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**BEARTOWN
WEEKEND**

June 5-8, 2003



With the rain on vacation, things really start to heat up among gay, lesbian, bi and trans communities. Here are a few hot, homo and otherwise kick-ass queer things to do. For more, check the full calendar of events in June issues of *Just Out*.

Statewide Pride

For heaven's sake, don't forget **Portland Pride 2003** at Waterfront Park **June 14 and 15**. Headlining an amazing lineup of talent is Sophie B. Hawkins (see interview on Page P27), and the keynote speaker is award-winning columnist and trans activist Jamison Green (see interview on Page P9).

The Forest Grove Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays celebrates Pride with a potluck and talent/untalent show during its monthly meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. **June 17** at Forest Grove United Church of Christ, 2032 College Way. 503-357-2442 or fgplflag@att.net.

Go north, young queers, and you'll run into the **Capital City Pride Parade** as it winds its way through Olympia, Wash., stepping off from Capital Campus at noon **June 21**. Concludes with a rally at Sylvester Park. www.rainbowcenteroly.org.

"Building Pride Together" is the theme of the **Lane County Pride** celebration for Eugene and Springfield **June 21** with live entertainment from noon to 7 p.m. at Alton Baker Park. The Eugene Outdoor Group also holds a Pride event from noon to 4 p.m. **June 30** at the Washington-Jefferson Streets Park. www.eugenepride.org.

Salem holds its **Capitol Pride** from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. **June 28** at Pringle Park Plaza. 503-930-7260.

Brother to Brother, a family of African American gay and bisexual men dedicated to the improvement in the quality of life within our community, will celebrate its 10th anniversary during **Black Pride 2** p.m. **June 28** at Site F of Columbia Park at the corner of North



Go ahead and mark June 29 down now for the 17th annual Peacock in the Park

Month o' gays

Pride Month is here, and so are about a gazillion nonheterosexual things to do

BY TIMOTHY KRAUSE AND LISA BRADSHAW



The incomparable (though they try, how they try) Tracy Chapman plays Keller Auditorium on June 8

Lombard and Woolsey streets. 503-417-7991.

Across the Columbia, **Saturday in the Park** returns to Esther Short Park **July 12** in Vancouver, Wash. From noon to 6 p.m. count on music, booths, beer garden and frolicking. www.gayvancouverwa.org.

Here and there, then and now

P-town becomes **Beartown** through **June 8** when the Oregon Bears mix it up with visiting hirsutes during the city's venerable Rose Festival. The weekend is filled with events like "Hugs and Tugs Get Together" and "Underbear Bust and Contest." Tour the sights of Portland with the clan, join a Bear Trail Pub Crawl, and check out the contests for Mr. Oregon Bear, Mr. Oregon Cub and Beartown. For complete info visit www.oregonbears.org.

Misha mouths off, but it's wicked fun during Portland's 13th annual **Grand Floral Parade Party** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **June 7** at Panorama, 341 S.W. 10th Ave.

We know you are, and so are we: **Tracy Chapman** comes to Keller Auditorium at 8 p.m. **June 8**. Tickets are \$35.50-\$49.50 from the box office, Ticket Central or TicketsWest.

Who has the most pride? Find out at the **Mr., Miss and Ms. Gay Pride Pageant** starting 7 p.m.

June 8 at Panorama, 341 S.W. 10th Ave. Contestants compete in formal wear, creative club attire and

swimwear. \$12 donation at the door.

The **Gender Bender Variety Show** is 9 p.m. **June 12** at the Egyptian Club, 3701 S.E. Division St. Poison Waters plays host to drag kings and queens, live bands, fire acts and more in this biannual trans benefit show. \$5 cover.

Over at Dante's, 1 S.W. Third Ave., Poison Waters again puts on her hostess smile for **Dysfunctional Family Feud** between drag queens and Oregon bears from 6 to 8 p.m. **June 12**. Is it just us, or is this pretty much the most fun you can have under one roof?

Also onstage **June 12 through Aug. 2** is the triumphant return of **Hedwig and the Angry Inch** presented by triangle productions! at Theater! Theatre!, 3430 S.E. Belmont St. Times and ticket information from 503-239-5919 or www.tripro.org. If you missed it during the regular season, don't make the same mistake twice.

The Portland Gay Men's Chorus presents the official kickoff to Pride 2003 with its fourth annual **Rainbow Ball** 9 p.m. **June 13** at the Crystal Ballroom, 1332 W. Burnside St. Disco, big hair, tight jeans and music from the '70s and '80s. Tickets are \$10 from 503-226-2588, www.pdxgmc.org or at the door. Freak out!

You synthesize my life: **Le Tigre** rekindles that riot grrrl flame 9 p.m. **June 13** at Roseland Theater, 8 N.W. Sixth Ave. Tickets are \$12 from



We hate to say goodbye, but we still won't miss the crowning of the new Mr., Miss & Ms. Gay Pride and the new Mr. & Miss Gay Portland, both in June

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