



FRIDAY JUNE 19

Today is a busy day, with no quiet before the pride storm whatsoever.

Phoenix Rising presents the fourth annual **Jack Abele Award Dinner** at 6 p.m. in the Portland Hilton's Grand Ballroom, 921 S.W. Sixth Ave. Admission is \$75 (\$50 of which is tax deductible). Four in Hand will provide musical entertainment.

Pride Northwest and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Alliance of Portland State University sponsor a community forum titled **The State of Our Family**, featuring a bevy of panelists discussing queer perspectives. Parade Grand Marshall Donna Red Wing, national field director of the Human Rights Campaign, will be on hand, as will the Rev. Cecil Prescod of Brother to Brother, Bonnie Tinker of Love Makes a Family, JoAnna McNamara of the Oregon Gay and Lesbian Law Association, Mark Houser of the Rural Organizing Project, and Richard Cowan of the LGBA. Kathleen Saadat will moderate. The forum begins at 8 p.m. in the Vanport Room, Smith Memorial Center, 1825 S.W. Broadway.

The Portland Bisexual Alliance will hold a **pre-parade poster making party** at 7 p.m. at Laughing Horse Books, 3652 S.E. Division St. You provide the creativity and they'll provide the supplies.

On a more hedonistic level, check out the **Rainbow Warriors**, who'll be taking it off with pride at JOQ's, 2512 N.E. Broadway, at 10 p.m. Or, if male nudity isn't your cup of tea, consider the **Gay Pride Kickoff Dance** at the Egyptian Club, 3701 S.E. Division St.; admission is \$3.

SATURDAY JUNE 20

What might inspire more pride than cheering on the Rose City Softball Association as they battle against the Portland Police Bureau in **Grudge Match '98**? This is the RCSA's third annual charity match with the bureau and it will break their one-for-two standing for better or worse. Admission is on a donation basis to benefit charities the teams designate. The game starts at 11 a.m. on softball field No. 1 at Westmoreland Park, Southeast McLoughlin and Bybee boulevards.

Shortly after the match starts, festivities at the waterfront get underway. The first scheduled event is a **poetry reading** at 1 p.m., followed by an **Alice Di Micele** musical performance at 2 p.m. The **Chris McMurray** rhythm and blues trio is set for roughly 2:30 p.m.; folk musician **Adrianne Gunn** will follow; next is dance by **Somos Orgullo Latino** and a performance by **Sunsong Firedancer**. Alternative band **The Lookers** takes the stage at 4 p.m.; Seattle singer **Magdalen**

Hsu-Li is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.; country musicians **Pam and Maggie** perform at 6 p.m.; **Portland Taiko** drums up the crowd's enthusiasm at 7 p.m., coinciding with the arrival of the Dyke March. The remainder of the evening, 8 to 10 p.m., is reserved for the **Pride '98 Dance** with music by **Swamp Mama Johnson**.

Dyke March '98 hits the streets at 6:30 p.m. at Northwest Park Avenue and Davis Street.

Other evening events planned to honor pride include:

Crystal's Country Jam special pride dance with two-step lessons from 8 to 9 p.m. and open dancing till 1 a.m. Admission is \$5, \$8 with the lesson. The Jam is at PPAA, 618 S.E. Alder St. There is a full-service bar, but no smoking.

Chocolate City offers its own pride flavor with go-go dancers and door prizes from 9:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. at Kokopeli's, 2845 S.E. Stark St. Admission is \$9.

The Egyptian Club, 3701 S.E. Division St., holds **Pride Dance '98** (not to be confused with Pride '98 Dance) with a late-night buffet included in the \$7 cover. The dance starts at 9 p.m.

SUNDAY JUNE 21

Sunday gets off to a spiritual start with the **SisterSpirit Solstice Celebration** on the festival grounds at Gov. Tom McCall Waterfront Park at 9 a.m. SisterSpirit will be followed by an **Interfaith Worship Service** at 10:30 a.m. on the Silver Stage in the park. The Community of Welcoming Congregations hosts to the event, which is coordinated by the Rev. Berdell Moffett.

We III, a men's vocal trio takes the stage at 11:30 a.m.

At 12:30 p.m. the **parade** steps off from Northwest Eighth Avenue and Davis Street. The parade route travels west on Northwest Davis Street, cuts south on Northwest 13th

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Everything you need to know...

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"Let's Go!" PRIDE '98

