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Portland Gay Men's Chorus visits Eastern Oregon

Photos by Marty Davis

On a warm, beautiful fall evening Sept. 30, a hundred members of the Portland Gay Men's Chorus took to the stage at Vert Memorial Auditorium in Pendleton and dazzled and charmed our neighbors and friends to the east.

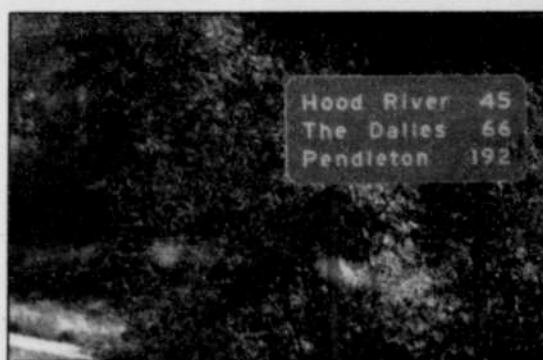
Sponsored by Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, the event drew nearly 200 audience members who enjoyed the music, moves and men of the chorus. The evening started on a touching note as the local chapter president dedicated the concert to Portlander Patricia Keeney, who recently resigned as state chairwoman of PFLAG to dedicate her time and energy to winning her battle with cancer.

As stated in the Oct. 1 issue of *The East Oregonian*, the second half of the performance featured the music of *Metamorphosis*, a work that chronicles the stages of a gay man's life, focusing on issues and conflicts of faith.

No protesters were present at the event. The concert was listed in the calendar section of the daily paper and was reviewed in a most respectful manner the next day.

It was indeed a warm and beautiful fall evening. **10**

PORTLAND GAY MEN'S CHORUS opens its 27th season, "A Season for Peace," with Cabaret Soirée 8 p.m. Oct. 21 at Reed College's Kaul Auditorium, 3203 S.E. Woodstock Blvd., featuring guest soloists Diane Syrcle, Jennifer Gill and Derek Becker plus numbers with PGMC's vocal subgroup, Cascade, and its dance group, Locomotions. Tickets are \$25-\$30 from www.pdgmnc.org.



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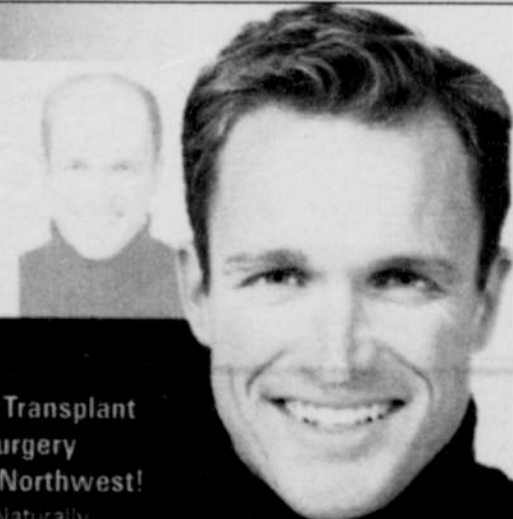
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