

OUT & ABOUT

» PORTLAND POP-ROCK POWERHOUSE LOGAN LYNN RETURNS TO THE STAGE WITH NEW BAND

BACK THAT UP

Local queer techno-folk darling **Logan Lynn** is amping things up. After a brief performance hiatus, the former solo artist has teamed with a new band, **The Gentry**, and is plugging in to a bigger, badder sound.

"Many of you who have seen my live show in the past will be expecting something completely different than you will be getting," Lynn said in a message to fans. "Things have gotten loud and I've moved into the world of electronic rock with full force."

Often compared to artists such as Lykke Li, Ladytron and Goldfrapp, Lynn's danceable grooves belie the serious, even emo lyrics beneath. The addition of a backing band gives his music a more pulsing rhythm that pushes through the ear, rather than wafting past, creating a sound that's more grounded and less ethereal.

As those who got a preview of the new Logan Lynn and The Gentry (LL+G) at February's Blow Pony can attest, these boys are ready to rock. Folks who missed the show can watch a reworked version of Lynn's single "Feed Me to the Wolves" on his YouTube channel. Ever generous, the musician has also "leaked" demos from his upcoming album with Y-Tron on his Web site. The tracks are unedited and unmastered but still offer a good taste of what's to come.

Fortunately, eager fans need not wait much longer to bob and sway to Lynn's electrically and emotionally-charged beats. LL+G kick off their West Coast summer tour Thursday, May 27 at the Doug Fir, joined by electro-pop duo DoublePlus-Good and electro artist Fleshtone. The guys go on to perform for the homo masses at both Olympia's Capitol Pride on June 12 and Seattle's Capitol Hill Block Party at The Cuff on June 27.

"The Gentry and I have been hiding since January making things loud and wild, getting ready to take the loud wildness on the road," Lynn said.

With any luck, the crowds will join in the ruckus raising.

Logan Lynn and The Gentry perform at 9 p.m. May 27 at the Doug Fir, 830 E. Burnside. Tickets are \$5 in advance or at the door. To buy tickets, head to dougfirelounge.com.

--Erin Rook



Schwarz's two dads will be proud of her no matter how far she makes it in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, playing at Portland Center Stage through June 27th.

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Portland Fronrunners, Portland's LGBTQ running group for all skill levels. (9:30am, Laurelhurst Park, portlandfronrunners.org)

Gay Guys Gardening invite you to participate in the bi-monthly gardening group. This group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month through June. Membership is free, donation welcome, location varies. (10:30am-1:00pm, Tom Winterrowd, 503-263-2696, gayguysgardening@yahoo.com)

The First Annual Kenton Street Fair promises over 70 vendors, 3 music stages, a classic car show, activities for the kids and more. (10am-6pm, N. Denver Ave. between N. Watts and N. Interstate)

Lotus Rising Project presents an *Alice in Wonderland* themed all-ages alternative prom, featuring a costume contest, coronation and music by DJ PaMaT. (7pm-midnight, Medford Rogue Regency Inn, 2300 Biddle Rd., Medford, sliding scale admission, 215-378-8391)

The **Portland Gay Symphonic Band** presents a rare performance of *The Planets*, alongside Antonin Dvorak's *Serenade for Winds op. 44*, Hindemith's *March from Symphonic Metamorphosis* and *Salvation is Created* by Pavel Tchesnokov. (8pm, Evans Auditorium at Lewis & Clark College, 615 SW Palatine Hill Road, \$12 advance, \$15 cash or check at the door, portlandgaysymphonicband.org)

GO Blow Pony, a queer dance party, featuring a performance by Ecstasy Inferno and DJs Airick, Kinetic, Jodi Bon Jodi, Trans Fat, Il Camino and Yer Momm with Go Go dancing by Charlie Sharps, Heatherette, Ezmerelda and Sprout. (9pm, Branx/Rotture, 315 SE 3rd., \$3 before 10pm and \$5 after, blowpony.com)

» SUN MAY 23 •

Embers presents L4L.PDX for lesbians 35 and older, every second Saturday of each month. Celebrate good times! (5-8:45pm Embers Ave., 110 NW Broadway, \$5, no smoking)

GO Columbia Center for the Arts and Cast Theater presents *The Laramie Project*. (2pm, 215 Cascade Ave., Hood River, \$15 adults, \$12 students and seniors, 541-387-8877 columbiarts.org)

Circus Artemis, the all-women circus performance group. (2pm and 8pm, Staver Locomotive, 2537 NW 29th, \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, circusartemis.eventbrite.com)

Butch Crew PDX presents "Butch in the Sheets" - Let's talk about sex." Butch Crew PDX is a Portland based social group for

butches, studs, aggressives and other such identities. (3pm-5pm, Flying Cat Coffee Co. 3041 SE Division St. ButchCrewPDX@gmail.com)

Ambiente Bilingual Discussion Group is a queer-friendly Spanish/English bilingual discussion group. (2pm, 4115 N. Mississippi, pdxqcenter.org)

JOQS Bar In-house Dart Tournament. All levels welcome. (4pm, 2512 NE Broadway, \$5, 503-287-4210, joqspdx@yahoo.com)

