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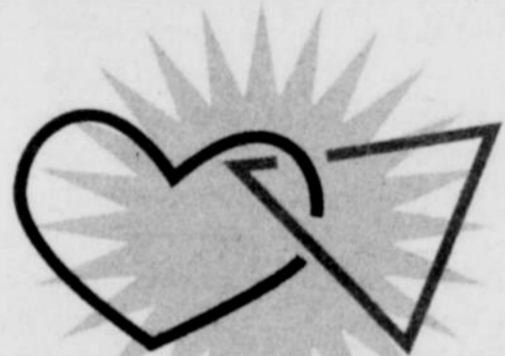
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Dworschak says the freedom band is looking forward to enthusiastic and supportive reactions from the audience. "We always get a warm

"I feel like Pride is my hometown crowd," she says.

Besides singing and songwriting, Hsu-Li is a talented painter who delves into the art world with an equal depth, proficiency and maturity as her work on vocals, guitar and piano.

To her, Pride provides a safe place for people to express themselves openly and in public.

"It's a chance for the community to show pride in who they are," says Hsu-Li, who is expecting Pride to be "one hell of a good time."

For more information visit www.magdalenhsuli.com.

Proud and Hopeful

Oregon native daughter Lynn Frances



Molli Page Band

reception. It's given me goose bumps before."

Pride is special to the marching band because it plays to its largest audience of the year. "It's our chance to show our pride through music," says Dworschak.

For more information visit www.rcgfb.org.

Pride Holds Steady

The Portland Gay Men's Chorus (1:15 p.m. June 19) performed its first show at Portland Pride in 1980. This year, the choir is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

The chorus' Pride set will serve as a warm-up for a concert at Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall on the following weekend.

"Pride is the week before our really big concert at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, hosting choirs from Canada and Southern California, so it's a windup to our big concert the week later," artistic director Bob Mensel says.

According to Mensel, the chorus views Pride as a chance to relax and reconnect with the sexual minorities community.

"PGMC, by its very mission, is an outreach organization. We sing in mainstream concert halls...at formal events. Pride is a chance to kick back, have some fun and reconnect with the larger gay community," he says.

Through a changing city and country, Mensel says Pride is one of the few things the chorus can depend on.

"Portland has changed. The world has changed. Pride is one of the consistent things. We show up to sing, and it's just a lot of fun," Mensel says.

For more information visit www.pdxgmc.org.

Hometown Pride

Bisexual pop rocker Magdalen Hsu-Li (2 p.m. June 19) returns to Portland Pride with a mixed set of new songs from her album *Smashing the Ceiling* and old favorites.

She has performed in nearly 20 nationwide Pride festivals and several Pride Northwest shows.

Hsu-Li says playing Portland Pride feels like coming home. She recently returned from a spring tour to promote the new album.

Anderson (3:05 p.m. June 19) has performed to hundreds of thousands at Pride festivals nationwide, but she recalls past Portland Prides as "inspiring."

"It is an honor for me to perform at Pride festivals. I am grateful to be a voice for our community. I hope my music holds a special place of unity, understanding and connection for the audience," says Anderson, who is a lesbian singer and songwriter.

With her band, Anderson says she'll blow the top off the stage canopy with upbeat songs steeped in blues, folk-rock and Americana.

First and foremost, Anderson is a lyricist. She will debut music from her upcoming album, *Born Lucky*.

"My songs are crafted with one end in mind: offering hope," she says.

To Anderson, Pride festivals are more than rainbow flags and beer gardens. "To me, Pride is about opening ourselves to each other, letting one another know we are not alone and sharing our strength. This event is about being proud to be a human being and honoring who we truly are."



Demimonde Slumber Party

Being her best is Anderson's way of coping with bigotry and those "One Man, One Woman" bumper stickers that still make her blood boil.

"As a community, we have been through a chilling awakening with the passage of Measure 36.... Together we can show that our love will not be diminished by lack of compassion. Instead, we can stand together as brave human beings.... We can take pride in who we are."

For more information visit www.lynnfrancesanderson.com.