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2010 PRIDE

High Pride

A last-minute look at what's in store at Tom McCall Waterfront Park

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After introducing our coverage in the June 4 issue, *Just Out* is back with even more Pride—and updates on a weekend, and a year, of change.

The much discussed parade route, which steps off at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 20 at NW 13th and Burnside and winds through Old Town, isn't the only march making headlines. Organizers with Pride Northwest announced an earlier meeting time for the annual Portland Dyke March, in order to accommodate participants catching both the march and the entertainment lineup on the main and community stages at Tom McCall Waterfront Park (see full schedule at right).

The 2010 march will assemble an hour earlier, at 5 p.m. Saturday, June 19. Participants will step off at 6 from the North Park Blocks (N. Park Ave. and W. Burnside St.) and will follow the Sunday Pride parade route, going down W. Burnside, north on Broadway, east on Davis and south on Naito Parkway to Waterfront Park. "It's once a year that this crowd converges on downtown to carry a unique message and part of the fun of it is socializing beforehand and visiting with friends, both old and new," says Pride Northwest's Hank Renfrow of the "slightly modified" route's "comfortable staging area."

Our four-legged friends will have their own chance to show their proud colors. The third annual Portland Pride Pet Parade, presented by Healthy Pets Northwest and beginning at 12:30 p.m. Saturday on the festival main stage, will ask audience members to cast their text message vote for winners in the "Owner/Pet Look-A-Like," "Most Sport-a-licious," "Gayest Dog" and "Most Silly Pet" categories.

As for the main event, Sunday's Pride parade will march to a different beat—and

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route—and will be led by none other than Portland legend and Stonewall 40 Trans Hero, Grand Marshal Darcelle XV. She will be joined by Pride honorees Kevin Easton (Spirit of Pride Award) and Ben Brown, Jr. (Pride in Action Award), recognized for their service and contributions within the LGBTQ community. Easton stepped down earlier this year as executive director of Equity Foundation; Brown, Jr. is a tireless HIV/AIDS activist and current chair of Oregon Leather Pride 2010, among other accomplishments.

And don't forget the second annual Portland Drag Race, a one-mile costumed run down the parade route that sprints into action 15 minutes before the main event.

This year also marks the renaming of the Family Tent to the Bonnie Tinker Family Tent, in tribute to the pioneering LGBTQ rights advocate, who died in a bicycle accident last July. "It has been aptly named to respect and reflect the work she did in this community with Love Makes a Family," explains Renfrow. "She was an asset to this community and we would like to honor her memory as such."

A kid-friendly environment where parents and their children can participate in age-appropriate activities, the Family Tent returns along with the Youth Tent and Senior

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