



## Pride preview

There's gotta be something for everyone at this year's celebration

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**W**hen Pride 2001 explodes June 16 and 17, expect more than flirtatious drag queens asking you to squeeze their duct-taped breasts and admire their flair with eye shadow. The crowds will be crazier, the music will break new sound barriers, and performances will make the rain fly upward.

Pride Northwest has toiled for almost a year to deliver the largest queer extravaganza in Oregon history. Guided by the theme "Bridges of Pride," this year's entertainment lineup promises awesome diversity. Check out the highlights below.

ancient Japanese tradition with contemporary compositions and choreography. The National Endowment for the Arts and the American Composers Forum recently honored the group, which has toured the United States for more than 10 years. (1 p.m. Sunday, Main Stage.)

**R.E.A.L.M DANCE ASSOCIATION AND PORTLAND PRIDE FLAGGERS** show off a wide spectrum of movement types including hip-hop, funk, Latin, swing, jazz, partner stunting and gymnastics. The dance is guided by the motto "Embrace the Future, Lead the Dance." (2 p.m. Sunday, Main Stage.)

**KIM KUZMA** offers an intense, soulful,

Their music comes from folkloric sources including North Africa, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and acoustic modern synth. The performance involves dramatic improvisation and varies radically depending on mood, music source, season or any whimsical influences. The show might include improvisation, solos and sword balancing. (5 p.m. Sunday, Main Stage.)

**INVISIBLINK's** traditional mix of guitars, vocals, drums and bass also includes a trumpeter. Their music is a blend of folk, pop, funk and indie rock. (5:15 p.m. Sunday, Main Stage.)

**B**ut music isn't the whole entertainment story—

expect theatrical productions and even a puppet theater. Speakers from queer organizations such as Basic Rights Oregon, SisterSpirit and Asian & Pacific Islander Lesbians and Gays will punctuate the performances.

Featured speaker **VICTORIA CONRAD** came out to her parents as omniseual and nongender-specific when she was 12 years old! The high school student has been actively involved with queer political issues and toured Oregon

er, is a transsexual woman and executive director of It's Time, Oregon! She has worked nationally as an advocate for trans people, particularly regarding civil rights, employment, health care and public safety. (7 p.m. Saturday, Main Stage.)

**W**atch an enormous papier-mâché cunt march down Broadway! Dykes with bikes and grl's with 'tude will defend the cunt during the annual **DYKE MARCH**, subversively mounted by the Lesbian Avengers. The march begins at 7 p.m. June 16 in the North Park Blocks, winds its way up Broadway and finishes at the Pride 2001 festival site.

Then join the largest queer movement in Portland history. The **PRIDE PARADE** steps off at 12:30 p.m. from Lincoln High School, 1600 S.W. Salmon St., and ends at Waterfront Park between the Burnside and Morrison bridges. Please note that the route is radically different this year, so memorize the map on Page 2.

Grand Marshal **ANN SHEPHERD** founded the Portland chapter of Parents of Gays, which later affiliated with the national organization Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. She has won so many awards that the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court invested her with the title of Immortal Legend of Diversity.

**B**ut wait—there's more! Be sure to tour the booths that saturate Waterfront Park, where you're sure to find whatever your heart desires.



RORY MERRITT STITT



THE SONS OF PADISHA AND THE SISTERS OF GAHEZEE



INVISIBLINK

The grl band **JUNE CLEAVAGE** mixes smooth vocal harmonies with hard-edged bass riffs. The members include a neuroscience researcher who studies the eyes of chicken embryos, a veteran of the roughest and dirtiest biker bars in Idaho, a former Alaskan vaudeville clog dancer and a medic for television reporters doing storm coverage. (1:30 p.m. Saturday, New Stage.)

Hawaiian **LEILA CHIEKO** wields both an acoustic and an electric guitar and performs progressive rock and melodic pop in complex rhythms. In a deep, sultry voice she sings metaphorical lyrics that explore issues of sexuality, love and trust. (2:45 p.m. Saturday, Main Stage.)

**RORY MERRITT STITT** serves a musical cocktail for the discerning palate—a blend of Tori Amos, David Bowie and Rachmaninoff. Originally a concert pianist and a cabaret theater performer, he weaves eclectic musical elements with his vocals. (5:40 p.m. Saturday, New Stage.)

The multiethnic Asian American drumming group **PORTLAND TAIKO** combines



JUNE CLEAVAGE



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PORTLAND PRIDE FLAGGERS



KIM KUZMA



LORI BUCKWALTER

multi-octave vocal performance offset by causal conversations with the audience. As a five-time West Coast Music Award nominee, she has been No. 1 on the Weekly Independent Sales Charts and was named the No. 1 selling Independent Artist for 1999 and 2000. (4:25 p.m. Sunday, Main Stage.)

**THE SONS OF PADISHA AND THE SISTERS OF GAHEZEE** belly-dance tribal-style.

as part of Gloria Steinem's progressive campaign. (2:15 p.m. Sunday, New Stage.)

**KATHLEEN SULLIVAN** helped lead the battle to defeat the last anti-gay ballot measure sponsored by the Oregon Citizens Alliance. She also has overseen grassroots campaigns in California, Hawaii, Utah and Washington. (2:15 p.m. Sunday, Main Stage.)

**LORI BUCKWALTER**, another featured speak-

How about adopting a rescued greyhound? Or chat up some Oregon Bears. The Rosetown Ramblers, the Portland Gay Men's Chorus and Portland Bisexual Women are only a few of the tints in the rainbow of diversity that is our community.

Then you can buy your new greyhound a rainbow collar or pick up some penis pasta for dinner! Vendors will sell you all manner of paraphernalia, including can't-live-without lavender lawn ornaments.

And finally, don't miss the *Just Out* booth, where you can pick up your brand-spanking-new 2001 *Pocketbook* and meet the folks who exhaust themselves twice a month to create your paper. Write us a love note, send us some hate mail, or point at us and laugh—we want your feedback; in fact, we'll be passing out brief editorial surveys.

Most of all, come on down and revel in our collective queerness! ☐

PRIDE 2001 takes over Waterfront Park between the Morrison and Burnside bridges from noon to 11 p.m. June 16 and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 17.