

THU · JUNE 12

10 Big wigs will wig out during the dance and costume party **Wig Out!** from 7 to 10 p.m. at Q Center, 69 S.E. Taylor St.

Sprouting from a free-flowing conversation between Q Center staff and volunteers about *America's Next Top Model*, Wig Out! became a fabulous way to dress to impress.

Two celebrity judges—wigstress extraordinaire Madame Bouffant and Portland Mayor-elect Sam Adams—will award prizes for “best theme wig,” “biggest bouffant” and more.

But wigs are not enough. To qualify as a hair-o or hair-o-ine, bust out the hot glue gun and bobble up your wig. Some inspiration can be derived from wig-centric films such as *Wigstock*, *Hair Show* and *B.A.P.S.*

If you're short on follicle finery, The Lippman Company will sell wigs and accouterments at the party. For more information visit www.pdxqcenter.org.

11 Portland's only dyke bar, **The Egyptian Club**, kicks off its Pride Weekend festivities with a Gender Bender Variety Show 9 p.m. at 3701 S.E. Division St. The evening will feature the debut of the E Kings with special performances by Rose City Sirens, River City Riders and Burlesquire. Cover is \$5.

The fun continues 9 p.m. June 13 with a Pride Kickoff Dance featuring a new show by the Rose City Sirens and Pride gear giveaways. Cover is \$5.

But be sure to reserve some energy for “the big one” 9 p.m. June 14: Pride Dance 2008, featuring wall-to-wall women, go-go girls, a buffet, breakfast at 2:30 a.m. and after-hours dancing and karaoke until 4. Cover is \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door.

After the downtown madness winds down June 15, head to the east side at 9 p.m. for the “It's Not Over 'Til I Say It's Over” After the Parade Party featuring a body painting contest and karaoke. Cover is free.

FRI · JUNE 13

12 Queer alt-performance is alive and thriving in Stumptown, and the variety show **Queer Pressure** features some of the Rose City's most outrageous live acts, from the former Sissyboys' reconfiguration as The Gender Fluids to sexy DJ Stormy and all-queer, all-male dance troupe Burlesquire, all back to back starting at 9 p.m. at Wonder Ballroom, 128 N.E. Russell St. Tickets are \$13 at the door or \$10 in advance from the box office or Ticketmaster.

SAT · JUNE 14

13 Are you in for a morning of fun and games? Want to get in a little exercise and entertainment for you and your dogs and have a blast at the same time?

Portland Lesbian Network presents the first-ever **Gay Pride Photo Scavenger Hunt** from 9 to 11 a.m. at 1000 Acres Park in Troutdale. Check in at 8:30.

All you need are sturdy shoes, a sense of adventure, a fully charged digital camera and the ability to walk four to five miles on flat terrain. You can participate by yourself or as a two-person team.

Men and women are all welcome. The event will take place rain or shine.

There will be prizes for the winning team. Organizers will provide water before the hunt and refreshments after for two- and four-legged participants.

The cost is \$10 a person. RSVP to pdxlesbianet@yahoo.com.

14 Before gobbling up hand-held treats at Waterfront Park and gulping down drink specials on Stark Street, start your day with the annual **Portland Frontrunners Fun Run**.

With more than 100 members, Portland Frontrunners has become a healthy staple in the sexual minorities community.

The Fun Run starts 11 a.m. at Waterfront Park under the Morrison Bridge. For \$15 for individuals and \$25 for families, runners and walkers get a post-race breakfast, water bottle and T-shirt.

For more information visit www.pridenw.org.

15 Got cop wood? Bring it to the annual **Rose City Softball Association vs. Cops Grudge Match** blowout charity game, which pits the Rose City All-Stars, a mixed guys/girls team of A-list players, against the best of the blues from the Portland Police Bureau. Plenty of brats and beer on hand, and all proceeds benefit Q Center. The game begins 11:30 a.m. at Farragut Park, North Kerby Avenue and Farragut Street.

More info at www.rosecitysoftball.org.

16 Pride is no time to leave your family at home. Just because your kids have four legs and fur does not mean they should miss out while you celebrate with all of out-and-proud Portland.

Dogs, birds and iguanas are often dressed as festively as performers with rainbow bandannas and other bling at the Portland Pride Festival.

If your pets have pride, enroll them in the **Pride Pet Parade** 12:30 p.m. at the Waterfront Park main stage. You can register your pet to walk in the “gayest dog and pal” category or the “gayest pet and pal” nondog category.

Visit www.pridenw.org to register.

17 **Hot Flash** delivers its fourth annual Pride dance for “seasoned lesbians” and those who love them.

With a prime location near the Portland Pride Festival at Barracuda, 9 N.W. Second Ave., Hot Flash will start earlier than usual, from 3 to 9 p.m.

DJ Loren will spin the sounds of the '70s, '80s and today. DJ WildFire will heat it up with youthful, contemporary tunes.

Last year brought in 750 women, and organizers expect more this year because of the fab locale. Hot Flashers will get stamped so they can re-enter the dance if they choose to bounce for the Dyke March and other Pride events. Cover is \$8. For more information visit www.hotflashdances.com.

