



The Rose City Gay Freedom Band celebrates spring with *Glitter and Be Gay!* on April 12 at Rose City Park United Methodist Church

8 p.m. at Rose City Park United Methodist Church, 5830 N.E. Alameda St. "It's a fun concert because it does have a variety of both serious and frivolous music," Ostenson says, "a little classical, a little show tunes, a little march, a little *Threepenny Opera*, all kinds of different stuff."

Tickets are \$5-\$8 from Gai-Pied or at the door. If you're interested in being a part of the color guard, call 503-790-2170 or visit www.rcgfb.org.

Portland Pride 2003 in June. The band will be leading the parade directly behind the grand marshal, which is "a great place to be," says Ostenson. "Anybody who has marched in the parade would know it's just something that you'd like to do every year. The energy from the spectators is overwhelming."

The leader should have some experience in color guard, and people who just want to be part of the team must be "energetic and want to have fun and be a part of an organization. The only criteria really would be enjoying what you're doing and have a sense of rhythm," Ostenson laughs.

The concert, *Glitter and Be Gay*, starts

Phat fat girls

Remember when you thought it was terrible to be fat? Remember when the world was unfriendly, fatphobic and tiny? Well, honey, the world just had a growth spurt.

FatGirl Speaks: A Celebration of Size, Self and Sexuality hits Hollywood Theatre on May 3 for a full evening of workshops with Queen-Sized Revolution and Ms. DeMeanor's Fat-Bottom Revue, live music, spoken word, the fabulous FatGirl cheerleaders, a Fat-Bottom cabaret and even a FatGirl fashion show for you lovely larger ladies who have the hardest time finding that perfect thing.

FatGirl Speaks committee head (and Technodyke.com founder) Stacy Bias exclaims: "It's time, ladies! Every day we're slammed by the media with images of an arbitrary physical ideal. Every day we're told that we're too much of this, too little of that. Every day we see that goddamn commercial with the sad, dumpy fat girl 'before' and the chirpy, chipper skinny girl 'after.' No one ever tells us we can be happy as we are."

Can you tell Bias is sick of all that? "It's time to celebrate ourselves as we are now. So slip something slinky over those curves, pull back that hair, show that glorious two-chinned smile, bare that beautiful belly, shake that sexy ass, and come on down to FatGirl Speaks for a night of sisterhood and solidarity!"

Organizers can still use your volunteer time, fashion show items, vendors and performances. Call 503-753-3038 or e-mail fatgirlspeaks@technodyke.net. You can also visit www.fatgirlspeaks.com.

Men in Lights!

Don't forget the new Portland Gay Men's Chorus production *Men in Lights!* at 8 p.m. April 5 and 2 p.m. April 6 at Reed College's Kaul Auditorium.

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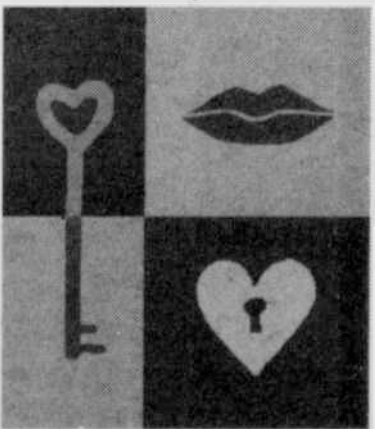
popular choral music written for men's choruses from Broadway, opera and the silver screen. Highlights include selections from *The Student Prince*, *HMS Pinafore*, *The Tales of Hoffman*, *South Pacific* and *Damn Yankees*.

As an added bonus, Portland musical theater diva Susannah Mars joins the men to belt out a few favorites along the way. Tickets are \$12-\$20 from 503-226-2588. 

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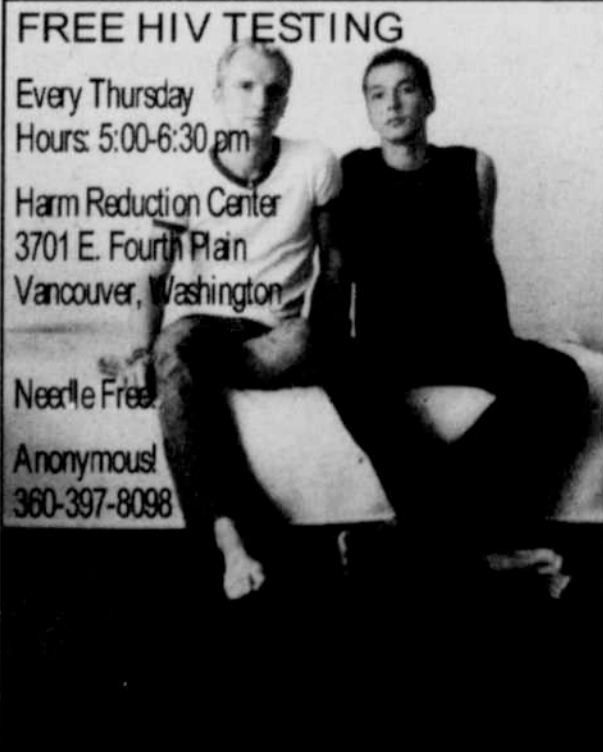
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