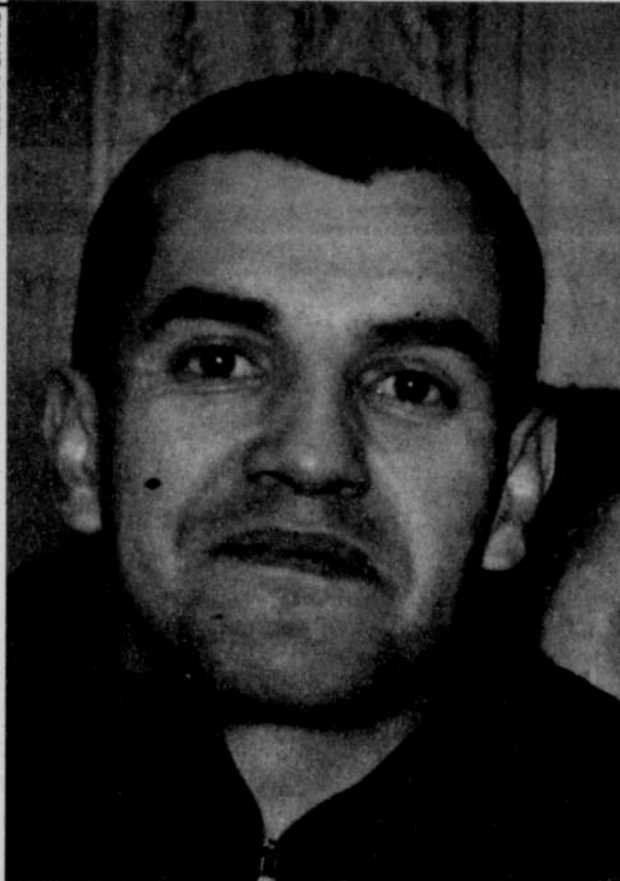


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Q Center board co-chairman Juan Martinez has joined Basic Rights Oregon's staff.

The new gala will be held Sept. 13 at Newmark Theatre in Portland Center for the Performing Arts. Peacock After Dark will benefit the Audria M. Edwards Scholarship Fund.

Organizers promise a top-notch cabaret-style revue by invitation, similar to that of the Peacock in the Park show. The event is open to all ages, and families are encouraged to attend.

Shortages of money and organizer burnout were the reasons the decade-long Peacock in the Park disappeared. "All the reasons we stopped doing it still exist, except we've had a chance to rest. In 2004, we'd been doing it for 10 years. We were all fairly exhausted," said Van Patten in December 2007. "All the other reasons—that it's all very expensive to put on, that we have to make it not only the best part in the city but a fund-raiser as well—those challenges still exist."

The new event, however, is much more affordable for its organizers. "It is absolutely much more affordable because we don't have to bring in porta-potties, security and Dumpsters," said Van Patten. "We think this is a more fiscally responsible event, since our objective is to raise money for charity."

The original Peacock in the Park was free, with money for the scholarship fund being raised through sponsorships, concessions, souvenir stands and a tip bowl. The new event will raise money through sponsorships and ticket sales.

Tickets will be sold at two levels: preferred seating and an exclusive reception with an open bar and appetizers at the patron level, and a no-host cocktail party in the Art Bar for nonpatron attendees. Tickets go on sale June 29 at Ticketmaster and the box office, 1111 S.W. Broadway. A limited supply of presale tickets will be available June 14 and 15 at Portland Pride. Look for the Peacock After Dark booth for details.

Vancouver Court Holds Coronation

Titleholders from the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Raintree Empire—Empress 33 Rhea Rhange, Prince 33 Mikey and Princess 33 Kitty de Valmont—are holding a host of events surrounding 2008 Coronation from May 8 to 11 in Vancouver, Wash.

Events begin with an in-town preshow party and awards ceremony for local court members 7 p.m. May 8 at the Fraternal Order of the Eagles #2158, 107 E. Seventh St. in Vancouver.

In addition, out-of-town titleholders from

Missoula, Mont.; Sacramento, Calif.; Tacoma, Wash.; and Portland will perform 7 p.m. May 9 at the Fraternal Order of the Eagles. Tickets are \$10. An Empire of Dreams Water Party will follow the out-of-town show.

A hospitality room is available for mingling and more prepartying from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 10 in Room 125 of Red Lion at the Quay, 100 Columbia St. in Vancouver.

The Coronation ceremony, themed "Going for the Gold: An Olympic Odyssey," starts 6 p.m. May 10 at the Red Lion. Tickets are \$30 for those older than 21 and \$15 for junior court members.

Attendees can expect the celebration of 30-, 20- and 10-year monarchs Rain Emperor IV Grant and Tree Empress IV Summer Breeze, Rain Emperor XIV Jim Smith and Tree Empress Tempest Storm and Rain Emperor James and Tree Empress XXIV Delores Van Cartier.

A Victory Brunch will be held from noon to 2 p.m. May 11 at the Fraternal Order of the Eagles for \$10.

For more information contact Coronation coordinator Miss Ivory Cox at 360-936-9158 or raintreeempire@gmail.com.

Juan Martinez Takes Fund-Raising Reins at BRO

Starting April 21, Juan Martinez will assume full-time responsibilities as a top fund-raiser for Basic Rights Oregon, the state's flagship organization for sexual minority advocacy and rights.

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