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GLAMOUR AT LA FEMME
MAGNIFIQUE INTERNATIONAL

2009



Regional contestant Topaz Crawford

You Show, Girl!

If the MAC counter looks particularly packed in early September, there's good reason: the fabulous Darcelle XV will be presenting the title of Most Glamorous Female Impersonator in the World to one worthy contestant at the **2009 La Femme Magnifique International** competition! The 27th annual event will be held Sunday, September 6 at the Oregon Convention Center, and will feature a performance by *RuPaul's Drag Race* alumna Ongina.

Contestants are told that merely "passing" as women isn't the key. Rather, glamour, stage presence, and high-drama showmanship are the judgment criteria. The pageant kicks off with an evening gown contest, followed by a freestyle round set to the theme of "Out of This World—A Glamorous Odyssey." A talent competition precedes the unforgettable Showgirl finale—the glorious presentation of the world's best drag performers strutting their stuff with the Las Vegas headdress look.

The competition has run into controversy due to being closed to transwomen-contestants with breast implants, and those who have been taking hormone shots, or who have undergone what the entry guidelines cryptically term "gender altering" are barred from being crowned La Femme Magnifique.

Guest performer Ongina went from being "a flamboyant little Pinoy boy" to a nationally-recognized drag icon—and Viva Glam spokesmodel for MAC cosmetics—after participating in *RuPaul's Drag Race*. Immediately upon winning the competition, she made history by announcing her HIV status on national television.

—Nick Mattos

Sun., Sept. 6, doors at 5 p.m., pageant at 6 p.m., Oregon Convention Center's Portland Room, 777 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., \$35, www.darcellexv.com.

Cool down with a free scoop at Belly Restaurant's Ice Cream social! What a great way to celebrate the summer every Saturday in August. (2-4pm, Belly Restaurant, 3500 NE MLK Jr. Blvd, www.bellyrestaurant.com)

Portland Saturday Market is celebrating its new beautiful park setting along with the soon-to-be completed Bill Naito Legacy Fountain. The two-day celebration will include numerous activities, daily give-a-ways, artist demonstrations, as well as all the Market's talented artisans selling their original handcrafted wares, an international Food Court along with a Main Stage chock full of cultural groups representing the countries named in the poem etched in the fountain. (10am, SW Ankeny & Naito Parkway)

Get your party on at Scandals tonight. Party time with DJ Crumbs and DJ CC. So much fun you are gonna have to bring all your friends. (9pm, 1125 SW Stark, www.scandalspdx.com)

PFLAG Black/African American Chapter monthly meeting. (10am, Ainsworth United Church of Christ, Michael Hall, 2941 NE Ainsworth)

Crystal's Country Jam is tonight! Head on out for line dance lessons and then take your moves to the floor. (8pm/line dance lessons, 9pm-midnight/dancing, PPAA, SE 6th & Alder, \$3/lessons, \$5/main event, www.creproductions.net)

» SUN AUG 23 •

Come play pinochle - are you a little rusty? Always wanted to learn? Now is your chance! (6pm, Hobo's, 120 NW 3rd Ave.)

Q-Cycle Bicycle Ride at the Q Center. Join your guides, Zan & Tim, for an enjoyable ride around the city's finest pedal-friendly destinations. Rides tend to run about an hour and are low impact, but please don't forget the appropriate riding gear. When the bike ride is over, the group returns back to Q Center for coffee, nibbles, and social time. In fact, everyone's encouraged to bring a snack to share. (2-4pm, 4115 N. Mississippi, www.pdxqcenter.org)

Get happy all day long at Scandals! Bring your friends, sit back, relax and get ready for the work week. Sunday is happy hour all day and who doesn't want to be happy on a Sunday? (Noon, 1125 SW Stark www.scandalspdx.com)

Superstar Divas show at CC Slaughters. Featuring, Bolivia Carmichaels, Ginger and Honey Bea Hart (8pm, 219 NW Davis, www.ccslaughterpdx.com)

Crush presents "That's So Gay" trivia night every Sunday. Trivia about all things fabulous! (7pm, 1400 SE Morrison St., www.crushbar.com)

The Lustre of the Rose presents a revival production of the hit original play "The Circuit," A comedy in Two Acts. Runs every Sunday through September 20. (7pm



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curtain, Embers, 110 NW Broadway, \$10)

