.50 [tickets: FASTIXX 224-8499]; \$16 at the door, information: 295-1142.)

The Portland Baroque Orchestra performs Handel's Messiah, at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. (7:30 pm Friday, Saturday and Monday; 3 pm Sunday, 147 NW 19th Ave., \$18-\$35, tickets and information: 222-6000.)

North Portland's Queen Anne Victorian Mansion sparkles with 350,000 white lights. This "gift to the community" is on display through Dec. 31. This is the largest light display in the Portland metropolitan area. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Our House, a shelter for people living with AIDS. (6-9 pm weekdays; 6-10 pm weekends; closed Dec. 24-25, 1441 N. McClellan (north of Lombard), \$3 adults; \$2 seniors; \$1 children.)

Miracle Theatre Group presents Festival de Navidad: Posada 187. This annual celebration of Christmas is based on different Latino/a cultural, religious and artistic traditions. This year's performance depicts the present-day journey of "Maria" and "Jose" as they search throughout California, home of the anti-immigrant Proposition 187, for a "room at the inn." Also performing will be the dance troupe Milagro Bailadores. (8 pm Friday-Saturday; 2 pm Sunday, Miracle Theatre, 525 SE Stark St., \$5, information and tickets: 236-7253.)

Acoustic rocker **Maria Webster** performs at the Hoyt Street Pub. (Free, 1036 NW Hoyt St., 224-2414.)

The Lesbian Community Project and Love Makes a Family Inc. host **Pride Bingo**. (7-11 pm, North-

west Service Center, 1819 NW Everett St., 223-0071.)

The Portland Women's Theatre Company and local performers present a benefit for Sisters of the Road Cafe. Performers include Teresa Demerest, Michael Menger's Really Big Dance Co., Cindy Tennant, Sam Mowry, Marie Bellavia, the Gorilla Theatre from Outside In, Valerie and Vannessa, and Enid. (8 pm, 1807 NE 39th Ave., \$10-\$25 sliding scale, reservations: 287-7707.)

It's **Nuts and Bolts Night at City Nightclub**. Get your free nut or bolt at the door, find the person whose colored nut matches your bolt and win a fabulous prize. (10 pm doors open, 13 NW 13th Ave., \$5 cover, 224-CITY.)

16 SATURDAY

Take an intermediate ski trip with the **Forest Group**. (253-3631.)

Hike in Forest Park with the Mountain Men. (203-8677.)

Enjoy the joyful sounds of the season when the Aurora Chorus and the Chrysalis Children's Choir perform "Celebrate the Season." (1 pm and 3 pm, First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson St., \$8 advance; \$10 at the door; \$5 children, no one turned away for lack of funds; tickets: available from chorus members or call 721-0262.)

The Jewish Community Chorus joins with Amy Shapiro's Youth Choir to present a Hanukkah Concert. This is part of Mittleman Jewish Community Center's monthlong Hanukkah celebration. (7:30 pm, MJCC, 6651 SW Capitol Highway, free, donations to MJCC Cultural Arts program accepted, 244-0111.)

The Imperial Sovereign Court of the Raintree Empire, Vancouver USA, presents "Christmas Spirit, Hanukkah Lights, Holiday Cheer and a Magical Night!" All money donations go to pay an elderly person's winter heating bill; all gift donations go to the Vancouver Firefighters for Children Association. (7 pm doors open, Northbank Tavern, 106 W. Sixth St., Vancouver, WA, information: Snook or Paula 360-750-1115.)

Recording artists Cris Williamson and Tret Fure bring their concert tour "Snow Angel—Songs for a Winter Evening" to the Spiritual Awareness Community Center in Bend for their only Oregon performance. A fund-raising reception for Beyond the Closet follows the concert. (7 pm, 157 NW Franklin, Bend, \$15 advance [tickets: The Curiosity Shoppe, Bend, 541-382-3408; Mother Kali's Books, Eugene, 541-343-4864; Sound Peace, Ashland, 541-482-9625]; \$20 at the door.)

SisterSpirit holds its 10th anniversary celebration potluck. All women welcome; sorry, not wheelchair accessible. (4-6 pm, Dun Sidhe, 2804 NE 42nd Ave.)

SisterSpirit Feminist Christian Communion. A Christian ceremony celebrating the divine in women. Everyone welcome. (7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church, 2400 NE Broadway, wheelchair accessible.)

That's No Lady, That's Darcelle XV at City Nightclub. (10 pm doors open, 13 NW 13th Ave., \$6 cover, 224-CITY.)



Queen Anne Victorian Mansion's Christmas lights are aglow through Dec. 31. There is an admission fee, a portion of which goes to Our House (see Dec.15).

SUNDAY

Join the Portland Gay Men's Chorus, the Portland Lesbian Choir, Bridges and the Rose City Gay Freedom Band at their annual charity fund-raiser concert "A Family Christmas." (7:30 pm, Northwest Service Center, 1819 NW Everett St., \$1-\$100 suggested donation.)

Jewish Lesbians and Bisexual Women and their guests are holding a Hanukkah party. Sponsored by the JLBW committee of the Lesbian Community Project. (7-10 pm, location and accessibility information: 287-6082.)

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