



Above: Asian and Pacific Islander Lesbians and Gays; below left: the Our House contingent; below right: Peacock in the Park



PORTLAND PRIDE: QUITE A PARTY

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Bucking tradition, the weather for this year's queer pride festivities in Portland was absolutely fabulous—if one desires sunshine and warm temperatures, that is.

"I'd say we had upwards of 20,000 at the

parade," calculates Janna MacAuslan, who serves on the board of Pride Northwest Inc., the group that orchestrated the 1998 Gay Lesbian, Bi, Trans Pride Parade and Festival, held June 20 and 21 in downtown Portland.

The night before the Sunday parade, a

clanging and feisty lot of up to 1,000 queer chicks, fire-eating dykes and their friends took part in the Lesbian Avengers' annual Dyke March, which stepped off at the North Park Blocks and landed at Waterfront Park, where local queer girl comedian and performer Carol

Steinel cranked out her controversial ditty, "I Want to Put My Fingers in You." (Some Pride Northwest board members had previously expressed concerns about Steinel singing her graphic lesbian sex song during a pride celebration whose theme was "Family Matters.")