

- 10TH ANNUAL -

# NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

**FRIDAY,**  
**OCTOBER 9**

**Noon:** rally at Pioneer Courthouse Square featuring **speakers** sharing their own coming out stories as well as speakers representing bisexual, transsexual, transgendered, gay and lesbian people. **Music** provided by **Three on the Tree.**

**SUNDAY,**  
**OCTOBER 11**

**5pm** Information/Resource Fair and an all-ages **entertainment** show at Harrison Hall on the PSU campus located at SW Harrison and 10th Ave. **7pm** singing, dancing and comedy by some of Portland's best known drag artists, members of Somos Orgullo Latino, **entertainers** from Misfits and more. Conversations Project update.

A benefit for Esther's Pantry.  
Please bring donations of canned food.



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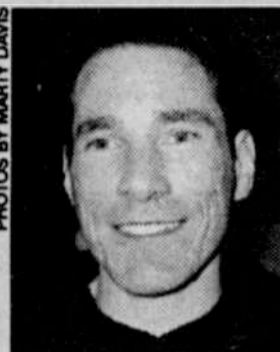
ALL EVENTS ARE  
**FREE**  
AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

## Speak Out

### just asking

On Sept. 25, Just Out quizzed folks who were standing in line outside Cinema 21 on the opening night of the Sensory Perceptions film festival. Because Oct. 11 is National Coming Out Day, festival attendees were asked, "Why do you think it's important to be out?"

PHOTOS BY MARRY DAVIS



**DAN SIMMONS**  
Portland  
Market trader

"It's a matter of personal pride. Pride in oneself is important whether you're gay or straight."



**LORI SIMPSON**  
Portland  
Unemployed

"To lessen the fear of the unknown."



**SARA FIXLER**  
Portland  
Sisters of the Road Cafe

"The dramatic changes that have happened in the last 10 years are, I think, a result of people coming out. And the

more people come out, the more changes will happen."



**"ROGER"**  
Portland  
Not out at work

"It's very liberating and it makes life positive and joyful. It brings you in touch with who you are."



**ANALISA**  
Portland  
Student

"It's important to express yourself. For me it's a way of showing the world there are many ways of living."



**JEFF SMITH**  
Portland  
East West College of the Healing Arts

"Because if you don't tell the truth you can never feel safe."



**CHRISTIAN CHILDERS**  
Portland  
Community supporter

"So that everyone can associate with someone who's out and gay. So there's a tangible gay aspect to their life."



**ANNE KROMA**  
Portland  
Friendly straight woman

"Because it's a part of who you are, and if you can't be honest about something as intimate as sex then what can you be honest about?"

Got a question that keeps you up at night? We'll get the answers you need!  
Contact Just Out via fax at (503) 236-1257;  
via e-mail at [justout@justout.com](mailto:justout@justout.com);  
or via the USPS at P.O. Box 14400, Portland, OR 97293-0400.

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