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Renowned Couple Visit Q Center for Art Exhibit, Book Reading

Q Center will host a reception March 1 for *Fellow Travelers*, a collection of 14 stunning black-and-white photographs of gay liberation pioneers taken by Mark Thompson, one of the foremost chroniclers of the movement and the author of an influential trilogy of books dealing with gay spirituality. His longtime partner, renowned author Malcolm Boyd, will also read from his forthcoming book of short stories, *Samuel Joseph for President*. The couple will receive lifetime achievement awards from Lambda Literary Foundation on May 29 in Los Angeles.



Q Center hosts a reception March 1 for Mark Thompson's photographs of gay liberation pioneers, including author Essex Hemphill (above).

Thompson is a former editor of *The Advocate* and is the author and editor of numerous books, including his groundbreaking series *Gay Spirit: Myth and Meaning* (1987), *Gay Soul: Finding the Heart of Gay Spirit and Nature* (1994) and *Gay Body: A Journey Through Shadow to Self* (1997). In addition, Thompson co-wrote and edited *Leatherfolk: Radical Sex, People, Politics and Practice* and *The Long Road to Freedom: The Advocate History of the Gay and Lesbian Movement*. A chronicler of the Radical Faerie movement, he is also a clinical psychologist and lectures frequently on gay history and culture. Thompson lives in Los Angeles.

A gay elder, freedom rider, civil rights and anti-war activist, Boyd has been a teller of truth and an advocate for social justice for more than 50 years. He is an Episcopal priest and the author of 30 books, among them the best-selling *Are You Running with Me, Jesus?* (1966). *Samuel Joseph for President* will be published this spring by KenArnoldBooks. For more information visit www.kenarnoldbooks.com.

The event runs from 6 to 9 p.m. at 69 S.E. Taylor St. The exhibit closes March 30.



Attendees of Equity Foundation's 2006 Investments in Dignity event make purchases from the Wall of Wine.

Investments in Dignity Fund-Raiser Benefits Equity Foundation

Equity Foundation will hold its eighth annual Investments in Dignity fund-raiser March 13.

The event, with the theme "Celebrities Among Us," will feature a reception, auction, awards and entertainment.

Entertainment includes the evening's mistress of ceremonies, Poison Waters, with performances by Portland bear band Sneakin' Out and comedian/KPOJ radio host Carl Wolfson. There will be a silent auction and a live auction, presented by auctioneer Graham Crow, with a wide range of items including celebrity memorabilia and vacations to Mexico, Bali and South Africa.

Last year's event drew 350 attendees and grossed \$80,000. The goal this year is to attract 400 attendees and gross \$100,000 for Equity Foundation and the programs it supports.

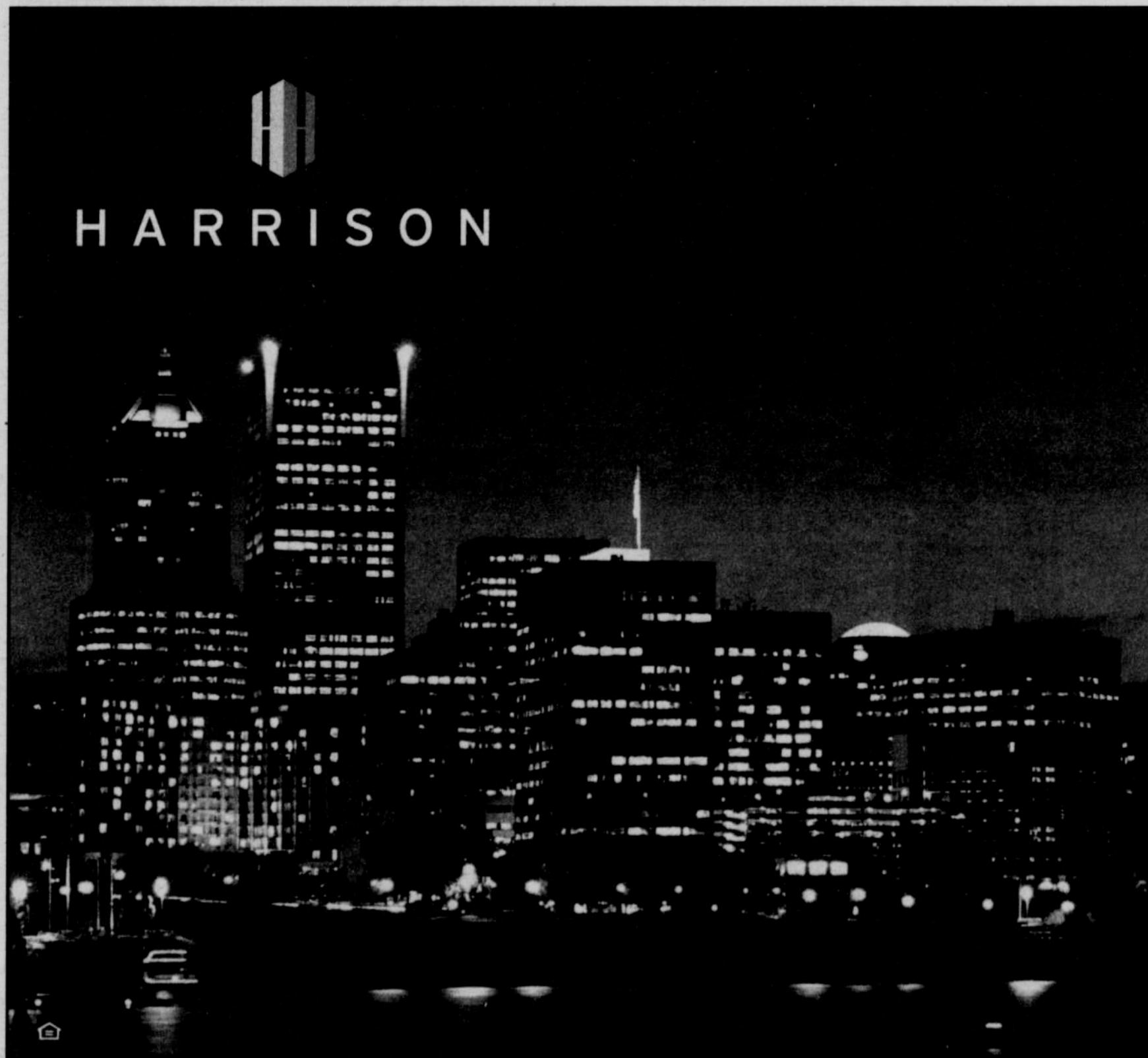
Sho Dozono and Carolyn McKnight are the honorary co-chairman and co-chairwoman of the event, which is being planned and organized by a steering committee led by Q Center's executive director, Kendall Clawson.

Equity Foundation is providing volunteer opportunities including table monitors, registration/check-out and auction spotters. Those interested are encouraged to e-mail Joey Kerns at joeyk@equityfoundation.org.

Proceeds from the event will support Equity's mission to embrace the dignity and worth of all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. The foundation provides grants to non-profit organizations throughout Oregon that embody that mission.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. in Gerding Theater at

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