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The Daedalus Project is a daylong event that ends with an evening variety show. This year's fund-raiser is scheduled for Aug. 20.

The Oregon Shakespeare Festival kicks off Feb. 23 with *The Tempest*. Phones open for general tickets Jan. 18.

For more information call 541-482-2111 or visit the Internet site www.osfashland.org.

WOMEN'S FESTIVAL WILL CELEBRATE 26TH YEAR

Portland International Women's Day will celebrate its 26th anniversary from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 11 at the Portland Conference Center, 300 N.E. Multnomah St.

At least 3,000 people of diverse cultures and backgrounds will come together for a celebration organizers hope will express the richness, beauty and value of women and their contributions to the community. The event attracts a significant number of lesbians each year.

The free event will feature entertainment, retail vendors, a health fair, art exhibits and free child care in the Family Resource Center. Last year's gathering featured female entertainers and more than 100 tables of women's organizations, products and businesses.

The Portland's International Women's Day Committee is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization composed of women from all walks of life with a variety of skills, interests and talents. The group's mission is to coordinate an event that provides opportunities for the community to discover similarities and learn from differences in an environment that is respectful, inclusive and supportive of the values and points of view of all women.

The committee's policy encourages that all vendors should be owned and/or operated by women with at least one female representative present at each table for the entire duration of the event. The group welcomes the presence of men in supportive roles during the gathering.

The conference center is located on the MAX line, near the Portland Convention Center, and is wheelchair accessible. American Sign Language interpretation also will be available throughout the day.

To sign up, volunteer or get more information call 503-972-0630.

FREE SCREENING FOR CERVICAL CANCER OFFERED

Multnomah County Health Department's Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program is offering referrals for free cancer screening. Women who qualify must be between 40 and 64 years old, be uninsured or underinsured and meet the financial guidelines.

"Early diagnosis and treatment can prevent cervical cancer mortality," program manager Julio Muldonado said. "Precancerous lesions can be detected by having regular Pap test."

The risk of cervical cancer is linked with factors such as early onset of sexual activity, having multiple sexual partners, Human Papilloma viruses, cigarette smoking and certain dietary deficiencies. Multiple vaginal births also can increase risk.

Cervical cancer remains one of the leading causes of cancer deaths in women worldwide. Oregon statistics for 1997 indicate more than 150 women had new cases of invasive cervical cancer, and 58 reported deaths were attributed to cervical cancer—a 27 percent increase from the previous year.

For more information call 503-988-4043.

PRODUCTION COMPANY ESTABLISHES ENDOWMENT FUND FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Peacock Productions Inc., the producer of Portland's annual Peacock in the Park, has established an endowment fund to ensure and increase the continued success of the Audria M.

Edwards Scholarship Fund. The endowment fund was provided an initial contribution of \$10,000 from Peacock Productions in July.

Peacock Productions has set a fund-raising goal of \$100,000 to be added to the endowment fund within the next five years. A portion of the growth each year will assist Peacock Productions in providing an increasing number of scholarships through the scholarship fund.

The scholarship fund provides grants to undergraduate college-bound students who are (or who are the children of) gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered resi-

dents of Oregon or southwest Washington. Applicants must be pursuing their education through the post-secondary level and require financial assistance to that end.

Peacock Productions says it has elected to utilize a conservative but effective investment portfolio to ensure optimum security while still providing steady growth. It is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, so all contributions to the endowment fund are tax-deductible.

Eric Brown of the Waddell & Reed Portland office has been assigned to manage the endowment fund portfolio.

More than \$65,000 has been awarded from the scholarship fund since its inception in 1988. Last summer, \$13,500 was awarded during Peacock in the Park 2000.

For more information call 503-238-6036 or visit the Internet site www.gaypdx.com/peacock/endowment.shtm.

MCMINNVILLE GYM KICKS TRANS MEMBER OUT

According to *Willamette Week*, a McMinnville health club kicked out a transsexual member after only two workouts. The woman is a deputy sheriff from Yamhill County.

She is suing for discrimination on the basis of disability and gender. Under Oregon law, transsexuals are considered disabled.

The paper reports that the attorneys for both sides expect the case to settle out of court despite the gym owners' denial that gender was at issue. They refrained from telling *Willamette Week* exactly why her membership was terminated. **JN**

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