

event's title, anyone is welcome and encouraged to offer support.

"If Basic Rights Oregon wasn't doing what they were doing and hadn't been there where they had been in the past," Halseth says, "our lives—and Oregon—would be a different place."

Basic Rights Oregon Oregonians Against Discrimination Business Leaders Luncheon, Thurs., April 21, 11:30 a.m.; Oregon Convention Center, Portland Ballroom, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.; \$75; 503-222-6151 or basicrights.org.

CAP Art Auction and Evening

The annual art auction for Cascade AIDS Project is not only a big event for the gay community, but typically one of the biggest philanthropic soirées in the city. It's also the biggest contemporary art auction in the Pacific Northwest.

And this year, the event will be bigger. CAP is celebrating its 25th anniversary, so it's raising the bar. The art will be better, the music louder and the venue upgraded from a rental space in Northeast Portland to the Memorial Coliseum.

"I think it's going to be an emotional event," says Michael Kaplan, CAP's executive director. "I want people to feel an impact and feel hopeful in terms of what we're doing."

Cascade AIDS Project works to prevent HIV infections and helps people who are infected. Its work is particularly important for one of the entertainers at the event—the Portland Gay Men's Chorus, which has lost more than 120 members to AIDS since its founding in 1980.

"To have the Gay Men's Chorus playing the event is very meaningful to us," says Bob Mensel, artistic director for PGMC.

The chorus, in fact, planted seed funds that led to CAP's creation 25 years ago.

"As I looked at the history of the Cascade AIDS Project," Kaplan says, "I saw the role the Gay Men's Chorus played in getting CAP started, and I couldn't think of a better partnership than asking them to be part of



The painting "Baskets Drawing" by Dale Chihuly is valued at \$8,000 and will be sold in the live auction at **Cascade AIDS Project's Art Auction and Evening** April 30. See more works to be featured at capartauction.org.

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The chorus will join other entertainers—who will play only for \$250 Patron ticket holders. The performers include Storm Large, Pink Martini's Thomas Lauderdale and the Rose City Gay Freedom Band.

Art donated to the event was filtered for merit by a jury, headed by Terry Hopkins of the Marylhurst University Art Gym. Of the works donated, 275 were selected for auction. The top 15 of those will be sold in a live auction for \$250 ticket holders, and the rest will be sold via silent auction for the \$100 ticket holders. Art for the live auction is available for viewing at capartauction.org.

The 2010 event raised \$420,000, about 10 percent of CAP's budget, and this year CAP aims to raise that tally to \$500,000. Some 1,500 attendees are expected.

Will you be one of them? ☐

Cascade AIDS Project Art Auction and Evening, Sat., April 30, 6 p.m. Patron Event, 8 p.m. Grand Event; Memorial Coliseum, 300 N. Winning Way; \$250 for Patron tickets, \$100 for Grand; 503-223-9255 or capartauction.org.

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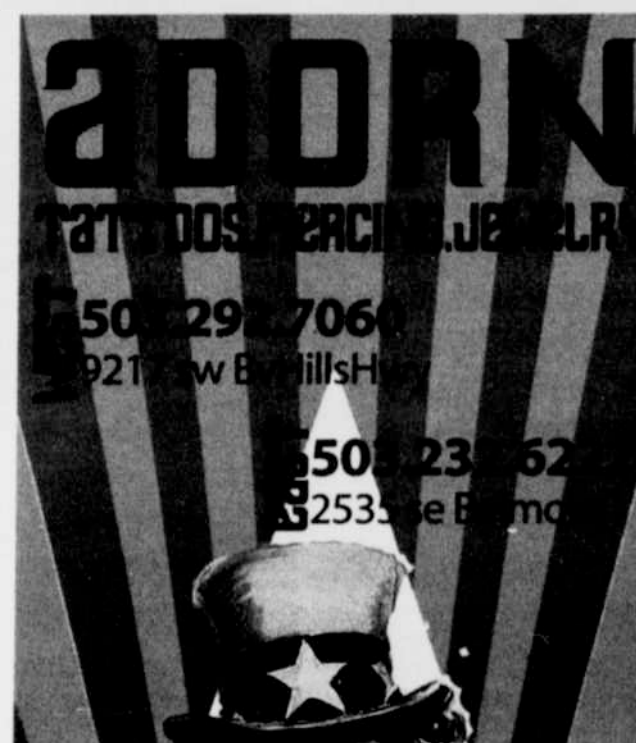
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