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

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

SWAGGER: A Queer Dance Movement offers Hip-Hop and Step dance classes. (7:30 and 8:45pm, Center Space, 420 SE 6th Ave., \$5-7 sliding scale, theotherspacepdx.com/swagger)

» MON MAY 24 •

PSU Pride presents an open mic night -- all talents and performance styles welcome. (4-6pm, Food for Thought Cafe, SMSU, 1825 SW Broadway, free, qrc.pdx.edu)

PSU Pride presents a beginner hip-hop class by SWAGGER: A Queer Dance Movement. (6-7:30pm, SMSU Room 327, 1825 SW Broadway, free, qrc.pdx.edu)

Market and Castro, a weekly queer dance party in Oldtown, featuring DJ BJ (Manny from Atole) and DJ TIGERSTRIPS with guests, GO-GO Dancers and drink specials. (9pm, Someday Lounge, 125 NW 5th, free, somedaylounge.com)

Julia's Café and Bar presents Broadway on Broadway. Showtunes and musicals sing-along. (7pm, 2130 NE Broadway, 503-284-1066, juliascafe.com)

Burger night at Starky's. Come enjoy a delicious burger with your hostess Marie Waters at Starkys. Burgers are only \$5, bring your friends and enjoy. (7pm, Starky's, 2913 SE Stark)

» TUE MAY 25 •

PSU Pride presents Speak Out 2009 with Molly Franks, a presentation by the Multnomah County Health Department on the results of a survey measuring health and wellness in Port-

land's LGBTQ community. (1pm, SMSU Room 229, 1825 SW Broadway, free, qrc.pdx.edu)

PSU Pride presents a beginner belly dancing class by body | awareness | movement. (6-7:30pm, SMSU Room 327, 1825 SW Broadway, free, qrc.pdx.edu)

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

Free Rapid HIV Testing and STD Screening on a first come, first served basis. (5-9pm, Men's Wellness Center, 209 SW 4th Ave, cityguys@cascadeaids.org)

» WED MAY 26 •

PSU Pride presents "Transgender Legal Issues," a talk by Sasha Buchert. (1-2pm, SMSU Room 229, 1825 SW Broadway, free, qrc.pdx.edu)

PSU Pride presents an intermediate hip-hop dance class by SWAGGER: A Queer Dance Movement. (6-7:30pm, SMSU Room 236, 1825 SW Broadway, free, qrc.pdx.edu)

Free Rapid HIV Testing and STD Screening, on a first come, first served basis. (11am-2pm, Men's Wellness Center, 209 SW 4th Ave, cityguys@cascadeaids.org)

Loaves and Fishes Hollywood Seniors Program offers a LBGTQI Seniors Lunch. Lunches provided free to LBGTQI seniors age 60 and over. (12-1pm, Metropolitan Community Church, 2400 NE Broadway, 503-367-2220, mcccpxfood@gmail.com)

FAME! North Portland weekly queer dance night, featuring country line dancing and two-stepping. Cheap food and drinks, pinball and pool. (9:30pm-close, Portsmouth Pub, 5262 N. Lombard St., free)

Human Rights Campaign host Q=Mob. Socialize for change and meet other like-minded lesbian and gay social activists, while also supporting Q-friendly businesses in Portland. This group meets last Wednesday of the month at different venues. (6pm, venues changes each month, check Web site for current location, hrc.org)

GO Holcombe Waller performs tonight along with three other bands, in a benefit for Many Hats Collaboration. (9pm, Laurelhurst Public House, 2958 NE Glisan, \$20 through Brown Paper Tickets or at the door)

WE GOT THE "BEAT"

» WILLAMETTE VALLEY LGBT CHORUS CONFLUENCE PRESENTS SONGS OF FREEDOM

As the sun begins to make a more regular appearance, bodies soak up a welcome dose of vitamin D while the mind drifts off with the rhythmic flow of crashing waves—or passing cars, depending on the locale. But sometimes, the heart needs warming too.

That's where Confluence comes in. The **Willamette Valley LGBT chorus** presents "New Day. Songs of Freedom. With a Beat." Friday, June 4 in a celebration of liberty that's bound to light a spark under the coldest of souls.

Inspired by historic struggles for freedom in the United States and Africa, the program includes powerful songs that find their roots in the pain of slavery and the Civil War years, in the civil rights and peace movements in the U.S. and the struggle for independence in Africa. The message of tragedy and hope carries through to arrangements that mourn those who have died of AIDS while expressing solidarity with those living with HIV.

While choral music may bring to mind pipe organs, swishy graduation-esque gowns and stiff postured singers with awkwardly open mouths, Confluence prefers to follow the beat of a more eclectic drummer, eschewing a "stuffy" aesthetic in favor of bright colors, bold sounds and a healthy dose of humor.

The chorus's March show, "Groovin'," saw them donning period-appropriate tie dye, Afro wigs and leather vests—hardly the stereotypical choir attire.

Confluence brings together singers from all corners of the valley, from Eugene to Portland to Newport, to affirm the lives of LGBT people and their allies. Under the artistic direction of Portland native Ray Elliott, the chorus rehearses weekly in Salem and is a member of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses.

The chorus is open to new members and does not require an audition. Confluence will



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