



Katz of the Athens Boys Choir will perform during Transgender Day of Remembrance at Portland State University.

Activities will culminate Nov. 20 for Transgender Day of Remembrance with a performance by spoken word artist Katz of the Athens Boys Choir and a candlelight vigil to recognize and remember people who have been victims of anti-transgender hatred or prejudice.

Athens Boys Choir uses engaging wordplay, razor-sharp wit and hip-hop rhythms to spread "the good word," throwing down hard-hitting poetry that deals with issues of gender, politics, love, sex and everything in between. This free performance starts 7 p.m. at PSU's Multicultural Center in Room 228 of Smith Memorial Student Union, 1825 S.W. Broadway, after a 6 p.m. candlelight vigil in the Park Blocks between Southwest Park Avenue Montgomery Street.

A Trans 101 workshop will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. Nov. 16 in Room 236 of Smith Memorial Student Union. A panel of experts representing some of the major Portland organizations working with transgender people, including the Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center, TransActive and Outside In, will discuss what being trans is and what resources are available and will share their personal stories. Afterward the student group Queers and Allies will host a movie night from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at PSU's Queer Resource Center in Smith Room 401.

Transgender Day of Remembrance is held in November to honor Rita Hester, whose murder in 1998 kicked off the "Remembering Our Dead" Web project, and to coincide with a San Francisco candlelight vigil in 1999. Since then, the event has grown to encompass memorials in dozens of cities across the world and on many college campuses is observed as part of Trans Awareness Month.

For more information call 503-725-9742 or visit [www.qrc.px.edu](http://www.qrc.px.edu).



Noah Jordan and Julianna Jaffe act in Daniel Trejo's play, *Love Always*.

### Theater Program Enriches Youth

Some of Portland's youngest playwrights and songwriters will have their work performed by some of the region's greatest talents, supported by accomplished musicians and in a grand theater venue, Nov. 5.

Now celebrating its fourth year, PlayWrite empowers "youth at the edge" with tools to make themselves stronger through a carefully structured process of creating art. The program is a playwriting workshop targeting youth in underserved areas but is expanding into other creative media such as songwriting.

The session involves a two-week residency bringing young people together with coaches from the Portland performing arts community who are trained by PlayWrite.

Students work one on one with coaches, honing the tools for creating a play while learning that putting feelings into language is a healing, restorative and nurturing process that transforms lives.

"PlayWrite frees kids of this baggage and helps to bring honesty and clarity to these young artists' work," said Julianna Jaffe, coach and host of the event.

The evening will begin 6 p.m. Nov. 5 in Gerding Theater at the Armory, 128 N.W. 11th Ave., with hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction followed by student songs and one-act plays crafted by teen participants of PlayWrite. They will be performed by Portland stage favorites Wade McCollum, Sharon Martini, Michael Stone, Noah Jordan and many others. Musical accompaniment will be performed by the dynamic duo of Doug Fraser and Mel Kubik. A live auction featuring a fantastical array of donated items will also be a part of the evening's festivities. Samantha Swain works as the fund-raising consultant.

"PlayWrite gives children an opportunity to discover in the same way I did when I started in theater and learned from professional theater artists," said McCollum. "For me, PlayWrite is a gift where I am able to give back and empower these kids as I was empowered."

Tickets are available for \$75 at [www.playwriteinc.org](http://www.playwriteinc.org).

### Breakfast for 'Bigs'

Many members of the queer community have found Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Portland a welcoming and gratifying organization deserving of their time and money.

When filmmaker Aaron Kirk Douglas encountered the Big Brothers Big Sisters table at Portland Pride two years ago, he immediately decided to get involved.

"I couldn't believe with all the fear and bad press gay

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