

# 10 Guide to Pride

## Center Keeps Pride Safer

The Men's Wellness Center is bringing Pride back to Stark Street with a calendar of events that accentuate the positive side of being gay in June.

Bingo is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. June 15 with snacks, prizes and a daring ensemble constructed out of a flag sported by hostess Miss Mylar, a local drag performer.

Chicos Latinos holds speed dating with Miss Mylar from 2 to 7 p.m. June 16 with food, drinks, giveaways and a low-calorie safer-sex buffet.

After standing for two hours watching the parade, dancing like a muscle boy on a float or simply being overcome by the heat coming off all the hard bodies, the center invites everyone to the Pride Lounge for sliced fruit, iced tea, soft leather sofas and chill music. Chat with other guys taking a break and check out the safer-sex buffet, complete with hair-netted "lunch ladies," from 1 to 5 p.m. June 17.

The documentary *Gay Sex in the '70s* tells the story of a pivotal era in gay history—the 12 years between the Stonewall Riots of 1969 and the first reported cases of AIDS in 1981. The story is told using colorful scenes from 1970s erotic life and candid interviews with the gay New Yorkers who lived it. The screening is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. June 28 followed by a discussion.

The Men's Wellness Center is at 928 S.W. Stark St. For more information call 503-528-6526.

## Latino Pride Sets Night on Fire

"¡Noche de Fuego! (Night of Fire)" is an opportunity for the queer community to come together and celebrate Latino Pride. Made up of community volunteers, the planning committee is striving to create an event that recognizes the talents and contributions of gay Latinos and Latinas and that highlights their allies and supporters.

The second annual Latino Gay Pride, which will take place from 5 to 11 p.m. June 10, will feature a combination of speakers and performers in the Jupiter Hotel Courtyard and Dream Box, 800 E.

Burnside St. The event also boasts food and drinks catered by La Bonita and the Doug Fir bar, with a special Petron tequila-based cocktail created for the event. The Multnomah County Health Department is sponsoring a health and wellness room, and the Human Rights Campaign will have an information room and recruitment space.

Teatro Milagro is hosting a display table to share information about next season's performances. The company has donated five pairs of tickets and will hold drawings throughout the night.

Speakers include representatives from Q Center, Equity Foundation and Basic Rights Oregon as well as Multnomah County Commissioners Maria Rojo de Steffey, Lisa Naito and Jeff Cogen.

The Portland Gay Men's Chorus will return to Latino Gay Pride with a special presentation, and the folk dance troupe Lo Nuestro Baile Folklorico from Forest Grove High School will perform. Other appearances include Portland La Femme Plus 2005 Candela La pier, a contestant for Miss Gay Latina Oregon; Miss Gay Latina 2004 Pebbles Campbell Stars; Portland La Femme 2006 Fabiola Poldoski; Miss Gay Latina 2006-2007 Kelly Johanna; Miss Poder Latino Brenda; Hawaii La Femme Plus Trinity La Croix, a contestant for Miss Gay Latina Oregon; Tamy, a contestant for Miss Gay Latina Oregon; Mr. Gay Latino Oregon 2005 Rogelio; Mr. Gay Latino Oregon 2006-2007 Jose Rodríguez; and Mr. Gay Latino Oregon 2004 and Mr. Oregon Latino 2003 William Ramirez.

The entertainment program is hosted by Meesha Peru of Darcelle XV Showplace and coordinated by Mr. Gay Latino Pageant producer David Zambrano.

The theme will be played out through decorations and performances.

"We're trying to create an evening that highlights the passion and the flavor of the Latino GLBT community. '¡Noche de Fuego!' illustrates that environment where everyone can feel the heat of the Latino culture," said planning committee co-chairman David Martinez.

Last year's event drew a crowd of 350. Martinez expects a similar attendance.



Multnomah County Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey addressed the Latino Gay Pride crowd in 2006.

Latino Gay Pride has partnered with Onda Arte Latina Gallery at 2215 N.E. Alberta St., which is featuring the works of queer Latino artists from the Northwest.

"The support we've received has been tremendous," said Melanie Davis, planning committee co-chairwoman.

All ages are welcome. Donations are suggested.

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