The documentary film "Finding Face," which recently premiered at the International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights in Geneva, will make its Portland Premiere as part of the Northwest Film Center's Tracking Series. (7pm, Portland Art Museum, Whitsell Auditorium, 1219 SW Park, www.nwfilm.org/screenings/20/20/#1330)

Bowl-a-rama is here! A World Series fundraiser for the Fairies, Swingers and Cleats O' Fire! Admission includes 3 games and shoe rental. Lets send our ladies to the ASANA Gay Softball World Series in Madison, WI in style! (4-7pm, Hollywood Bowl, 4030 NE Halsey, \$10 advanced ticket or \$12 at the door gets you 3 games and shoe rental)

Today is the deadline to register for the Camp Oregon Bears. The campout will be at Milo McIver State Park in Estacada, Oregon August 27-30, 2009 After Aug. 14 only cash, money order, or cashiers check will be accepted. (\$95.00 for members/ \$110.00 for non-members, www.oregonbears.org)



Does a Bear party in the woods?
You betcha! Don't forget to sign up for
Camp Oregon Bears by Aug. 23.

» MON AUG 24 •

Wanderlust Cycling Group. Have fun exploring Portland by bike, get some easy exercise, have dinner & good conversation, and enjoy an optional hot tub at Common Ground or the Kennedy School. Facilitated by Bart Church, who loves exploring. (6:30-8pm Mondays, \$5-\$15 sliding scale, www.manifestpdx.org)

Free morning yoga and meditation. Beginning & intermediate students learn to create & sustain a daily yoga &/or meditation practice (Saddhana). You can attend any parts of the morning practice, depending on your schedule & interests. First class free for newcomers. (6-8:30am, \$8-\$15/class sliding scale benefits, 503-223-8822 x1, www.manifestpdx.org)

Manifest offers a new Mens Lifevision Group. This practical and inspiring peer support group is for men who are facing challenges in work, health & relationships, as well as men who just want to improve the lives they are currently living. Facilitator Thom Cathcart is a Certified Holistic Life Coach and has been certified as a chemical dependency professional and a domestic violence perpetrator supervisor. (7:45-9:30pm, \$10-\$20 sliding fee scale, no one turned away for lack of funds, 503-223-8822 x1, www.manifestpdx.org)

Do you like Micro drafts? Then head down to Scandals tonight for Micro Draft Mondays. (8pm - midnight, 1125 SW Stark, www.scandalspdx.com)

» TUE AUG 25 •

Martinis, anyone? Head on down to Vault for the weekly queer night. (9pm-close, Vault, 226 NW 12th Ave, www.vault-martini.com)

Men's Wellness Center offers Free Rapid HIV Testing and STI Screening First come, first served for men who have sex with men. (5-9pm 928 SW Stark, cityguys@cascaideids.org)

Scandals presents: TON Def Tuesdays with Suzanne Hosted by Miss Mylar (9pm - midnight, Scandals 1125 SW Stark, www.scandalspdx.com)

Camp Ero Menos monthly meeting. Camp Ero Menos is a gay men's recreational campground and retreat center that helps with the coming out process, offers HIV mentors and deals with other gay male issues at the outer SE Portland campground. (7pm, 12631 SE Market St., www.campromenos.com)

New men's meditation group, "Intro to Grounding and Centering," offered at Manifest. Experience the basics of grounding and centering meditation. Practice simple, powerful, spiritual techniques. (7-9pm, \$8-\$20 sliding fee scale, no one turned away for lack of funds, 503-223-8822 x1, www.manifestpdx.org)

Party at Boxxes tonight! "Flirt" hosted by Sabel Scities with music played by DJ Phreak. There is no cover so you have no excuse not to be here. (9pm, 1035 SW Stark, www.facebook.com/redcapgarage)

» WED AUG 26 •

FAME! North Portland's new queer dance night happening every Wednesday night! Cheap food and drinks, pinball and pool. (9:30 pm - close, Portsmouth Pub, 5262 N. Lombard St., free!)

