

# MCC-Portland in December

## Christmas Concert Sun. December 22

7:30pm—Featuring MCC's  
Sanctuary Choir

## Christmas Eve Services Tues. December 24

5:30pm—Kids and their families  
Blow-out B-day party for Jesus!

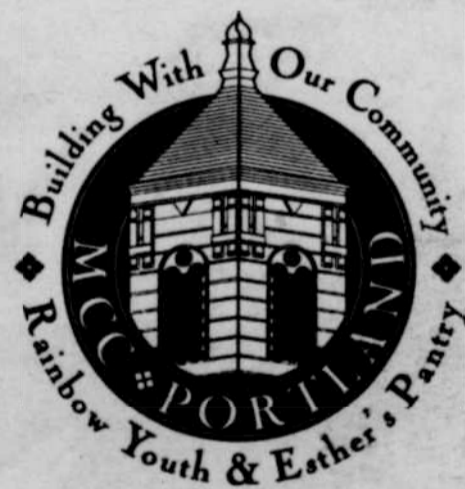
6:30pm Potluck Dinner  
8pm Christmas Eve Service  
9:30pm Concert of Carols  
11pm Christmas Eve Service

Special Guest:  
SANTA CLAUS!



## Blayne Bell ONE NIGHT ONLY!!

New Years Eve • December 31, 2002  
Doors 7pm • Concert 7:30pm  
FREE WILL Donation



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## Women in the Winter Snowshoeing 101 Seminars

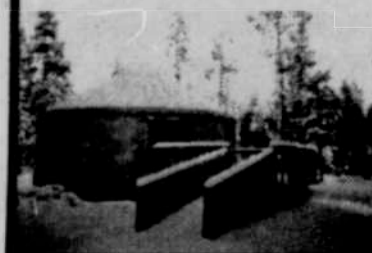
Jan 24-26 & Feb 21-23 & Mar 14-16

Experience the snowshoeing adventure in beautiful Central Oregon

**\$185 pp** (2 person private lodging) • **\$165 pp** (4/5 persons shared lodging)

Price includes 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, 2 nights lodging \* on private 300 acre resort close to Sunriver & Mt. Bachelor, snowshoe rental, "how-to" snowshoe/winter seminar, guided day treks, great fun, good company!

\* Additional lodging days can be arranged



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## CULTURE



The Portland Pride 2002 parade filled downtown with 50,000 marchers and spectators

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### June

#### On a Queer Day...

We know what June is all about, and this year was no different. Pride Northwest estimated that 20,000 attended the Portland Pride 2002 festival June 15 and 16 and that 50,000 enjoyed the parade, which was led by lesbian cop Katie Potter. For some inane reason, the Rose City Softball Association allowed the police to win the two teams' annual grudge match, but other than that everything (Dyke March, beer garden, stage performances) came off without a hitch. And there was a distinct lack of interference from the religious right, which relieved some participants but made others *more* nervous.

### July

#### The Cirque comes to town

The summer also brought the circus to town, and we managed to ferret out a couple of queer Cirque du Soleil boys who were kind enough to share their charming story about how a dancer falls in love with a clown on the road. Dampening spirits of the boys and the good people of Portland was the theft of valuable and irreplaceable outfits from the costume tent, which Cirquers unofficially accused queers of stealing to wear at Pride. (The costumes, which were indeed fabulous, were not seen in the parade and were never recovered.)

### August

#### Playing ball with Bush

The Rose City Softball Association played host to the 26th annual Gay Softball World Series, which welcomed more than 2,000 players and their families from throughout the country to Portland—just in time for President Bush's visit and accompanying protest. The players were extremely patient waiting in line to be searched before checking into the Hilton Hotel, where Dubya was also staying. Almost unbelievably (yet true) the Bush administration asked to have the hundreds of gay softballers moved to another hotel during the president's stay, to which the Hilton answered with a resounding "No."

### September

#### Lights! Camera! Gay Action!

Sensory Perceptions introduced its most ambitious queer film festival program to date with 32 screenings, the wine-tasting benefit In Vino We Trust and the annual gala party. Highlights

included in-person appearances by Helen Lesnick, director of *A Family Affair*, and Steve Guttenberg, who made his directorial debut with *P.S. Your Cat Is Dead*. Guttenberg also attended the gala, schmoozing with the queer audience and sharing his room number with hostess Poison Waters.



The Rose City Softball Association brought more than 2,000 queers to town for World Series 2002

### October

#### Fun and Gay Games

Team Oregon headed off to Gay Games VI Sport & Cultural Festival in Sydney, Australia, packed with physical talent and high expectations. They came back with five gold medals in bowling, powerlifting, golf, sprint triathlon and cycling. Notably, Sue Gill, who battled breast cancer and won between the '98 Games and Sydney, secured her third gold medal in weightlifting. The euphoria the Games provided, though, proved more valuable than gold. "I never knew how oppressed I was until I spent a week without being oppressed," basketball player Bec Williams said. "It was a life-changing experience."

### November

#### This is Todd Haynes

Just *Out's* Nov. 15 cover story on Todd Haynes was just what the doctor ordered after he received a queer whitewashing from *The Oregonian*. The Portland gay director of *Far from Heaven* talked about reaction to his past films, how much he loves the Rose City and what he thinks a gay film is (and isn't, in no uncertain terms). As for the new movie, it has so far garnered five awards from the New York Film Critics Circle, while Los Angeles film critics bestowed their Best Actress nod to Julianne Moore, who won the same honor in the Venice Film Festival. *Far from Heaven* also was named best film of the year by *Entertainment Weekly* and nominated for four Golden Globes as well as Outstanding Film in Wide Release by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. **JW**