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Carnivalesco!

Art for Life: "It's the gay event of the year"

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI

Art for Life, a benefit for Cascade AIDS Project, blends art, music and food with philanthropy April 9 at Montgomery Park. The event, themed "Carnivalesco," aims to regale guests

Court and other surprise guests.

A silent auction during the main event will showcase contemporary artworks, while premier artworks will be presented in a live auction at an exclusive dinner beforehand.



Kurt Beadell of Salvador Molly's has recruited 30 restaurants and catering companies to supply 600 to 900 individual hors d'oeuvres for the gala event.

with the style and spice of the Brazilian carnival. More than 300 works of art, 30 fine restaurants and caterers and 1,500 guests will join to meet CAP's fund-raising goal of \$400,000.

"The arts community has long been among those most devastated by HIV/AIDS," said Thomas Bröner, executive director of CAP. "Countless artists have died, but their work remains as a powerful testament to their life and talent. Many others are living with HIV/AIDS, and for them, their art is a vital expression of their struggle with the disease. In the Pacific Northwest, Art for Life is the primary vehicle that brings the arts community together in a powerful show of support for the continued fight against the epidemic."

The evening's entertainment lineup includes appearances and performances by Pachamanca, Lions of Batucada, Pepe and the Bottle Blondes, Hula Boys, Gypsy Caravan, Poison Waters, the Imperial Sovereign Rose

Art for Life is Portland's largest contemporary art auction and CAP's most successful benefit, raising money to assist people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS in Oregon and Southwest Washington. *Just Out* spoke with three gay men who are working hard behind the scenes to pull the event together.

Chair with bite

Kurt Beadell, owner and creative director of Salvador Molly's restaurant and catering, is returning to Art for Life as food chairman. To gather 30 restaurants and catering companies representing Portland's flair and generous air, he says he called in all his favors.

Beadell brought together creators of 600 to 900 individual hors d'oeuvres—a feat that has earned Art for Life a reputation as a first-class gourmet event. "It's the gay event of the year," he says.



CAP client Ron Hendricks says his HIV status made him more determined to create.