






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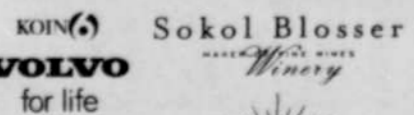

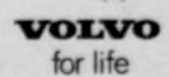

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Getting lucky

Pink Flamingo Bingo introduces new twists on an old pastime

BY WILL O'BRYAN



Imagine an evening of bingo. Perhaps there are a dozen elderly Catholic ladies in a church basement, chain-smoking and drinking instant coffee as they daub their bingo cards. Father Flanagan calls out the numbers and letters in the same monotone that puts children to sleep on Sundays.

Take that image, and obliterate it.

Imagine a very different evening of bingo—specifically, Pink Flamingo Bingo. Picture the Rose Town Ramblers decked out in disco attire, doing the hustle for players' entertainment. Meanwhile, Dick Lexia sings requested tunes backward, and leather daddies and mommies police the crowd, verifying bingo claims. Players will be filling out "I saw you" cards, adding overt flirting to the evening. And Chocha Fresca, Salsa Queen of the Universe, runs the show.

"Chocha is spicing it up between numbers," explains Mary Schutten, a primary PFB organizer. "It's so much fun! It's going to be a sell-out. We're really confident."

Schutten was first exposed to this novel twist on bingo in 1986 as a volunteer queer community builder in Seattle. She recalls being

amazed. It's what she says she'll bring to Portland audiences. "It's not only fun, but doing good. We're shooting for the same kind of excitement," she says.

The good coming out of PFB is going to benefit four organizations: Love Makes a Family, Brother to Brother, the Lesbian Community Project, and Pride Northwest.

Another form of good, says PFB stage manager Thomas Christian, is giving the queer community and allies an opportunity to come together for some levity. "In Oregon, we've spent too much time worrying about ballot initiatives," he observes. "It's time to have fun." And, as a smoke- and alcohol-free event, it'll be hard to spot any vice—just clean, queer fun.

If the entertainment isn't fun enough, there are, of course, the prizes. Three special games of bingo have been created specifically for the event. "Get Ready for a Date Bingo" includes enough treats—like hair styling and massage—for anyone to feel like a pampered princess, ready to be swept off his or her feet.

Next is "Date Me Bingo." The winner of this game—after shouting "Date Me!" instead of the more traditional "Bingo!"—reaps a night-on-the-town bounty, including dinner, theater tickets, candy and flowers.

The third game takes players to the next

level with "Get Serious Bingo." Prizes for this game include a weekend stay for two on the Oregon coast, and a platter the winner can use to decorate a new love nest.

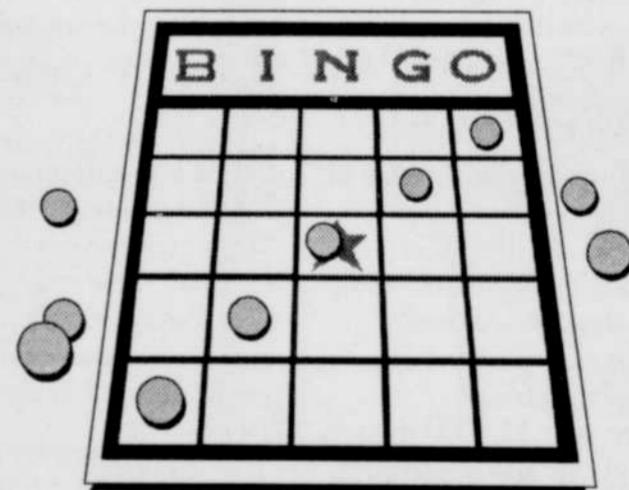
There will also be a brief auction during which players can bid on a private tour of the Oregon Zoo. "It's two hours of amazing stuff; it's priceless," Schutten gushes. "If you want to scratch the horn of a rhino, you can do that!" (She confirms that she's serious about the horn scratching.)

Judith Rizzio, director of community relations at Our House of Portland, a residential care facility for people living with advanced-stage AIDS, has been drafted as a celebrity caller. Despite her standing as a bingo novice, Rizzio claims she's not at all nervous about fulfilling her duties. "It's a really fun opportunity to talk about Our House and have a good time," she explains.

She does have one concern, though. "I'm nervous about what to wear," Rizzio says. "What do you wear to Pink Flamingo Bingo? Obviously, something pink."

Schutten might offer that for Pink Flamingo Bingo, people should wear their best disco attire, since the best-decked disco diva wins a prize.

Sidney J. Thompson, who does outreach work with the Positive Community Project, has also been tapped to be a caller. Unlike Rizzio, Thompson is a bingo pro. "When I was in the merchant marines, I used to call bingo all the time," Thompson says confidently. He adds that he's also called for several Project Quest bingo fundraisers.



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A third confirmed caller is Just Out publisher Marty Davis. A fourth slot, as of press time, remains open, but Schutten says she's confident she'll have no trouble filling it.

She and Christian are also confident they'll be seeing a capacity crowd. "I'd caution people not to wait till the door," says Christian, explaining that ticket sales have been brisk. "Run, don't walk."

■ Millynn James and Diva Northwest Inc. present PINK FLAMINGO BINGO on Friday, June 25, at the Scottish Rite Center, 1512 S.W. Morrison St. in Portland. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and bingo begins at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$16 at the door or \$13 in advance, available at In Other Words, Gai-Pied, Balloons On Broadway and It's My Pleasure. For more information, call (503) 233-9505 or visit PFB's Internet site, www.xjs.com/pfb/index.htm.