

NW NEWS IN BRIEF

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Are you as excited for *Portlandia* as we are? (The new TV show, not the statue.)

ing experience to join the chorus for their 2010-'11 season. Potential chorus members must be committed to attending rehearsals and learning new music. Dues are \$30 per month, with first month's dues waived for new members. Scholarship opportunities are also available.

The Satori Men's Chorus 2010-'11 season concerts include "Living Water" on November 20; "Power of the Dream" on March 19, 2011; and "Love is Here to Stay," set for May 21, 2011. For more information on joining, call 503-242-4244 or visit satorichorus.org.

• **Portland Idol finalist Niki Villiarimo** was part of the San Francisco audition for the next season of *American Idol* August 19. Villiarimo previously auditioned for *Idol* three years ago in New Jersey but failed to advance.

Check out the next issue of *Just Out* for updates on the results of his audition and more about Villiarimo and Portland Idol winner Tamra Scanlan.

-- Ryan J. Prado

• **The Portland Steering Committee for the Human Rights Campaign** is launching its first signature event in eight years with Bridges to Equality, a star-studded benefit gala and brunch, August 22 at Pure Space.

The gala, featuring *Tonight Show* intern and comedian Ross Mathews and local folk musician Holcombe Waller among other high-profile speakers and performers, will raise funds for HRC's national lobby efforts to overturn "Don't ask, don't tell" and pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

While the main focus of the event is financial, event co-chair CM Hall says it is also "a movement building opportunity for us in Portland to create more of a draw for what HRC's work is in D.C."

Bridges to Equality runs 12:30-3 p.m. Sunday, August 22 at Pure Space (1315 NW Overton). Tickets are \$100, VIP tickets (including a hosted bar and access to the special guests) are \$125. Tickets can be purchased online via hrcactioncenter.org or by phone at 800-494-8497. For more information, visit portland.hrc.org.

• **The Independent Film Channel has greenlit *Portlandia*, an original comedy series** starring Fred Armisen (*Saturday Night Live*) and Carrie Brownstein (*Sleater-Kinney*). The series will also star Kyle MacLachlan (*Twin Peaks*) and Aubrey Plaza (*Parks and Recreation*) and is expected to poke fun at the people and values of our fair city.

Inspired by Armisen and Brownstein's sketch comedy group Thunderant, *Portlandia* will feature such classically Portland characters as the owners of a feminist book store, a militant bike messenger, an artsy couple obsessed with cut-outs of birds on everything and a punk rock couple in search of a "safe word."

"I'm so excited about working on this," Armisen said in an IFC release. "It's a passion project I have been working on with Carrie Brownstein for a while, and I can't think of a better way to spend my off seasons from *SNL*."

Portlandia begins production later this month and is written in collaboration with Allison Silverman (*The Colbert Report*) and Jonathan Krisel (*SNL*). IFC has not yet decided when the series will air. For a taste of what's inspiring *Portlandia*, visit Thunderant.com.

--Erin Rook

National News

Proposition 8 supporters appeal Judge Walker's ruling

Same-sex couples in California will have to wait to marry until at least December, when the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals will decide if supporters of Proposition 8 have standing to appeal the district court's ruling overturning the measure banning same-sex marriage in the state.

The Ninth Circuit Court granted Prop. 8

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