

NIGHTLIFE

# Thou Shalt Be Entertained

## Portland Idol defies the city's best singers

Right behind adultery and coveting a neighbor's wife, idolatry is one of the most enjoyable of the Ten Commandments to break. After all, who doesn't want to bow down before something lovely and powerful every so often? This summer, a new event series promises Portland a whole pantheon of sirens to worship and golden stars to be dazzled by. Get reverent—check out **Portland Idol** at the Red Cap Garage, every Thursday through July 29.

The contest, modeled after the wildly successful Fox television series, has been attracting attention since it—and the grand prizes up for grabs (\$1,000, an all-expense paid trip for two to L.A., professional photo

shoot and voice lessons)—was announced. Nearly one hundred potential contestants auditioned to be one of the dozen honey-voiced competitors of Portland Idol. "We feel that we have 12 amazing singers who are going to be able to represent themselves very strongly throughout the event," presenter Justin Buckles explains of the candidates. One of the select twelve, Jimmy Parchment, is equally enthused: "They've really gathered an impressive group of singers," he notes.

That said, it's the judges who need to be impressed.



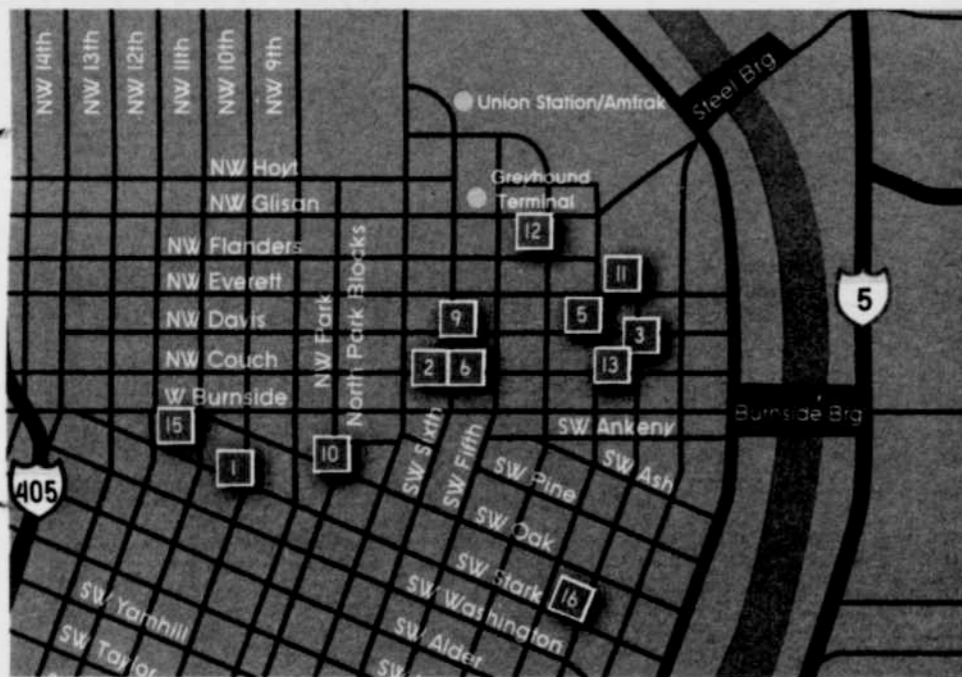
Following in the footsteps of the formidably cast jury of Portland Drag Race, Portland Idol has some of the Rose City's biggest and brightest serving in its judging panel. Celebrity judges include Animation's Bill Wadhams, 105.1's Mitch Elliott, actor Rob Sample, chef/restaurant Lisa Schroeder and celeb-u-blogger Byron Beck. Even if you're not particularly into singing, finding out which judge will play the acid-tongued Simon Cowell role—or fill

the unsteady shoes of Paula Abdul—is sure to provide at least as much entertainment as stealing, bearing false witness against your neighbor, or dishonoring the 'rents. Moses would not be pleased, but you'll be!

Bow down before the golden(-throated) calf every Thursday through July 29 at Red Cap Garage (1035 SW Stark). The show begins at 9 p.m.—arrive early to bypass the lines and secure your drinks before the bar gets slammed. You'll want to look sharp, as local media of several formats will likely have a heavy presence at the events, especially as the competition heats up. Sorry, kids—this Idol is for the 21-and-over crowd.

--Nick Mattos

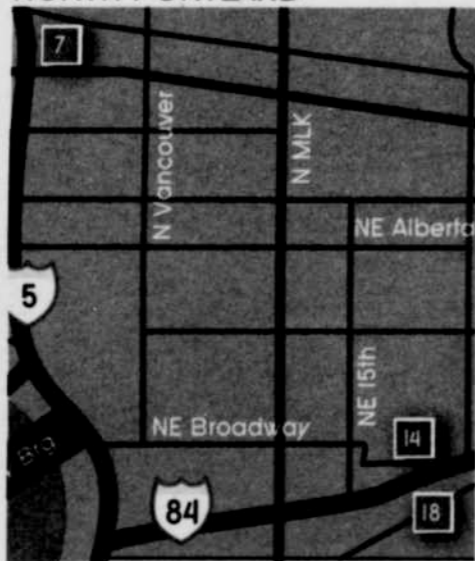
DOWNTOWN PORTLAND



SOUTHEAST PORTLAND



NORTH PORTLAND



**1** **BOXXES/FISH GROTTO/RED CAP GARAGE**  
1035 SW Stark St. • 503-226-4171  
Boxxes/Red Cap Garage is the only two-in-one gay club in the city.

**2** **CASEY'S**  
610 NW Couch St. • 503-224-9062  
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**4** **CRUSH**  
1400 SE Morrison St. • 503-235-8150  
Crush features specialty martinis and cocktails and serves a full food menu.

**5** **DARCELLE XV SHOWPLACE**  
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**6** **THE EAGLE PDX**  
27 NW Sixth Ave. • 503-241-0105  
Portland's original masculine men's bar. Open Thurs-Sat 8pm.

**7** **THE EAGLE PORTLAND**  
835 N Lombard St. • 503-283-9734  
Portland's rugged bar for masculine men. This laid-back hangout is home to numerous leather events. "Bear Naked Billiards" and Portland's Sunday Bear-

B-Que and is the official den of the Oregon Bears.

**8** **EGYPTIAN CLUB**  
3701 SE Division St. • 503-236-8689  
The 7,000-square-foot Egyptian Club, located in a former milk plant, features three different rooms.

**9** **EMBERS AVENUE**  
110 NW Broadway • 503-222-3082

**10** **ESCAPE**  
333 SW Park Ave. • 503-227-0830  
Portland's only all-ages gay nightclub.

**11** **FOX & HOUNDS**  
217 NW Second Ave. • 503-243-5530  
According to *BarFly*, this "cheery, kicked-back pub draws a convivial, mostly mature crowd to its somewhat countrified environs."

**12** **GAIL'S DIRTY DUCK**  
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**13** **HOBO'S**  
120 NW Third Ave. • 503-224-3285  
Hobo's has been an integral part of Portland's dining and lounge experience for more than 25 years. Located in the heart of Old Town, it provides a friendly atmosphere of casual elegance and serves outstanding cuisine from its dinner menu and lounge menus.

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**16** **SILVERADO**  
318 SW Third Ave. • 503-224-4493  
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**17** **STARKY'S**  
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9 - 11:30 pm ★

Tuesdays

5:30 - 7:15 pm

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