18 Leather and lace! Tattoos and boas! Topless 20-somethings and septuagenarian Sapphic sisters!

Yes, it's time again for **Dyke March** ferocity, when a few hundred queer ladies crowd downtown to chant, strut and shimmy and shake their assets, all in the name of girl-on-girl power. The march will step off 7 p.m. at the North Park Blocks, Northwest Ninth Avenue and Davis Street. The full schedule is at www.dykemarch-portland.com.

19 The **Girl4Girl Party** has a rap for being the best lady-cruising game in town, with DJ Beyonda, Seattle go-go dancers, a great girl-exclusive vibe and a dance floor so packed you've got no choice but to get out and bust a move with the throng of cute girls in the crowd. It's a 21-and-older event kicking off 9 p.m. at Wonder Ballroom, 128 N.E. Russell St. Tickets are \$12 at the door or \$10 in advance from the box office or Ticketmaster.



QDoc: Portland Queer Documentary Film Festival screens *It's Still Elementary*, followed by a panel discussion on the status of safe schools in Oregon, June 1.

20 Bring your self-tanner, your beach ball and your neon thong: The **C.C. Slaughters Pride Beach Party** will be the rockiest indoor beach party this town's ever seen. But before you start dreaming of piña colada-fueled make-out sessions or worrying about sand in your crack, consider this: Admission to this primo sausage-fest is free. (No cover, guys!) DJ Alex Hollywood will be spinning with a special Cyndi Lauper CD giveaway, and the drinks will be flowing—but it's only Saturday night, so pace yourself. There's still a lot of weekend left. The fun starts 9 p.m. at 219 N.W. Davis St. More info at www.ccslaughterspdx.com.

21 The headliner for this year's Portland Pride Festival is **Lady Miss Kier**, former lead singer of Deee-Lite, a trio best known for the 1990 smash “Groove Is in the Heart.”

Kierin Magenta Kirby was born in Youngstown, Ohio, and raised in Pittsburgh. After settling in New York City in 1982, at the age of 19, she met Dmitry Brill, a Ukrainian expatriate and amateur DJ, and formed Deee-Lite with Towa Tei. After almost 10 years of touring and performing on the worldwide music scene, the band officially disbanded in 1994, following the end of Kirby and Brill's tumultuous romantic relationship.

Lady Miss Kier takes the stage from 8:30 to 10 p.m.

SUN · JUNE 15

22 Quick history lesson: The first Pride parades did not, in fact, feature drag queen-bedecked floats and shirtless dancing muscle dudes. (Shock!) The 1970s Gay Liberation and Gay Freedom marches were political statements by in-the-trenches activists, marking the anniversary of the Stonewall riots. (That's June 29, 1969, FYI.)

Almost 30 years later, the **Portland Pride Parade** might be slickly commercial and squeaky clean by comparison—church groups, politicians, big-business corporations, gay musical groups and the like—but when the PFLAG moms and dads strut by beaming smiles, you'll feel a shiver and realize there's nothing more goose-bumpy feel-good during Pride than this event.

The parade kicks off 11:15 a.m. at the North Park Blocks, Northwest Ninth Avenue and Davis Street. Visit www.pridenw.org for more information.

23 It just wouldn't be Pride weekend without a chock-full city block of half-dressed twinks, friendly bears and leering grandpas pawing each other in Stoli'd-out bliss. That's just part of the egalitarian beauty of the **Pride Block Party**, parked outside Red Cap Garage at 1035 S.W. Stark St., where a five-buck wristband gets you admission to the weekend's choicest meat market, no question. Bump 'n' grind with horny Seattleites or a newbie from Newberg; stick a glowstick in your jock and rave-dance like we're back in the '90s; or just grab a specialty drink and chill out while pop and drag acts hit the stage in rapid-fire succession, including '80s “Two of Hearts” big hair pop queen Stacey Q and “Din Da Da” divo Kevin Aviance. This is a can't-miss Pride event—you snooze, you lose.

The party starts at 2 p.m. Visit www.boxxes.com for more info.

SAT · JUNE 21

24 Portland's sister choir to the almighty Portland Gay Men's Chorus might not get the attention and employ the massive forces of its big-bro org, but the **Portland Lesbian Choir** is an attractively voiced group of women worth a listen. Its Pride Month concert, led by conductor Casey Moffett-Chaney, features several centuries of new and old music 7:30 p.m. at Bridgeport United Church of Christ, 621 N.E. 76th Ave. More details at www.plchoir.org.

TUE · JUNE 24

25 Imagine a politically incorrect *Sesame Street* for adults: Portland Opera's Broadway Across America presents **Avenue Q**, the smash Broadway musical written by Coos Bay native Jeff Whitty, through June 29 at Keller Auditorium, 222 S.W. Clay St. Tickets are \$23-\$63 from the box office or Ticketmaster. *Avenue Q* tells the story of Princeton, a bright-eyed college grad with big dreams and a tiny bank account who moves to New York City, where everyone is looking for the same things he is: a decent job, a stable relationship and a “purpose.” Eventually, he learns to embrace the ups and downs of urban life and realizes that “the real world” isn't so bad after all!

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