

Guide to Pride

The Sounds of Pride

Pride draws regional, national performers

Pride Northwest organizers aimed to lure world-class entertainment to the Main Stage. It secured a lineup of performers both regional and national. Some come with a reputation and fan base, while others are yet to be discovered. A ticket this diverse will keep Pride revelers deep in entertainment that fits their bill.

Basic Fix signed on first to the Pride Main Stage. The band's highly praised performance at the 2006 Portland Lesbian and Gay Film Festival propelled this duo to hot Portland venues such as Holocene and Someday Lounge and now to the waterfront festival June 16.

Part funk, part groove, the unique sounds of Dahlia land on the Main Stage on June 16. Dahlia can also be spotted performing monthly shows at Doug Fir Lounge.

The lesbian hip-hop singing duo God-des & She experienced a breakout year since appearing on the season finale of the hit show *The L Word*. Hailing from New York City and having performed many high-profile gigs, the ladies bring their high-energy act to Pride on June 16.



Basic Fix led the pack as the first band to sign on for the 2007 Pride stage.

Fleshtone enjoys the following of a young, hip, queer and questioning audience that's typically underrepresented at Pride. The cutting-edge band will debut on the Main Stage on June 16.

Established in 1994, Portland Taiko is a premier North American taiko ensemble. Taiko, the Japanese word for drum and the name of the art form, has its roots in ancient Japanese tradition. Taiko is a dynamic and evolving performing art combining rhythm, movement, energy and culture into a single art form. Let the rhythm move you June 16.

The Retros headlined Portland Pride in 2004 and return June 16 after reaching new heights of success throughout the United States. The Seattle-based band offers a stunning show and downright fantastic tribute to the '80s, including tunes by Madonna, Abba, The Cars, Human League and Dead or Alive. The Retros are sure to bring the festival alive with dance, disco and song.

SlowMo Erotic is the only band returning to Portland Pride from last year. SlowMo Erotic is Kevin Hardy and Matthew Hermstad, boyfriends of two years who eat, sleep and rehearse from their little house in Glendale, Calif. The duo finely balance catchy choruses with edgy lyrics June 16.

Drumattica, composed of Keith Brown and Brian Lehfeldt, offers experimental sound combining tribal beats and slinky synth sounds June 17. This band has performed with Storm Large and features members who have played with Everclear, Slippery Nipples and Tri-Polar.

Homegrown rock star Storm Large will headline the Main Stage on June 17 as a local favorite performer and ally. Her career went national in 2006 as Portlanders stuffed Dante's and studio apartments to watch her breathtaking performances on the CBS show *Rockstar: Supernova* hosted by Dave Navarro.

"The first night I saw her on *Rock Star: Supernova*, I knew she had to play Pride," said Pride Northwest president Stef-Anie Wells. "Storm has also been a real trouper and is so energized to be headlining Pride that she is flying back from her 20th high school reunion, that also happens to be her brother's 25th reunion and her dad's 40th year teaching at the same high school, to perform."

European cabaret of the 1920s combines with Balkan wedding music and neoclassical opera with Yiddish theater in the phenomenal seven-piece band known as Vagabond Opera. The Portland ensemble delivers an eclectic mix of original and traditional compositions, unified by an old-world mood. The band's lineup includes trained operatic tenor and soprano, accordion, saxophones, cello, acoustic bass and drums. Every show is a cabaret of rich musical phrasing, sparkling lyrics and indomitable stage presence. Vagabond will be the closing act June 16.



Fleshtone appeals to a queer crowd.

Schedule of Events

MAIN STAGE

Saturday, June 16

- 1-4:30 p.m.: Hosts: Jersey Scities and Darryl! Moch
- 12:30-1:20 p.m.: Pride Pet Parade
- 1:20-1:45 p.m.: Portland Taiko
- 1:45-1:55 p.m.: Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays
- 1:55-2:45 p.m.: Basic Fix
- 2:45-3 p.m.: Cascade AIDS Project Men's Wellness Center
- 3-4 p.m.: SlowMo Erotic
- 4-4:15 p.m.: Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center Theater Group
- 4:15-5 p.m.: Fleshtone
- 4:30-9 p.m.: Hosts: Enrique Andrade and Pepe Raphael
- 5-5:15 p.m.: Gypsy Caravan
- 5:15-6:15 p.m.: The Retros
- 6:15-6:30 p.m.: TBD
- 6:30-7:30 p.m.: Dahlia
- 7:30-7:45 p.m.: Le Grande Q Revue

- 7:45-8:45 p.m.: God-des & She
- 8:45-9 p.m.: Rose City Sirens
- 9-10 p.m.: Vagabond Opera

Sunday, June 17

- 1-2:30 p.m.: Hosts: Darcelle and Sasha Scarlett
- 1-1:20 p.m.: Portland Gay Men's Chorus
- 1:20-1:30 p.m.: Political Speeches
- 1:30-2:30 p.m.: Tribute to Peacock in the Park
- 2:30-4:30 p.m.: Hosts: Mitch and Daria of 105.1 The Buzz
- 2:30-2:45 p.m.: Rose City Rollers
- 2:45-3:45 p.m.: Drumattica
- 3:45-4 p.m.: Under U 4 Men/Ginch Gonch Fashion Show
- 4-6 p.m.: Host: Dan Savage
- 4-4:45 p.m.: Stolen Sweets
- 4:45-5 p.m.: Introduction of the Board
- 5-6 p.m.: Storm Large & the Balls

COFFEE HOUSE LOUNGE

Saturday, June 16

- 1-6 p.m.: Host: Honey Bea Hart
- 1:15-2:15 p.m.: Polite Conversation
- 2:15-3:30 p.m.: WomenStrength/Portland Police Bureau
- 3:30-4:30 p.m.: Splendora and the Gender Fluids
- 4-5 p.m.: Caught in Candy

Sunday, June 17

- 1-6 p.m.: Host: Juli Rose
- 1:15-2:30 p.m.: My Muse
- 2:30-3:45 p.m.: Lo Nuestro
- 3:45-4:55 p.m.: Toque Libre
- 5-6 p.m.: Shelly Rudolph Quintet

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 With Claudia Schmidt, Kate Power & Steve Einhorn and Steven Walters
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