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Join in the fun with Manifest's Men's walking group. Fun, great, easy exercise. Enjoy great conversation with other men on beautiful walks around Portland's many great neighborhoods and parks. Meet at Laurelhurst Park by the Tri-met bus stop (line #75) (\$8-\$15 sliding fee scale, no one turned away for lack of funds, 503-223-8822 x1, www.manifestpdx.org)

Come on down to Red Cap Garage tonight and party with the girls of the D Word. Outrageous performers with your hostess the fabulous Sabel Scities. (9pm, 1035 SW Stark, www.facebook.com/redcapgarage)

» THUR AUG 27 •

Connect your breathing, body & mind with Beginner's Yoga. Bryan Rollins, Hatha Yoga Instructor. (6:15-7:30 pm, Thursdays weekly, www.manifestpdx.org/calendar)

Head down to Diablos every Thursday for the Queer Underground Dance Party! (9pm, Diablos, Eugene, \$3, 21+, thequeerunderground@gmail.com)

Join Miss Gay Oregon Adrienne Alexander as she hosts her weekly drag show "the A.A. Meeting". Drink Specials til midnight and a cast of beautiful talented queens! (10pm, Embers, 110 NW Broadway, www.emberspdx.net)

Festa Italiana 2009 is back for the 18th time in Portland's Pioneer Courthouse Square. Come and enjoy non-stop Italian entertainment, food, wine garden, vendors and raffle. Fun for everyone. Run through 8/29 (4-11pm Thurs., noon-11pm Fri., 11am-11pm, Sat., festapdx@festa-italiana.org)

PABA Biz Builders meeting at the Q Center. PABA is the Portland Area Business Association, an organization in Portland, made up of businesses and individual professionals interested in business and networking. We are an association that recognizes the rewards and challenges of being in the business world and seeks to support and promote the efforts of its members. (7-9am, 4115 N. Mississippi, www.pdxqcenter.org)

Out and Equal meets at Hobos tonight. Please join greater Portland/Southwest Washington for a night of socializing and networking with other members. Founded in October 2007, Out & Equal Greater Portland/Southwest Washington is a collaborative network of local companies supporting LGBT equality. We serve as a resource to Oregon and SW Washington corporate ERGs (employee resource groups) in their efforts to advance workplace equality, providing educational and networking events in the greater Portland area. This night has been well attended in the past and promises to be a great evening. (5-8pm, 120 NW 3rd Ave., www.outandequal.org/portland-sw-washington)

In Other Words Women's Books and Resources presents, Angie Evans and Amber Darling. (5pm, 8b NE Killingsworth, www.inotherwords.org)

» FRI AUG 28 •

The Oregon Bears Double X dance. Modeled after SF's Planet Big popular dance event, Oregon Bears get down on the dance floor or just hang out together with some good music (9pm - midnight, CC Slaughter's club on 200 NW Third Avenue - No cover charge and drink discounts with a valid Oregon Bears Membership Card.)

SinnSaavy Productions hosts "Kings For A Cause Portland Edition." A fundraiser for the Human Rights Campaign and the Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Portland's first-ever edition of this national event! This full-length show will bring together some of our community's top Drag King names to raise awareness and funds for two very important civil rights organizations! The official after-party will take place at the Egyptian Club immediately following the show and will feature performances, as well as lots of raffle prizes at midnight! (8pm, Hawthorne Theatre, SE 39th and Hawthorne, \$9, \$2 for after party, www.sinnsaavy.com)

Pink Martini celebrates Oregon's 150th year! Hold on to your myrtlewood as Pink Martini and the 234th Army Band-Oregon National Guard and Oregon 150 present Oregon! Oregon! 2009: A sesquicentennial fable in IV Acts. This event debuts at the Oregon State Fair today and then will tour the state. Tickets are on sale now for all events. (\$12, www.oregon150.org, 877-355-6905)

MACT Cocktail Mixer. Social lubrication for diverse men. Come meet new guys and make new friends at MACT's first mixer @ Invasion! Hosted by Unity Project of Oregon, you can enjoy free appetizers, yummy drinks, great music and a new, swanky bar with great staff! MACT (Men of All Colors Together) is a social organization for men of diverse backgrounds who want to meet and interact with men of different races, ethnicities and cultures. (9pm, Invasion, 412 SW 4th Ave., for more info, contact Cory Murphy @ 503-847-3039).

Scandals is the place to wind down after a long work week. Come and enjoy great music every Friday with DJ Crumbs. (9pm, 1125 SW Stark, www.scandalspdx.com)

Shut and Dance 10-year anniversary. This benefit for KBOO community radio features DJ Gregarious and special guest DJs (9pm, Fez Ballroom, 315 SW 11th Ave., \$5-\$10)