

The auction portion of this star-studded benefit, emceed by sketch comedy team SWEAT, includes a trip for two to New York City to the world premiere of *Rid of Me*, studio time, collector's items, custom-made furniture and more. VIP tickets treat patrons to a 6 p.m. cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres and an intimate pre-party performance with Storm Large, a swag bag valued at over \$300 and reserved concert seating.

General admission begins at 7 p.m. and features a red carpet entry and complimentary appetizers with Westby and the cast from the film.

VIP tickets are \$150 and are limited to 30. General Admission tickets are \$50.

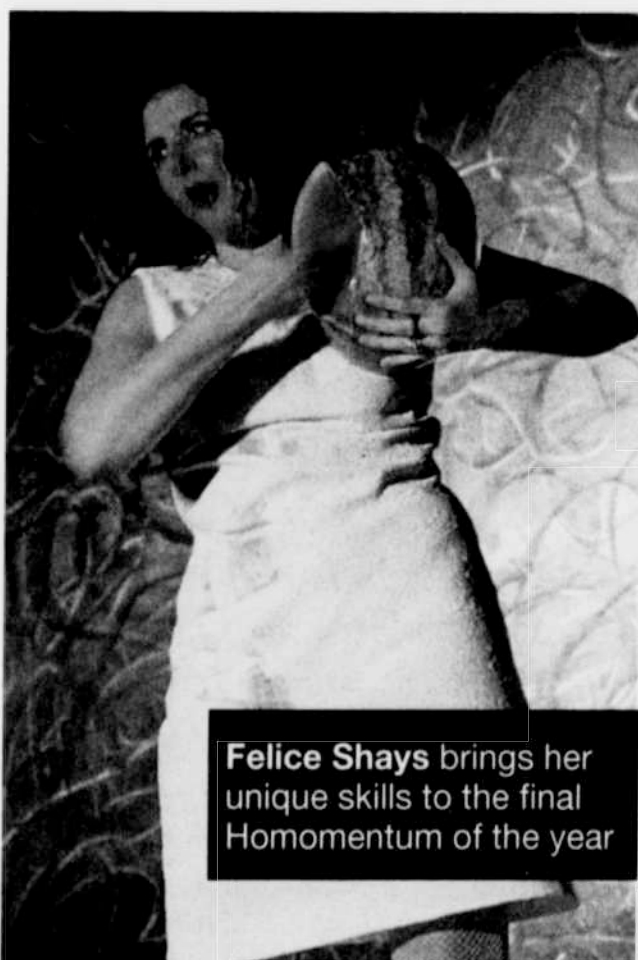
The Concert and Benefit Auction for Rid of Me and the Sexual Assault Resource Center begins at 7 p.m., unless you have a VIP ticket. Concert starts at 8:30 p.m., live auction begins at 9:30. Visit mississippistudios.com for details.

Events of Note

• **If you've been putting off checking out Homomomentum**, Friday, April 1 marks your last chance to witness the queer cabaret showcase in action for a while. "Birds & the Bees" is Homomomentum's final staging of the season, and features the queer dance, burlesque, drag and performance art that has made it a staple of the queer arts scene in Portland.

From 7 to 10 p.m. at the Fez Ballroom (316 SW 11th Ave.), the likes of Felice Shays, Shazaam, ChiChi and Chonga, Drag Mansion, Swagger, Baby Le Strange and many more will dazzle you, dare you and undress your inhibitions. Don't miss what is likely to be an explosive evening of performance.

Doors for Homomomentum open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8; \$5-\$10 sliding scale; 21 and over. For more information, visit pantsoffpdx.com.



Felice Shays brings her unique skills to the final Homomomentum of the year

• **Sunday, April 10 sees the return of Love Hurts—a kinky play event** for Portland queers. Held in an undisclosed 3,500-square-foot play space, complete with three hot tubs, two dance floors with stripper poles and lots of exhibitionist femmes, bois and sissies, Love

Hurts promises to be one of the queer play parties of the year.

For location information for Love Hurts, you must RSVP at savorypink@gmail.com. Doors open at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

• **The Portland Chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)** holds its monthly meeting Tuesday, April 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church (SW 18th Ave.). During the meeting, members will screen and discuss the film *Switch: A Community in Transition*, which focuses on the different roles and responsibilities involved with the impact of an individual's gender transition.

PFLAG Portland East County Chapter highlights Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs) Monday, April 4 at 7 p.m. at the Eastrose Unitarian Universalist Church (1133 NE 181st, Gresham). Members will listen to a youth from a local GSA describe the school atmosphere for LGBTQ youth from a very personal perspective.

On Saturday, April 23, the **PFLAG Portland Black Chapter** celebrates two years of existence at The Local Lounge (3536 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.) from 6 to 10 p.m. The organization's work with United Communities over the last few months has helped to strategically formulate and implement a plan for increasing their base and reaching out to new community partners and allies.

For further information on PFLAG Portland, visit pflagpdx.org. Check "PFLAG Portland Black Chapter" on Facebook for further details, including the time, of the April 23 two-year anniversary celebration.

• **On Sunday, April 17, Darcelle XV Showplace (208 NW Third Ave.) hosts the 14th annual Mr. Oregon Latin Look Pageant** from 8 to 11 p.m.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. For more information, search for "Mister Oregon Latin Look Pageant 2011" on Facebook.

• **Portland Queer Documentary Film Festival co-founder Russ Gage will provide an update on this year's fest Wednesday, April 13** during the Portland Area Business Association (PABA) April luncheon at Kell's Irish Restaurant & Pub (112 SW Second Ave.). QDoc, now in its fifth year, will take place June 2-5 at the Clinton Street Theater. Film lineups are to be announced the first week of May and can be found at queerdofest.org.

• **The Puget Sound chapter of Old Lesbians Organizing for Change (OLOC)** has announced its Pacific Northwest Regional Conference, to be held July 28-31 in Tacoma, Wash. at the LaQuinta Inn and Suites (1425 E. 27th St., Tacoma).

The conference will include a five-state coverage area and is designed to encourage participation in activities and causes for older lesbian women.

For more information, visit psoloc.org.



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