



Brother to Brother marched in Portland Pride 2004 displaying the names and photos of prominent black queer leaders.

ro's father is considered "The Father of Chicano Music." The viewing is at Jupiter Hotel, 800 E. Burnside St.

Guerrero's storytelling continues with *¡Gaytino!*, Guerrero's one-man show that leads viewers from East Los Angeles to New York and back to Hollywood for three decades of perspective into U.S. pop culture for a Latino gay man. *¡Gaytino!* starts 8 p.m. June 6 and 7 at Miracle Theatre, 525 S.E. Stark St. Tickets are \$22-\$28 from 503-236-7253 or www.milagro.org.

¡Gaytino! is only the beginning for Portland Latino Pride.

"We're really excited about the four-day celebration," said David Martinez of Latino Pride. "It's a huge step for us. We really tried to have something for everyone."

The Papis dance party *¡Muy Caliente!* will offer Latin, hip-hop and dance grooves spun by Seattle DJ Luis. Under U for Men reminds partiers to stop by the store at 507 S.W. Broadway to pick up underwear from the Papis line. The 21-and-older dance party is from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. June 6 at Boxxes, 1035 S.W. Stark St.

Ladies, who are welcome at the dance party, will not feel left out when they make it to a Chicas Brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 7 at Crush.

This elegant event promises to capture the community's politically charged spirit with a scrumptious champagne brunch seasoned with Latin spice. The brunch is a chance to network and be inspired by prominent local Latina leaders. Keynote speaker Consuelo Saragoza, a program manager with the Multnomah County Health Department, will share her story of living openly as a lesbian within a Latino family. Retiring Multnomah County Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey, a guest at the brunch, will be recognized for her activism and support of the queer community and for being a role model for women of color. Voices Rising performer Storme Webber and Seattle group Entre Hermanos will visit and perform spoken word poetry.

"One of the goals for this was trying to be inclusive and reach out to all parts of the community," said Martinez, who emphasized that all events are open to all genders, sexual-

ties and cultures.

It's time to celebrate during the Latino Gay Pride Festival from 3 to 7 p.m. June 8 at the Jupiter Hotel. The lineup features local dance groups including Ballet Folklórico "Lo Nuestro"; vocalists and entertainers including Meesha Peru, Portland Gay Men's

Chorus, Pebbles Campbell Stars, Mister Gay Latino Oregon 2007 and Miss Gay Latina Oregon 2007; remarks by community leaders and elected officials; a Latin artists exhibition with work from Onda Arte Latina; a Multnomah County Health and Wellness room; and resources about Latino queer organizations.

"The Sunday festival is a lot of fun, but it's also in the political climate," said Martinez. "It's important we are able to come together to realize gay Latinos are part of a broader community. People will leave feeling good and more aware of who we are."

The festival will also set up a colorful and traditional *ofrenda*, an altar in the spirit of Day of the Dead.

"We want to honor historical heroes, cultural icons and remember those people that can't be with us," said Martinez. "We don't want to forget them. We wouldn't be able to do what we're doing without them."

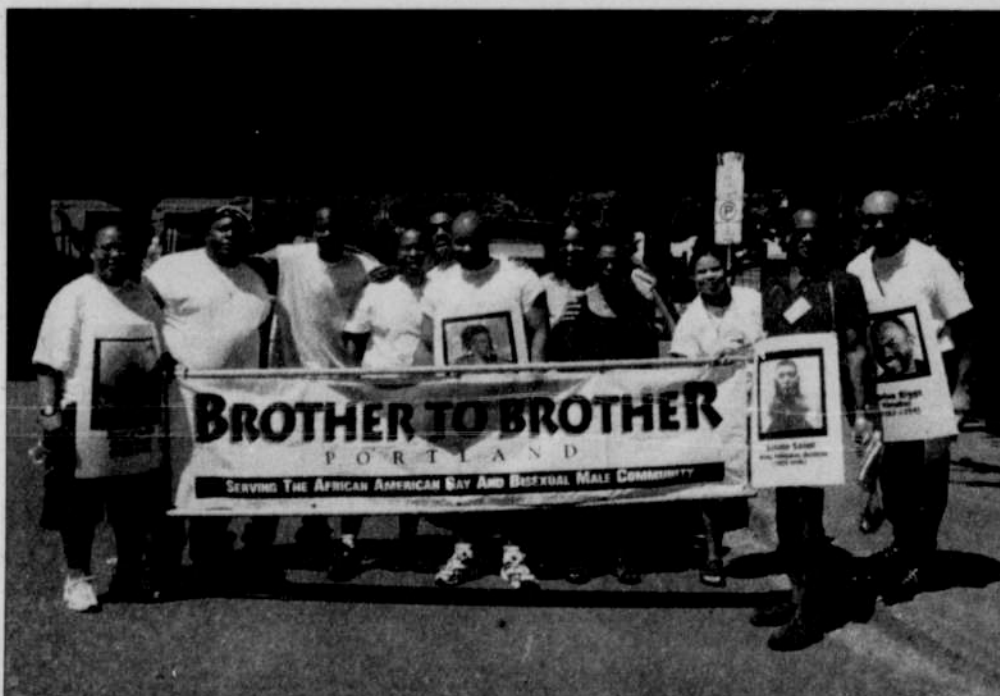
The festival will also feature food, signature tequila-based beverages and surprises. It will be followed by a dance party from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Latino Pride producers have big plans for the future of their event.

"Our goal is to be the West Coast premier Latino Gay Pride," said Martinez. He believes this is a particularly significant aspiration for Portland. "We have all of these people who make these assumptions about how this state has a lack of diversity, but people here feel they can celebrate who they are. That says a lot about community support." 10

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